

Here, There & Everywhere

BIKERS' BENEVOLENCE - I.V. Bikers on Christmas Eve Day this coming Friday, Dec. 24 will distribute toys from its annual Toy Run to valley children. Toys of all sorts will be given away at Illinois Valley Senior Center on E. River Street. The distribution will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST - "Cave Junction Cares," a volunteer organization, will provide a free Christmas breakfast Saturday, Dec. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at Jubilee Park. The pavilion will be heated, dry and warm, said Lynn Boucher, chief elf. Also, Santa Claus will be there with "free gifts for all the kids." The meal is "for all persons in Illinois Valley who do not have others to share their Christmas morning with." Boucher added that the community effort will gladly accept volunteers and donations "of any kind." Phone 592-3594 or 592-6855.

PLASMA PLEA - American Red Cross will conduct an Illinois Valley blood drive Thursday, Dec. 30 at I.V. Senior Center on E. River Street. Donations will be taken from 1 to 6 p.m. To schedule a donation, phone (800) GIVE LIFE (448-3543).

HOSPICE HAPPENING - Lovejoy Hospice, which serves Josephine County including Illinois Valley, is offering training for new volunteers. Training will begin Jan. 29. Those interested in joining "an outstanding team of caring people" should contact Jean Semrau, volunteer services manager, at 474-1193 as soon as possible.

CARE-GIVER CARE - "Taking Care of You," a free class for family care-givers of older adults, will be held in Cave Junction on six consecutive Thursdays beginning Jan. 6. The class, to help family care-givers reduce stress and provide other useful tools, will run from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the I.V. Family Resource Center on E. River Street. The deadline to register is Thursday, Dec. 30. Phone Renea Cooper-Smith at 592-4149, Ext. 230. The program, developed by Legacy Caregiver Services, is sponsored by Rogue Valley Council of Governments.

SHOO FLU - The season's first case of childhood influenza and the first case of flu known to have been contracted in Oregon is a warning to vaccinate children at risk of complications from flu, Oregon health officials said last week. Vaccine designated for children that remains unused soon could be redirected to other high-risk groups. Information is available from health-care providers or from the Oregon flu hotline at (800) 978-3040.

NOTEPAD - **Holiday lights** described as "spectacular" can be viewed on Holland Loop across from Bridgeview Winery ... **Video Explorer** has closed in Cave Junction. "Steve" is relocating to Downtown Ashland ... **Medford "Mail Tribune"** reported recently that a Goodwill fund-raising campaign was hampered because of a disclosure that the president of Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette is paid more than \$785,000 in total yearly compensation. The Medford newspaper also reported that the president of Southern Oregon Goodwill Industries is paid \$102,675 in annual salary and benefits ... **I.V. Chamber of Commerce** realized \$2,933 from its annual auction last month. Treasurer Vicki Gill, of SOFCU, reported that figure to the board last week ... **Cookbooks** from I.V. Pregnancy Center are available. Phone 592-6058 or visit Abiding in the Vine bookstore between Sterling Savings Bank and Carlos Restaurante ... **Cancer information** is available at (800) 4CANCER (422-6237) or at cancer.gov from the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service ... **Sen. Ron Wyden** (D-Ore.) will take a seat on the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance when the 109th Congress convenes in January.

LAST WORDS - Real courage is not the absence of fear but the control of it. (Chuck Norris)

Self-respect is the fruit of discipline; the sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself.

- Rabbi Abraham Heschel -

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was just an easy target.

The words, "holy matrimony" seemed to be a trigger, and for some reason they tie in with child abuse.

Davidson cites examples of Hollywood celebrities who are allegedly child molesters. This only goes to show that child sexual abuse is not just a problem for the impoverished and ignorant. Davidson also mentions that "disabled women" are preyed upon by men who would sexually abuse their children.

I inferred from her letter that she meant "mentally disabled" women. Yes, there are sexual predators who take advantage of these women and their children. Years ago in this state, many of the mentally handicapped were sterilized so that they could not reproduce.

Davidson's heart is sickened by her contact with this dark side of human nature, but what is the answer?

Should we sterilize the mentally handicapped so that they can't have children? How about sterilizing those people who are poor and ignorant? Is abortion really the answer to ending child abuse, or is it the ultimate violation of a child? Who is going to pick and choose who can breed and have children?

The pregnancy center (of the Illinois Valley) is part of the cure, not the cause. It is offering support to young women who have a tough row to hoe as young parents. The pregnancy center is offering a true right to choose.

It is providing many of the tools that will help curb child abuse, sexual abuse and child neglect.

Pro-life view
From Bernadine Pinard,
volunteer at I.V. Preg-
nancy Center
Cave Junction

The Christians who volunteer at The Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley are not strangers to the options available, concerning an unexpected pregnancy.

Often, it was the "choice made" that humbled us to God in the first place.

The compassion of this pro-life place is being more directed toward the woman who walks in the door.

She will find a library of videos, pamphlets and books to inform her of her "options," and a loving counselor who will be there no matter what decision she makes.

Letters ...

'Rest of the story' on the
Grimmett Schoolhouse
From Walter "Mick"
McLean
Cave Junction

In 1957 my wife, Eileen, and I lived just up the road from the old Grimmett School. Dad ("Mac" McLean), owned both the house we living in and the old Lind home property, which included the school.

The chain of ownership, as we recall it, was Lind to Carrol Brown, who had used the school for either a storage shed or shop. He sold to the Baxter Co., and it sold it to William J. "Mac" McLean.

Prior to the time, he donated the schoolhouse to the Kerbyville Museum, Eileen and I tore off the shed roofs.

These "shed roofs" protruded out and down from under the eaves, on each side of the schoolhouse roof. Perhaps they were used to cover the wood used to heat the school.

As many of the "old" valley residents know, William J. McLean was very community-minded. He recognized the significance of the old school; personally he felt it was the only log schoolhouse still standing in Josephine County. He donated the Grimmett School to the museum in the '60s. We remember when the logs were numbered and transported to the museum.

I appreciate my fellow alumni, Fred Krauss and Chris Duncan, for their research on the school.

Caring community
From Kathy Ethier
O'Brien

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our community. I know that widely divergent political and moral beliefs represented here sometimes lead to vituperation.

Despite this, I was really impressed when I asked for an exercise bike (through a classified ad in "Illinois Valley News") to aid my recovery from a very

damaging horse accident. It took a bit of courage on my part to ask outright for help like this, but the response was a real treat.

I received at least seven offers from people I didn't even know. I'd say there's a pretty strong sense of community underlying all the other things that go on around here.

Although my upper

body was somewhat destroyed by the wreck, and I was very weak after a month in a hospital, I am getting around better now and gaining strength. I appreciate all who offered to help.

Also, I want to especially note my firefighter friends. They came through in spades, and they'll never know how much their support has meant.

*May the spirit of Christmas past
be filled with warm memories.
May the spirit of Christmas present
be a coming together of friends near
and far.
May the spirit of Christmas future
bring renewed hope for all of our
tomorrows.*

*Thank you and much love to all of my dear
friends and relatives who have been and
still are taking such good care of me
during my long recuperation.*

*I am greatly blessed.
Grace Hudron
and cats 'Nip & Tuck' and
'Little Wheezy'*

Come see what we've got for you!

We are celebrating the opening of the community's new Health and Fitness Center.

303 Cascade Drive, 2 1/2 miles south of the Chevron Station off of Ken Rose Lane. Left into the first driveway.

- Personal Fitness Training
- Private & Small Group Yoga Sessions
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Club Cascade Health & Fitness Center

Linda Cartmell and Jerry Sisson 592-6797

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



The Kerby Transfer Station and the main office in Grants Pass will close at noon Friday, Dec. 24.

The Kerby Transfer station will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

For more information
phone (800) 922-1025