

Here, There & Everywhere

BLUE MOON EVENT - Raymond Karczewski, a Cave Junction nonfiction author, will be featured at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 at Blue Moon Café in Downtown CJ for the monthly writers’ series. There will an open mic, and beverages and desserts will be available.

HELPING CHILDREN - A free 16-week course, “Helping Children Who Have Been Exposed to Batters,” offered by I.V. Safe House Alliance, will begin in February. One major goal of the weekly class is to help parents understand the effects of domestic violence on their children and themselves. For more information phone Shannon McBride at 592-4149, Ext. 325.

I.V. ‘LIONS SHARE’ - As part of its continuous community assistance, Illinois Valley Lions Club gave away 33 pairs of eye-glasses during 2004 to qualifying valley residents. The club also paid for three hearing aids; and loaned approximately 10 hospital beds, 25 wheelchairs, two electric scooters, and assorted walkers, crutches and other such items. The club noted that in large measure it is able to provide such community assistance because of the proceeds from its annual raffle.

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This year the club is raffling a 2005 fuel-injected Harley-Davidson Dynawide Glide worth approximately \$18,500. It’s from D&S Harley-Davidson in Phoenix. The bike will be displayed in Taylor’s Sausage Country Store for about the next two months. Tickets are available at Taylor’s or from Steve Lyons at Century 21 Harris & Taylor. The drawing will be on the third and final day of the I.V. Lions’ annual Labor Day Festival.

‘FOIBLES & FOLLY’ - A two-act light comedy, “Foibles & Folly,” about diversity, change and compassion will be presented at the Lorna Byrne Middle School theater Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 25 and 26. Performances both days will be at 1:30 and 7 p.m. The play, lasting approximately an hour, is by Michelle R. Davis.

‘ELECTRIC’ WHEELS - Power wheelchairs can be available to qualified senior citizens and the permanently disabled, at no cost, through several national programs. Electric wheelchairs are available to those who can no longer walk or self-propel manual wheelchairs, and who meet other guidelines. Deposits are not required. For details phone Senior Wheels USA at (800) 246-6010; Wishes on Wheels, (800) 823-5220; or Three Wishes Inc., (800) 839-5715.

NOTEPAD - Fuel Enhancer, the topic of a page 1 “Noose” story Dec. 29, is available at Kar Kare at 370 Caves Hwy., across from Dr. Joe’s Pet Hospital. In addition, Kar Kare’s Joe Malcolm has first-hand experience with the product and can discuss it ... **A dessert auction** to help World Concern’s relief efforts in Sri Lanka brought in \$1,635.75. The event at Lorna Byrne Middle School on Sunday, Jan. 16 was sponsored by Cross Quest Expeditions with help from many Illinois Valley churches ... **The Cub Scout** organization under Boy Scouts of America is 75 this year. Pack 79 is looking for vintage memorabilia including patches, books, and Pine-wood Derby cars for a display at I.V. Branch Library. Phone Elaine Rigby at 592-4502 ... **Psychiatric violations** of human rights are the concern of the Los Angeles-based Citizens Commission on Human Rights. To report a psychiatric abuse case in Oregon, phone (503) 228-3279 ... **A baby shower** for the I.V. Pregnancy Center was hosted last month by Living Word Fellowship. Area church-goers supplied items to help stock the Mommy Market, including diapers, and baby clothing and bathing products ... **Students with \$20 bills** are a bit of a problem at the I.V. High School cafeteria, especially in the morning when not much change is available. In the Jan. 13 IVHS newsletter, students also were advised that “having a lot of money at school isn’t a good idea” ... **Sweatshirt:** TGIF. This Grandma Is Fantastic ... **T-shirt:** No one knows the trouble I’ve been ... **Another T:** Captain of the Fashion Police ... **Last T:** Don’t wanna. Don’t hafta. I’m Bob.

LAST WORDS - Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism and militarism. This call for a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one’s tribe, race, class and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all men and women. (Martin Luther King Jr.)

Safety belt use up by Oregonians

Oregon’s safety belt use rate is up from 90.4 percent last year to 92.6 percent this year, said Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT).

The percentage is only a few points behind Hawaii at 95 percent and Washington at 94.3 percent. California’s use rate, which has constantly bettered Oregon’s dropped from 91.2 percent to 90.4 percent during 2004.

Arizona leads the nation at 95.3 percent.

The nationwide belt use average is approximately 79 percent, said ODOT.

Oregon’s crash fatality and injury rates have dropped 57 percent and 45 percent respectively, since passage of the adult belt law in 1990. According to the Centers for Disease Control, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and disability for all Americans 1 to 34 years old.

Oregon law (ORS 811.210) requires all occupants of passenger vehicles to use safety belts “properly.”

This means that both parts of a lap and shoulder belt system must be worn together, no placement of the shoulder belt behind the back or under the arm and only one person per belt. Any of these situations places the vehicle occupant at severe risk of internal crash injury, said ODOT.

Children under 4 years old or weighing less than 40 pounds must be restrained in child seats. Children older than 4 or weighing more than 40 pounds must use booster seats until they turn 6 and weigh at least 60 pounds, said ODOT.

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NFIB agrees with state’s ‘fiscal sanity’

(Following is a comment on Gov. Kulongoski’s State-of-the-State speech Monday, Jan. 10, from J.L. Wilson, state director for the 12,000-member Oregon chapter of NFIB, America’s largest small-business advocacy group.)

“I thought the governor’s speech contained many excellent elements, the most important of which was his call for the state to get a grip on some long-overdue fiscal sanity.

“That he said we should live by the same rules as Oregon families and businesses, and that he did not call for any new taxes, is fantastic news for small business. NFIB members expect the governor to follow through on his pledges in 2005.”

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‘DOZER DOING DUTY - Batzer Inc., of Medford, last week began grading a site for a new Cave Junction fire station. The existing building, which is somewhat unsafe, is in the background. Batzer also is working on building new stations in O’Brien and Selma. Funds are from a voter-approved bond issue. (Related story on page 5.)

Oregon ag diversity unique in country

Final statistics from the most recent Census of Agriculture confirm that Oregon runs counter to most other states in many ways, especially when it comes to farming and ranching.

Oregon agriculture’s diversity -- in what it produces and the type of operation that produces it -- stands out compared with the rest of the country.

“The latest census figures tell an interesting story about Oregon agriculture,” said Katy Coba, director of the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture (ODA). “We know our industry is diverse. But it’s also worth noting the number and size of our farms and ranches are trending differently than most other states.”

The Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years in all 50 states, and is the most ambitious and important compilation of all agriculture surveys. The 2002 census -- released earlier this year -- is being compared to the 1997 census.

“Oregon is bucking the trend of the rest of the nation in many respects,” said Janice Goodwin, state statistician with the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service.

Nationally, the number of farms is declining while the average size of farms is increasing. Oregon’s mix of farms show a fairly constant number -- roughly 40,000 of them statewide -- with an average size decreasing from 429 acres in ‘97 to 427 acres in 2002.

The size diversity is dramatized in the difference between Wheeler County (average of 4,501 acres) and Josephine County (average of 44 acres). The fastest-growing segment of agricultural operations consists of farms of less than 50 acres, representing more than 60 percent of all Oregon farms.

“It might be explained by an increase in the number of people going into specialty agricultural production not needing a lot of acres,” said Goodwin. “It’s also possible that people are retiring on small acreages with a limited amount of agricultural production taking place.”

In All Fairness

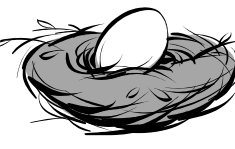
In the Dec. 29, 2004 issue of “Illinois Valley News,” a “Police Blotter” item reported that Troy Patrick Gilmore, 39, was arrested on a charge of parole violation.

On Friday, Jan. 14, Troy Paul Gilmore, 42, came to the “News” office to state that he is not the person who was arrested.

“Illinois Valley News” presents this clarification in the interests of fairness.

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IVFD to the Rescue

Monday, Jan. 10
*5:51 a.m., structure fire, Ollis Road.
*1:03 p.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA), Holland Loop/Hummingbird Lane.
*3:02 p.m., medical assist with American Medical Response (AMR), 5000 block Holland Loop.
*8:49 p.m., medical assist/AMR, N. Junction Ave.
*8:52 p.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
Tuesday, Jan. 11
*11:36 a.m., medical assist with AMR, Logan Cut.
*11:45 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
*9:58 p.m., MVA,

14500 block Redwood Hwy.
Wednesday, Jan. 12
*5:26 a.m., medical assist/AMR, Arrowhead Drive.
*9:52 a.m., medical assist with AMR, Naue Way.
*9:52 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
*10:28 a.m., medical assist with AMR, 400 block Caves Hwy.
*10:50 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
Friday, Jan. 14
*10:28 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
*11:58 a.m., power line problem, 4100 block Redwood Hwy.
*6:55 p.m., automatic

fire alarm, 400 block S. Redwood Hwy.
Saturday, Jan. 15
*1:20 p.m., med assist/AMR, Schumacher Street.
*1:22 p.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
*1:22 p.m., structure fire (canceled), Boundry Lane.
Sunday, Jan. 16
*12:22 p.m., medical assist with AMR, 1800 block Laurel Road.
*12:24 p.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
*3:29 p.m., medical assist with AMR, 100 block Deer Creek Road.