

Here, There & Everywhere

TOY BOOST - To help Illinois Valley Family Coalition obtain toys for valley children's Christmas gifts, a donation of \$1,044 has been received from the former I.V. Citizens Patrol. The group has disbanded, and it was decided to donate the money in its account to a worthy cause. Toys will be given away at the coalition center on E. River Street on Saturday, Dec. 18. The schedule will be in next week's issue. (It incorrectly was reported last week by a Nooseman that the coalition toy program would be on Christmas Eve.)

The Christmas Eve distribution, using the collection from the I.V. Bikers Toy Run, will occur at the I.V. Senior Center, also on E. River Street.

COLLEGE INSIGHTS - Parents of high school students, who want useful information about colleges, community colleges; and technical, vocational and private career schools, can attend any one of three separate sessions at Illinois Valley High. All will begin at 7 p.m.: Wednesday, Dec. 8; Thursday, Dec. 9; or Wednesday, Dec. 15. For more information phone Alan Crews in the counseling office at 592-2116, Ext. 213.

HOLIDAY MUSIC - Music students at Lorna Byrne Middle School will perform a free, public Christmas concert Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. The Illinois Valley High School concert will be held Thursday, Dec. 16, also at 7 p.m. T. Lund, director of music for the schools for the past 12 years, and who will retire Dec. 31, will direct his pupils. They will be his final performances for Three Rivers School District.

SEASONAL DISPLAYS - Illinois Valleyites who have outdoor displays of holiday lights and the like that the public can view can notify the "Noose" in writing, and we'll print the locations. One such display has been put up by Debbie Wilson, who was part of the "Christmas House" on Fish Hatchery Road for 10 years. She now lives in Kerby and has a holiday display of four large panels at 617 Glendon Road. She's also featured artist at Taylor's Country Store for the Second Friday Art Walk on Dec. 10. And she'll help give swing dance lessons at Taylor's. (See the ad in this issue.)

FIRE FOOD - Stevereno's Family Restaurant in Cave Junction will serve an all-you-can eat buffet, a full turkey dinner, to benefit the Illinois Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association. The fund-raising event is set for Saturday, Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. "We're doing this to give a little something back to those who help us all year," said Steve "Stevereno" Anderson. "It's like a Christmas present to them," he said. Check the ad elsewhere in this issue.

ALL-CONGREGATIONS GATHERING - An annual Christmas program for the public, no matter what church they do or do not attend, will be held Sunday, Dec. 12. The gathering will begin at 6 p.m. at Community Bible Church in Cave Junction. Those who want can bring their favorite cookies to share.

GRAD PARTY PLAN - Parents and others are needed to help plan the all-night drug-and-alcohol-free graduation party for the I.V. High School Class of 2005. There will be a planning meeting on IVHS Monday, Dec. 13 at 5:30 p.m. For more information phone Mary Paul at 592-2116.

EVERGREEN PTA - A meeting of the Evergreen Elementary School PTA will be held Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 2:15 p.m. in the school library. The gathering will include a drawing for an egret motif quilt, made and donated by Millie Herbold; and which was acquired by Karen Stiles, who then donated it to the PTA fund-raiser. The quilt has been displayed recently in a number of valley businesses. Tickets are available at the school; the winner does not need to be present.

NOTEPAD - New, unwrapped toys are being accepted at Home Valley Bank to help the I.V. Christmas Basket Toy Project. Toys for those 12 and younger are needed. They need to be brought to the bank by Monday, Dec. 13 ... **Selma Community Center** will hold an all-day swap meet and bake sale Saturday, Dec. 11. Also as part of the fund-raiser for the center, there will be a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. ... **A remand land-use hearing** for Tyner West Subdivision, out Caves Hwy., was held by JoCo commissioners Tuesday morning, Dec. 7 in Grants Pass. An eight-lot subdivision is sought by Steve Doob, Al Devine, Sally Palmer and Paul Simon ... **The Booster Club** at I.V. High School is no more. It was disbanded due to a lack of parental participation ... **K-9 Officer "Daum"** of Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety, who was put to sleep because of illness, was remembered during a memorial service Thursday, Dec. 2 in Grants Pass City Hall. The German Shepherd served four years with Officer Jeff Gaunt ... **T-shirt:** Has anyone ever just hauled off and hit you? ... **Another T-shirt:** You're not the boss of me. My cat is ... **One more T:** I've stopped listening. Why haven't you stopped talking?

Concerts mark 'T' leaving

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sing-alongs.

At IVHS, performers will include the Show Choir, with singing and dancing.

Lund noted that some of the music will include his favorite holiday tunes.

And as part of the IVHS concert, he and three of his students will perform together on trombones. There also will be an intermission with cookies and punch.

"The students have worked really hard to be ready for these concerts," said Lund. "I am looking forward to them, but I real-

ize that they will be my last as a teacher here, so it's a mixed bag of emotions.

"But we're going to have fun; present some good music, and try to bring some of the spirit of the season to the community."

Lund and his wife, Sandi, will move to Gold Beach after his official retirement. He plans to work part time as a consultant to various schools, as his health and schedule allow.

Kevin Soon will take Lund's job as music director. He is scheduled to arrive this week or next.

'Rolling meth lab' found in pickup after CJ stop

Cave Junction resident Dennis E. Sims, 41, was arrested in connection with a "rolling meth lab" after being stopped by Deputy Michael Burke for disobeying a "Stop" sign, said Josephine Interagency Narcotics Team (JOINT).

The arrest occurred shortly after 1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1 in the area of W. Lister Street and N. Kerby Avenue in Cave Junction, said Det. Sgt. Ken Selig. Sims lives on Kerby Avenue, said JOINT.

He said that Sims was charged with manufacturing, possession and delivery of a controlled substance/methamphetamine; possession of a precursor substance/meth; being a felon in possession of a firearm; and probation violation.

In addition, because of the proximity to Evergreen Elementary School, Sims

was charged with manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school.

A deputy stopped Sims, who was on probation for a previous drug offense and driving a pickup truck, JOINT said.

Sims allowed the deputy to search his vehicle, JOINT said, and the deputy found drug manufacturing paraphernalia, a meth smoking pipe and 8 grams of meth. It has an approximate street value of \$640, according to Selig.

Also located were a scale, packaging material, red phosphorus, pseudoephedrine and glassware associated with manufacturing meth, said Selig.

He added that a loaded .380-caliber handgun also was found.

I.V. Grange Breakfast

Sunday, Dec. 12
8:30 a.m. to noon

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

*Adults-\$5 *Children under 11- \$2.50

*Waffles *Pancakes *Biscuits & Gravy
*Ham *Sausage *Eggs *Juice *Coffee
*Tea or Milk



3763 Holland Loop

592-3368

Donate a can of food to the I.V. Grange Food Bank and receive 50-cents off breakfast!

Kerby Residents & Property Owners

In the next week you identify any single may be contacted by a household and it is very consultant contracted by important for every the Kerby Water District household to participate to conduct an income in the survey for it to be survey for the State of valid. The Questionnaire Oregon Community Development Block Grant Program. This is a random survey so you may be above or below a given number.

The Kerby Water District is applying for funding to design and construct a water delivery system and part of the application process requires the current income level before taxes Kerby households. The results will not

Again, the results will be anonymous and we thank you in advance for your assistance in completing this very important survey. For information phone Gail at 592-4354, John at 592-3791 or Sharon at 592-2722.

Letters to the Editor

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Burning toxins
From Christopher S. Sabionski
Cave Junction

Ahh, fall has arrived; the leaves have turned; rain is falling (as is the temperature), and the air has that familiar smell of burning plastic and toxins.

Breathe deeply; this is the country.

Out of the five neighbors bordering my home, four welcome the season with large bonfires of recyclable plastic, insulation, mattresses, fifth-wheels, aluminum foil, etc.

Not only to they pollute the air, but due to rain, they pollute the soil and drinking water, and the rivers.

I asked one neighbor why she was burning plastic, and she stated plainly, "Everyone does it." That makes it alright?

Because she was adamant about her complete disregard for all life, I phoned the fire district. They promptly came and extinguished the fire, and warned her that next time, the Dept. of Environmental Quality would issue a \$10,000 fine.

I doubt that she will be polluting the environment, and her neighbors, or her family for that matter, anymore.

Reduce, reuse, recycle, but never burn toxins. It's bad for everyone.

Thursday is ITALIAN NIGHT at The Strip

Happy Holidays from Darn Near Everything!!!

Shop at Home: 1. Less Traffic 2. No Crowds 3. Big Sales
20% to 75% off Storewide (except new arrivals & Christmas items)

Christmas Items - Vintage to Modern
Fine/Costume Jewelry: Gold/Sterling Silver/Diamonds and Gemstones/Custom Orders
Tools * Safes * Furniture * Electronics * DVDs, Tapes, CDs, Video Games
Antiques * Collectibles * Pictures * Lamps * Craft Items
Model Trains, Planes * Toys * Sporting Goods * Knives * Vintage Books
Vintage, Specialty Clothing * Plus Much, Much More!!

If we don't have it, we will search the internet for you!!!!

week's special:
Special Edition Pride of America Shop Size Snap-On Tool Box
a steal at \$3,495 - Excellent Condition

(internet and special order deadline - Dec. 17 for Christmas delivery)
136 S. Redwood Hwy. 592-5255 Open Mon. - Fri. 9 to 5, Sat. 9 to 3

Merry Christmas

Trees & Shrubs make excellent gifts that bring joy to a loved one's heart each time they look upon it!

Indoors you'll find fun Christmas ornaments & gifts for the gardener on your list.

We have a huge selection of living Christmas trees, poinsettias, wreaths & pink flowering dogwoods, just to name a few.

Don't miss our 3rd annual Christmas Open House!
We'll be serving goodies & 10% off on ALL purchases
Dec. 10 & 11

DILLON'S NURSERY GARDEN AND CENTER
Corner of Redwood Hwy. and Rockydale Road - 592-5386
Monday - Saturday, 9 to 5

Swing Dance Lessons at Taylor's Country Store
with Debbie & Wally
Starting Sunday, Dec. 12, 3 - 5 p.m.
* Singles - \$8/lesson * Couples - \$15/lesson
Phone 592-2587 to sign up or for info.