

Here, There & Everywhere

ART & PERFORMANCES - A Women's Café will be presented by Dome School on Saturday, March 12 at the school, 8367 Takilma Road. Art will be exhibited from 5 to 7 p.m., and there will be live performances from 7 to 10 p.m. Check the ad elsewhere in this issue for further information about the annual fund-raiser.

FIRE PLAN FIRE - A number of valleyites expressed concern last week regarding a story in the Grants Pass "Daily Courier" about a Josephine County Fire Plan. The comments all were to the fact that Illinois Valley communities were not included. However, I.V. already has its plan, noted De Spellman, fire prevention coordinator for I.V. Fire Protection District. "Last summer we held fire plan meetings for all six I.V. communities -- CJ, Takilma, Holland, O'Brien, Selma and Kerby. They were well-advertised locally," she said. Those with further questions can contact her through 592-2225.

'X-TREME PRAISE' - A free concert by X-Treme Praise Youth Choir from Community Bible Church in Central Point will be performed in Cave Junction Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at Valley Evangelical Free Church, Laurel and N. Old Stage roads. The event, using the "Deeper" theme for this year to further relationships with Jesus Christ, is open to anyone.

'KNOCKERS' BENEFIT - More than 100 prizes are offered as part of a fund-raiser, "Knockers Benefit," to help Cave Junction resident Holly Shinerock, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She has no insurance, according to an announcement, and all proceeds from the benefit on April 1 to 3 will go to her. Besides a raffle, there will be a pool tournament, silent auction, concert and bake sale at the Junction Inn. Raffle tickets are available at Coffee Heaven, Taylor's Sausage Country Store, the state liquor store and Nacho Mama's. Silent auction items are to be displayed at Taylor's.

CHAMBER RANGER - Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce again is planning two major programs this year. The annual Concerts in the Park series will be held June 23 and 30; July 7, 14, 21 and 28; and Aug. 4 in Jubilee Park. Jana Fincher is chairman of the al fresco program, which is offered free to the valley community. And the second annual Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for July 30. Watch the "Noose" for further details.

ANTIQUES ABOUND - Friday through Sunday, March 18-20, is set for the annual Spring Antiques & Collectibles show at Medford Armory. Admission tickets will allow patrons to attend all three days of the event. Thousands of antiques and collectible items will be available, plus the Hall of Restoration and ID Room.

FAMILY EXCELLENCE - April 1 is the deadline for nominations in Oregon State University's Austin 2005 Excellence in Family Business Awards. Nomination info is available at familybusinessonline.org/programs/ofba.apxs or by telephoning (800) 859-7609. Awards are designed to "honor the innovation and hard work of Oregon's family owned businesses," which own and operate 80 percent of the businesses in the United States, said OSU.

NOTEPAD - Headline of the week: Bus driver on board OK'd (on a story about school bus drivers being allowed to serve on school district boards) ... **County hunters** tracked and killed a cougar in the Garner Road area week before last after a resident complained that her prize goats were being taken. The cougar weighed 160 pounds, and its length was reported at 7 feet-8 inches ... **A Women** in Trades Fair will be held Friday, March 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the RCC Crater Lake Center, 5759 Crater Lake Hwy., Medford ... **Basic hazardous waste** training is offered in Medford on June 14 by Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality. Early registration is recommended. Phone (800) 452-4011, Ext. 5181 ... **T-shirt:** Forget about finding the pot of gold. Get a job ... **Another T:** When all else fails, manipulate the data ... **Last T:** Raising a teen-ager is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.

LAST WORDS - The problem of power is how to achieve its responsible use rather than its irresponsible and indulgent use - of how to get men of power to live for the public rather than off the public. (Robert F. Kennedy)

Chamber president urges residents to look to future

Illinois Valley's future "is now, today and tomorrow," stresses I.V. Chamber of Commerce President Terri Smith.

Smith, who has operated Northwest Hairlines in Cave Junction for seven years, spoke during the chamber's recent annual meeting.

She challenged the board, chamber members and the community-at-large to think about, "Where do you want us to be in the next six months? The next year?"

"Do you want people to continue to think of our community as the meth lab capital? The pot capital?"

"We are on the threshold of our community busting out and beginning to grow," said Smith. "Now we need to come together and be united in purpose."

"Many new businesses and organizations will be coming to service the growth slated here," she said. Smith noted the various chamber events for the community including the

Concerts in the Park Series, the Bluegrass Festival, golf tournament, auction, Christmas Celebration and other functions.

She referred to new housing projects in Selma, O'Brien and Cave Junction, plus construction of new fire stations in Selma, O'Brien and Cave Junction.

"Where are we going?" the president asked rhetorically. "Are the business owners and others thinking about growth? How many are willing to step out of their comfort zones and get involved?"

Smith noted that Dulcie Moore, chamber office manager, each month sends numerous information packets to businesses and private individuals looking for a place to relocate. As well, she fields many telephone calls each week regarding business, tourism and related topics.

As part of the chamber's outreach, Smith highlighted the organization's new Website

(cavejunctionoregon.com), a result of efforts by chamber Director Bill Reid, of Oregon Mt. Real Estate.

She said that the chamber will have space available for advertising, plus links to members.

"We have come a long way from the local lunch club I was told about before I got involved," said Smith, who is in her third term as president.

"We have business people taking time from their busy days to help brainstorm, plan and expedite the future activities of our community," she said.

"Our community is feeling the pangs of growth --

good and bad.

"I'm sure that the new, younger retirees moving to our area would like to know that we, as a community, are working on the bad rap we have been graced with in the past.

"Let us have pride in this place where we all live," said Smith. "And let's encourage our friends and neighbors to be involved in the future of our valley."

The chamber office is in the I.V. Visitor Center. The telephone number is 592-3326. Chamber directors meet in open session second Tuesdays at noon in Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in Cave Junction.

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Clubs & Groups

Family, Community & Education (FCE)

Deer Creek Unit of FCE will meet Friday, March 11 at 10 a.m., and a craft class will be taught by Fran DeWitz and Sharon Reasor.

Ellen Mace will preside at the meeting in the absence of Dolly LaFlamme.

FCE meets on second Fridays at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins St., in Cave Junction.

"If you would like to make a difference in our community," said FCE, "and work with a great group of women, phone Dolly at 597-2333, or come to a meeting."

Shining Stars

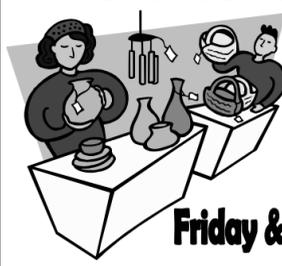
On Saturday, March 12, the Shining Stars, collaborating with Cross Quest, will host a work day to address skate park safety issues at Jubilee Park. Skaters and others interested in helping can to join the crew at 10 a.m.

Gearing up for a fourth fabulous year, planning for the Shining Stars Festival is

Corrections

In the March 2 issue, Kristina Thomas was misidentified in a photo caption on page 9. Kristina, a third-grader at Evergreen Elementary School, won a silver medal and second place at the recent Three Rivers School District Science Fair.

I.V. Senior Center



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