

Here, There & Everywhere

CANCER INSIGHTS - Two free talks about surviving cancer will be given Friday, April 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Three Rivers Community Hospital Washington Outpatient Center, 1505 N.W. Washington Blvd., Grants Pass. Dr. Lillian Nail, a two-time cancer survivor with Oregon Health & Sciences University, will speak on "Fighting Fatigue." Erica Koch, from Providence Cancer Center in Portland, will address "Cancer and Nutrition."

GED PROM - Billed as the first such event, a GED Prom will be held Saturday, April 9 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Selma Community & Education Center. The gathering is for "all past, present and future GED graduates." For reservations or more information phone 787-0116. Tickets will be available at the door. There will be a raffle, music for dancing, food and refreshments; plus a professional photographer.

GRAD PLAN - The next meeting of the 2005 Grad Night Party Committee will be held Tuesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Illinois Valley High School cafeteria. Final plans for the benefit dinner with silent auction and fashion show on Saturday, April 16 will be discussed. Phone Mary Paul at 592-2116 or Sara Ball at 592-3691 for more information.

CHILI SKILL - Carlos Restaurante is set for its ninth annual winner-take-all Chili Cooking Contest on Saturday, April 16. Concoctions will be rated on flavor and taste by a blindfolded panel of judges. Around 1:15 p.m. the entries will be available for all comers to sample. To enter the contest, go to Carlos or phone 592-4553 for more information.

GARDEN FAIR - The annual free Josephine County Master Gardener Spring Garden Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17 at the county fairgrounds in Grants Pass. The event, with free admission and parking, will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; 9 to 4 Sunday. For additional information phone Art Reel at 479-7702.

ARTWORKS WORK - ArtWorks organizers will hold two forums this month to gather information and obtain direction from artists. ArtWorks is a collaborative effort with area businesses to establish a viable arts economy, said Tommi Drake, RCC art galleries coordinator. The forums, both at Grants Pass Museum of Art at 229 S.W. G St., will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19; and from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. "We want to know the needs, wants and wishes of artists," said Drake, "and how best to help arts and the economy."

BIG TOP SHOP - Illinois Valley Family Coalition has blocks of tickets available for the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus performances on May 12 on the Junction Inn vacant lot. For information about the coalition fund-raiser for programs to benefit I.V. families, phone 592-6139. Businesses and others can purchase tickets and either distribute themselves or let the coalition give them away to families that could not otherwise attend.

NOTEPAD - The Shining Stars, an Illinois Valley organization geared toward serving youth, will scoop ice cream at Cold Stone Creamery near Tinseltown Theatres in Medford on Thursday, April 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. The store allows non-profit groups to raise funds by donating a percentage of sales and all the tips from the shift ... **Evergreen PTA** will meet Tuesday, April 12 at 2:15 p.m. in the Evergreen Elementary School Library. "Meet the new officers," said PTA President Amy Milner ... **Patrons of Curves** in Cave Junction donated 2,133 pounds of nonperishable food during March, National Food Drive Month. The goal was 1,000 pounds. The food was donated to two Cave Junction "soup kitchens," Harvest Kitchen at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, and the meal site at First Love Christian Fellowship ... **Grocery Outlet** in Grants Pass donated 100 hams valued at \$899 for Easter food boxes prepared by Josephine County FoodBank for low-income residents ... **"Readers for kids"** at the I.V. Senior Center Library are sought. Phone Linda Naylor at 592-3289... **T-shirt:** Yes, I know I need a haircut ... **Another T:** My Indian name is Runs With Beer ... **One more T:** One heck of a time for the meds to wear off! ... **Final T:** Your family tree could use some pruning.

LAST WORDS - I'm not concerned about all Hell breaking loose, but that a *part* of Hell will break loose. It'll be much harder to detect. (George Carlin)

IVFD to the Rescue

Tuesday, March 29

*1:45 p.m., reported structure fire, 100 block Lone Mt. Road (steam coming off roof).

*12:34 p.m., Districtwide medical standby (DiMS) for American Medical Response (AMR).

*4:25 p.m., medical assist (M.A.) with AMR.

*4:26 p.m., DiMS.

*8:03 p.m., reported structure fire, 200 block Josephine Street (open burn).

Wednesday, March 30

*1:04 a.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA) 600 block Lakeshore Drive.

*1:03 p.m., M.A., 600 block Waldo Road.

*1:06 p.m., DiMS.

Thursday, March 31

*12:38 a.m., M.A., 100 block Barlow Street.

*8:40 a.m., M.A., 600 block E. River Street.

*8:37 a.m., DiMS.

*4:31 p.m., automatic fire alarm, I.V. Family Coalition Bldg., E. River Street (no problem located.)

Friday, April 1

*8:25 a.m., M.A., 24000 block Redwood Hwy.

*8:25 a.m., DiMS.

*8:34 a.m., M.A., 1000 block Kirkham Road.

*8:37 a.m., DiMS.

*4:20 p.m., public assist, 300 block Briar Lane.

*5:25 p.m., M.A., 1800 block Reeves Creek Road.

*11:02 p.m., M.A., 100 block S. Redwood Hwy.

Saturday, April 2

*3:36 a.m., M.A., 300 block Wells Drive.

*9:06 a.m., M.A., 14500 block Takilma Road.

*9:30 a.m., M.A., 7800 block Caves Hwy.

*11:15 a.m., M.A., Eight Dollar Road.

*8:36 p.m., M.A., 300 block Three Mill Road.

Sunday, April 3

*10:45 a.m., grass fire, 600 block Thompson Creek.

*11:22 a.m., MVA, Happy Camp Road near Page Mt. Snow Park.

*12:29 p.m., reported structure fire, 113 Patton Bar Road, (hot floor; electrical aroma).

*5:13 p.m., M.A., Hwy. 199/Draper Valley Road.

*5:13 p.m., DiMS.

*8:25 p.m., M.A., 9900 block Caves Hwy.

JoCo jobs up overall

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for approximately a third of the over-the-year employment increase in the county," said OED. It added:

"Retail trade employment fell by 30 during February, but also has risen during the year -- up by 90 jobs. Employment in professional and business services rose by 30 during the month, and has increased by 120 jobs since February 2004.

"Leisure and hospitality showed a small increase of 30 jobs during February, and is up by 140 jobs from February '04. Government-sector employment gained 50 jobs in February. A gain of 70 in local government accounted

for most of the hiring growth.

"Nearly every published industry sector has posted job gains during the past year. Government employment was the exception to the trend, shedding 30 jobs during that time. Local and state governments employment each fell by 20 during the past year, while federal government employment increased by 10."

The jobless rate in Jackson County was 7.6 percent during February, down from 8.3 percent from the same month a year earlier. The Oregon seasonally adjusted rate was 6.6 percent during February; the national rate was 5.4 percent, said OED.

Alarming weekend time

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Mercy Flights craft landed.

Two hours later, at 11:15 a.m., IVFD and AMR personnel responded 10 miles out Eight Dollar Road to assist an injured logger. Because the man, who suffered a broken leg, was 500 feet below the roadway, it was thought at first that a rope rescue team would be needed.

However, said Gavlik, his fellow loggers, all trained in first aid, stabilized the leg; got the man up to the roadway in a "sked," a flexible sled/stretcher; and carried the man in a vehicle from milepost 14 before meeting emergency staff.

The third rescue task,

requiring four-wheel drive, occurred Sunday at 11:22 a.m., when an elderly couple went off Happy Camp Road a short distance below Page Mt. Snow Park, said Gavlik.

Their car went approximately 10 feet down an embankment and struck a tree. The man was able to climb out, but the woman had to be aided by rescuers in driving snow. There was concern that the vehicle would slide farther without stabilization by emergency personnel.

Neither person was reported injured, Gavlik said. Their two dogs also were rescued. U.S. Forest Service, Josephine County Sheriff's Office, and Jerry's Towing also helped with the call.

Studded tire deadline April 11

Based on weather forecasts, Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) has moved the deadline for removing studded tires to midnight Monday, April 11.

Therefore, studded tires

cannot be legally used on April 12 and thereafter until Nov. 1.

Drivers with studded tires on their vehicles after the deadline can be charged with a class "C" traffic violation, which carries a base fine of \$141.

Club News

Family, Community & Education (FCE)

"Eating on the Run" will be the meeting topic Friday, April 8, with a presentation by Roseann Wilson and Dorothy Brotemarkle.

Anyone can attend the meeting at 10 a.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Cave Junction, across from Shop Smart. "This promises to be a fun lesson packed with lots of good information," said Kay Taylor, of FCE.

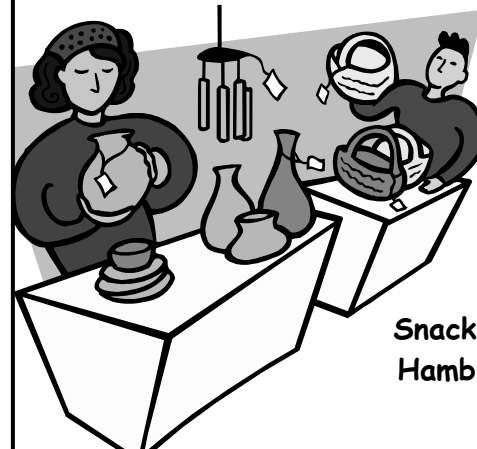
The club meets on second Fridays. For more information about FCE phone Chairman Dolly LaFlamme at 597-2333.

Spring Bazaar

I.V. Senior Center - 520 E. River St.

Friday & Saturday, April 8 & 9
Doors open: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Candy, Minerals, Candles, Quilts, Beadwork, Dolls, Indian Crafts, Woodwork, Baby Clothes



Homemade Bake Sale

Snack Bar: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Coffee
11 to 2

Tax News

DON'T OVERLOOK LAST-MINUTE TAX-SAVERS

Time is short, but it's not too late to trim your 2004 tax bill. Here are some last-minute moves to consider and deductions you don't want to overlook.

- Maximize your 2004 IRA contribution. You have until April 15 to make deductible 2004 contributions. The maximum contribution is \$3,000 for 2004 (\$3,500 if you were 50 or older last year).

- If you changed jobs in 2004, make sure you didn't have excess social security taxes withheld. Claim credit for the excess on your Form 1040 if you paid over \$5,450.

- Look into itemizing deductions if you usually take the standard deduction. Search for allowable deductions that you might have overlooked, such as the new deduction for state and local sales taxes in lieu of deducting state and local income taxes.

- Medical deductions are allowable to the extent they exceed 7.5% of adjusted gross income (AGI). Don't forget items such as eyeglasses and hearing aids. You can deduct mileage and parking for medical appointments at 14¢ a mile. Parking and tolls are also deductible.

- Deduct miles driven for charitable work at 14¢ a mile unless you're reimbursed for your expenses. Parking and tolls are also deductible.

- Don't overlook tax preparation fees, safe deposit costs, and certain investment advice. They all qualify as miscellaneous deductions, subject to a 2% of AGI limit.

- Student loan interest is deductible whether you itemize or not.

- The deduction for qualified tuition and school expenses increased to \$4,000 for 2004. Qualifying amounts for you, your spouse, and dependents may be deductible. Higher-income taxpayers might qualify for a deduction of up to \$2,000 for these education expenses.

- If you're a teacher or teacher's aide, you can deduct up to \$250 for classroom supplies that you purchased with your own money.

- If you purchased a hybrid gas-electric car in 2004, you may be able to deduct up to \$2,000 of the purchase price.

Call our office for details or tax filing assistance.

Federal, Oregon, California, and other state tax returns.

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Other hours by appointment



I live in Cave Junction, so arrangements can be made to save you a trip to Grants Pass.

Taylor's Sausages

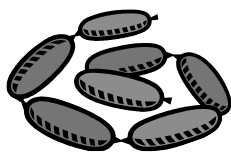
COUNTRY STORE

202 S. Redwood Hwy.
592-5358

Taylor's Italian Links

Sweet, Hot, Swiss, Country Fair

\$2⁹⁹ lb.



Deli Sliced Smoked Turkey Breast

\$4⁹⁹ lb.

Wed.- Senior Night \$1 off menu entrees
Beef Burgundy over fettucini **\$6⁹⁵**

Thurs.- UBA* open mic, host Fred Epping. Scrabble competition.
Garlic Franks w/hot German potato salad & Sauerbraten **\$7⁹⁵**

Fri.- 1st Art Walk of the Season: Don Hartline-oil paintings, Tom, Fred, & Dexter-Country
Salmon Cake w/ cucumber sauce or **Shabu Shabu** w/stir fry **\$10⁹⁵**

Sat.- Nicoli Alexander originals
Prime Rib **\$10⁹⁵**

Sun.- Finny's Arroz con Pollo w/mushrooms **\$5**

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