

Here, There & Everywhere

CHAMBER HONORS - Nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year, and Business of the Year awards, based on 2004 occurrences, are sought by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. The deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 15, and nomination forms are available from the chamber office in the I.V. Visitor Center. Or nominators can use a plain sheet of paper listing their name and telephone number; the name of the person or business they're nominating, with telephone number, and an explanation of why they should be recognized. Nominations must be in the chamber office by the deadline. Phone Dulcie Moore, chamber office manager, at 592-3326 for more information.

Honored last year, based on 2003 activities, were "Link" and Jennifer Phillippi, of Rough & Ready Lumber Co., for top citizens; and Taylor's Sausage Country Store for outstanding business. The awards ceremony and general meeting at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. will be held Saturday, Feb. 26 starting at 1 p.m.

PTA POINT - A meeting of Evergreen Elementary School PTA will be held Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 2:15 p.m. in the school library. A month-long penny drive, with half the proceeds going to relief for Indian Ocean tsunami survivors, will be discussed.

GUILD BUILD - Sunday, Feb. 13 is set for the annual meeting of Southern Oregon Guild at 1 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction. The agenda includes election of board members, committee reports, and a tour of the Digital Dreams Service Agency downtown. Paid members can vote in the election; dues can be paid at the meeting. Any artist or craftsman can attend. Phone 254-4594 for more info.

'WEAKER SEX' - A StrongWomen Program, sponsored by Oregon State University Extension, will be held in Grants Pass. The program is designed for those 35 and older to help increase strength, improve balance and energy, and "make participants feel better." It's based on one developed by Dr. Miriam Nelson, a professor at Tufts University in Boston, and author of several books including, "StrongWomen Stay Young." There is a fee for the course. Phone 476-6613.

BRAND OREGON - Brand Oregon and an advertising agency last week shipped the first ad in a six-month-long business recruitment campaign aimed at California and national business trade magazines. In the ad, Gov. Kulongoski asks business owners considering relocation from other states to e-mail him, with the invitation, "Come for a week. Stay forever."

NOTEPAD - **"Wings of Love,"** a Christian quartet, will host the all-church gathering Sunday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. at Valley Evangelical Free Church at Laurel Road and N. Old Stage Road ... **I.V. Chamber** of Commerce directors will meet in public session at noon Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in Cave Junction ... **Red Hat Society** members from the Junction Jezabelles will gather at April's Aroma Home Saturday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. to work on bath fuzzies. April's is in the Kryptonite Bldg. between DQ and Cascade Automotive ... **Medical expenses** are high and climbing for former CJ resident Brian Pinto and his wife, Samantha, because their daughter, Madison, was born Jan. 22, three months prematurely. Pinto's mom, Tammie Middle, of CJ, has opened an account for the couple, who live in Kuna, Idaho, at SOFCU. And she's placed donation cans at Bobbie's World, Cave Junction DQ, Pizza Pit, and O'Brien Country Store ... **Siskiyou Project** will hold a rally to "Save the Wild Siskiyou" on Saturday, Feb. 5. Participants should meet at Selma Center at 10 a.m. Phone 592-4459. **T-shirt:** Keep staring at me. I might do a trick ... **Another T:** If you're too open-minded, your brain will fall out ... **One more T:** The villagers are coming with torches and pitchforks. Please hide me ... **Last T:** Always being Bob is an awesome responsibility.

LAST WORDS - If you maintain an unblushing ability to be yourself, embarrassment becomes not only unnecessary, but irrelevant. ("Right Turns" by Michael Medved)

I do not have a psychiatrist and I do not want one, for the simple reason that if he listened to me long enough, he might become disturbed.

- James Thurber -

Kerby community awaits deluge of cleaner water

(Continued from page 1) of 200 households to sign up before digging begins. The one-time cost per household, not including monthly water usage fees, is slightly less than \$2,500. "That cost is paid for by a government loan that is paid off over a long time period," Plute said. "After the second year, it will revert to a bond on our taxes like the fire district. "That way, the county collects the money, passes it on to us and then we pass it on to the federal government. That way, the federal government is not out any

money, and the county can put a lien on the house if the people don't pay their taxes." Plute is urging those who may want to connect to city water to do so now. "The cost will double for those who want to hook up after the project is complete," he said. "Plus, it'll have to be paid for out of their pocket; it won't be tied into their taxes." More information is available from Plute, 592-3791; secretary Sharon Miller, 592-2722; or treasurer Shirley Fredrickson, 592-2809.

Flaming Yule tree burns man

A Grants Pass resident suffered burns from a Christmas tree that ignited Monday, Jan. 31, said Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS). In addition, said the agency, there were smoke detectors in the residence at 733 S.W. J St., "but the batteries had been removed." The fire was reported at 8:51 a.m. The unidentified resident suffered first- and second-degree burns on 10 to 15 percent of his face and arms. American Medical Response (AMR) took him to Three Rivers Community Hospital (TRCH), and he later was transferred to the Oregon Burn Center in Portland. Another person in the home, also unidentified, suffered from smoke inhalation and was transported to TRCH by AMR. The residents, said GPDPS, were awakened by crackling noises from the front room and found the Christmas tree full involved in flames. The lights had been left on overnight, said the agency. It added that the occupants were going to remove the tree after the Super Bowl game this coming weekend.

I.V. Firefighters to the Rescue

Monday, Jan. 24
*9:56 a.m., public assist, Terrace Drive.
*2:53 p.m., medical assist with American Medical Response (AMR), 27500 block Redwood Hwy.
*2:58 p.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
*3:26 p.m., medical assist with AMR, 5600 block Westside Road
*5:04 p.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
Tuesday, Jan. 25
*12:27 p.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA), 18000 block Redwood Hwy.
*4:18 p.m., MVA, 11400 block Redwood Hwy. (mutual aid with Rural/Metro Fire Dept.)
Wednesday, Jan. 26
*10:15 a.m., medical assist with AMR, Wells Drive.
*10:20 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
Thursday, Jan. 27
*6:21 a.m., medical assist with AMR, 300 block S. Old Stage Road
*10:55 p.m., smoke investigation, 30300 block Redwood Hwy.
Friday, Jan. 28
*1:37 a.m., medical assist with AMR, 1800 block Reeves Creek Road
*9 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
*11:32 a.m., flue fire, 700 block Kirkham Road.
*2:35 p.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR.
Saturday, Jan. 29
*8:44 a.m., medical assist with AMR, 37400 block Redwood Hwy.

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- Henry Ford -

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