

Here, There & Everywhere

RIGHT TO BARE ARMS - A plasma plea is issued by American Red Cross, which 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).

HIGHER CALLING - Training for new volunteers is offered by Lovejoy Hospice, which serves Josephine County including Illinois Valley. Training will begin Jan. 29, and those interested in joining "an outstanding team of caring people" should contact Jean Semrau, volunteer services manager, at 474-1193 asap.

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

WASTE NOT - Oregon's solid waste output continues to rise, said the Dept. of Environmental Quality, reaching 4.95 million tons, or 2,798 pounds per Oregonian during 2003. In Josephine County the waste recovery rates for 2002 and 2003 remained at 40.8 percent, short of the state goal of 45 percent. Overall during '03, the state diverted 2.16 million tons of material to "productive end uses."

NOTEPAD - Many businesses, including banks, and other organizations in Illinois Valley will close early on New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31. The "I.V. Noose" office will be among those closing early, perhaps as early as noon, "So please bring your announcements and ads to the office as early as possible," said Bob Rodriguez, editor-in-charge ... **Horizon Village** is sponsoring a performance by comedian Kathy Fella on Monday, Jan. 3 at 3:30 p.m. at 3098 University Road in Grants Pass. Phone 955-0777 for more information ... **The Pregnancy Center** of Illinois Valley is offering training for new volunteers on four consecutive Thursdays beginning Jan. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone 592-6058 for more information...**'Southern Oregon Blues'** Band will play for family night at Selma Community Center New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Alcohol will not be allowed. Children 12 and younger will be admitted free.

LAST WORDS - This is not exactly the situation I had in mind. (Gen. George Custer at Little Big Horn, as he invented the Arrow shirt)

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His sleigh was full of hundreds of toys. "These are for the Illinois Valley girls and boys. Now hurry," he said. "Help me unload all this stuff the elves worked hard to make sure we have enough."

It wasn't long before the children were there, to get a nice toy, a game or a cuddly stuffed bear. Santa stayed on -- he had a great time; talked with each child that had waited in line.

The nice ladies baked cookies and a white cake as well. The children loved these goodies; thought they were swell. They all walked out with a big smile and a nice gift. It gave all the help-

ers a big Christmas lift.

Soon it was over and Santa climbed into his sleigh. "Before I leave," said Santa, "I have something to say. Because of the merchants and the people of this valley, it was their hard work and donations that really helped me.

"Their love for the children and their generosity is the true meaning of Christmas, I'm sure you'll agree." Then with a twitch of his nose and twinkle of the eye, before we knew it, Santa was back in the sky.

But we all heard him shout as he flew out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



CHAMBER WELCOME - As part of its outreach program, Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce has instituted a Greeters Committee for new and existing members. Committee members earlier this month went to Curves on Caves Hwy., across from Pietro's Italian Restaurant; and Abiding In The Vine, next to Sterling Savings Bank, to extend welcomes. Attending from the chamber were Dulcie Moore, Vicki Gill and Dennis Strayer; plus Bob Schumacher, of I.V. Community Response Team. (Photos by Christina Hill)



I.V. Firefighters to the Rescue

Monday, Dec. 20

*12:08 p.m., medical assist with American Medical Response (AMR), 300 block N. Hussey Avenue.

*12:08 p.m., district-wide medical standby for AMR.

*4:11 p.m., public assist with AMR, 1700 block Laurel Road.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

*5:02 a.m., medical assist, 36500 block Redwood Hwy.

*5:02 a.m., district-wide medical standby.

*7:41 a.m., flue fire, 2400 block Reeves Creek Road.

*11:33 a.m., medical assist, Ollis Road.

*11:38 a.m., district-wide medical standby.

*4:18 p.m., public assist with AMR, Laurel Road.

Wednesday, Dec. 22

*8:46 a.m., medical assist, 9900 block Caves Hwy.

*11:53 p.m., medical assist, 400 block S. Redwood Hwy.

Thursday, Dec. 23

*1:34 p.m., medical assist, 5600 block Lakeshore Drive.

*10:56 p.m., medical assist, 400 block Dick George Road.

Friday, Dec. 24

*1:19 a.m., medical assist, Schumacher Street.

*7:31 a.m., medical

assist, Hogue Drive.

*9:19 a.m., structure fire (fire in a wall), 100 block E. O'Brien Road.

*1:06 p.m., motor vehicle accident, Redwood Hwy. milepost 15, Hay's Hill.

*9:24 p.m., medical assist, 2500 block Caves Hwy.

Saturday, Dec. 25

*6:53 p.m., reported explosion, 800 block Caves Hwy. (unable to locate).

For high school students, RCC's 2+2 = more credit

High school students will find it easier to receive college credit, thanks to procedural changes adopted this month by the Rogue Community College Board of Education.

The new policy puts in place a \$10 per class fee for RCC's 2+2 Early College Credit program, which provides an opportunity for high school students to receive dual credits when they receive an A or B in approved 2+2 classes.

The program encourages "seamless" education that starts in high school and continues through college.

It's anticipated that the new process will increase the number of students participating in the program and lessen paperwork for high school instructors, according to Patti Kramer, 2+2 program coordinator.

Previously, RCC

charged students \$10 a credit and asked the high school instructors to collect the funds.

Under the new process, patterned after another Oregon community college, high school teachers will no longer collect the fee, but will send RCC a grade roster with a registration form for each student.

RCC then will send letters to the students' parents detailing the specific class or classes and numbers of credits their students earned. Credits will be awarded upon receipt of the \$10 per class transcripting fee, paid directly to RCC.

RCC has 2+2 contracts with 120 teachers at 22 high schools in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties.

Each high school makes a different selection from a list provided by RCC based on its individual curriculum.

Attention!

I.V. Senior Center

520 E. River St.

Breakfast canceled

New Year's Day

Rescheduled for

Saturday, Jan. 8

8 to 11 a.m.

- * Biscuits & Gravy * Pancakes
- * Eggs * Bacon * Sausage
- * Coffee, Milk, Juice

Adults - \$4
Children 12
& under - \$2.50



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New 10,000 watts daytime power, covering the entire Illinois Valley!

- > Local Talk with Carl Wilson; call from the Illinois Valley at 472-1270...Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:35 to 10:30 a.m.
- > Rush Limbaugh, Monday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.
- > Southern Oregon Sportstalk with Jay Reese, Monday through Friday, 4 to 5 p.m.
- > Local News at 7:05 a.m., and 12:05 and 5:05 p.m.
- > Swap and Sell with the Bargain Round-up...FREE! 9:15 a.m., 12:50 and 5:50 p.m. daily!
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From the staff at KLCDR - Thanks for making us your favorite radio station!

Southern Oregon Sanitation

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

