

## Here, There & Everywhere

**'OBO ADDY' COMING** - The internationally renowned drum and dance group, "Obo Addy and Okropong" will be in Illinois Valley for a public performance at Lorna Byrne Middle School May 7. The group also will work with LBMS students during workshops on May 5, and with Evergreen Elementary School students May 6. The student programs are in conjunction with "Learning Through the Arts," a project of Cave Junction-based Southern Oregon Guild.

**PLANT STAND** - A Spring Garden Fair, sponsored by Josephine County Master Gardener Association, 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 more information phone Art Reel at 479-7702.

**'ADOPT-A-MOM'** - Up until Mothers Day on May 5, The Pregnancy Center of Illinois Valley is conducting its second annual "Adopt-A-Mom" effort. Many young women will celebrate their first Mothers Day as moms this year. The center is seeking community members to "adopt" one by praying for them daily, and maybe provide a special gift for them and their baby. To sign up, phone 592-6058.

**WILD RIVER 'SMART'** - Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in Cave Junction will donate a portion of its receipts from Thursday, April 21 to SMART (Star Making A Reader Today). It's a book and reading program, and all funds raised will go toward books and other costs of bringing SMART to area children.

**ASK-A-PRINCIPAL HOTLINE** - Anyone can speak directly, but anonymously, with a school principal or school psychologist on Sunday through Tuesday, April 17-19 during a program sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). The toll-free number is (800) 944-1601. Some 125 educators will staff telephones and computer terminals while they're attending NAESP's annual convention in Baltimore, Md. Phone-in hours for the three days are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 4 a.m.-4 p.m., and 4-10 a.m. Calls on any subject are welcome, and participants also can use naesp.org during the same hours.

**FORAGE PORRIDGE** - "Forage Quality" is the main title of a workshop that will be held Thursday, April 28 by Oregon State University's Extension Service at the county fairgrounds in Grants Pass. "Physiology, management and feeding" will be discussed by Shelby Filley, an OSU regional livestock and forage specialist; and Jeff Birdson, an OSU small farms instructor. A \$5 fee includes class materials. Those who want to attend are asked to preregister by phoning 476-6613.

**NOTEPAD - Dillon's Nursery and Garden Center** has expanded its Saturday hours so that it's open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ... **Carlos Restaurante's** ninth annual winner-take-all Chili Cooking Contest will be held Saturday, April 16. Entries will be rated on flavor and taste by blind-folded judges. Around 1:15 p.m. the concoctions will be available for all comers to sample. To enter the contest, go to Carlos or phone 592-4553 for more information ... **IVCDO** (Illinois Valley Community Development Organization) will elect officers and committee chairmen during a board meeting Thursday, April 21. The session will run from 7 to 9 p.m. in the county building in CJ ... **Advanced directives** will be discussed during a free Lovejoy Hospice program Tuesday, April 19 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. It will be held at the hospice site, 939 S.E. Eighth St. in GP ... **T-shirt:** Honorary Ooompa Loompa ... **Another T:** I have multiple personalities and none of them like you ... **One more T:** I'm sorry, but I don't know any words small enough for you to understand ... **Final T:** Don't take life so seriously. It isn't permanent.

**LAST WORDS** - Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength. (Eric Hoffer)

## IVFD to the Rescue

<b>Monday, April 4</b> *2:35 p.m., power line problems, Redwood Hwy. at River Street.	*1:25 p.m., DiMS.
<b>Tuesday, April 5</b> *12:20 p.m., medical assist (M.A.) with American Medical Response (AMR), 200 block Shadowbrook Drive. *12:24 p.m., districtwide medical standby (DiMS) for AMR. *6:40 p.m., M.A., 500 block Schumacher Street. *6:41 p.m., DiMS. *8:15 p.m., M.A., 18200 block Redwood Hwy. *8:18 p.m., DiMS. 8:45 p.m., M.A., 300 block W. Millie Street.	<b>Saturday, April 9</b> *3:28 a.m., DiMS. *3:30 a.m., M.A., 200 block E. River Street. *5:55 a.m., M.A. 25800 block Redwood Hwy. *5:40 p.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA), 4100 block Holland Loop. *9:28 p.m., M.A., 7800 block Caves Hwy. <b>Sunday, April 10</b> *6:15 a.m., M.A., 200 block S. Old Stage Road. *10:44 a.m., MVA, Westside Road near Finch Road. *12:24 p.m., M.A., 900 block Caves Hwy. *12:24 p.m., DiMS. *6:19 p.m., open burn, 5600 block Lakeshore Drive. *8:59 p.m., M.A., 400 block Pinewood Way. *10:31 p.m., M.A., 4600 block Reeves Creek Road.
<b>Wednesday, April 6</b> *5:52 a.m., M.A., Ollis Road. *6:07 a.m., DiMS.	
<b>Friday, April 8</b> *11:22 a.m., DiMS.	

**Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.**

- Sam Ewing -

## Letters to the Editor

(Continued from page 2)

There was no parking on the side of the Junction Inn by 6:30, but that didn't stop people from coming. I have no idea how many people attended, but "packed" would be an understatement. I would like to know if they keep records of good nights at the bar because I wouldn't be surprised if it was a record night.

The musicians were unbelievable; I wish the night had been recorded; great live show. I wasn't part of the organizing, but I am part of the community, and I appreciate all who worked so hard to really put on a great night for a great cause. If you missed it, you really missed it.

I hope that everyone realizes that if they live south of Hay's Hill, the rest of Southern Oregon puts them in the same pot as the rest of us. Some will take offense to this. Others like me will take pride in being included in a place like this whose biggest asset is the people who live here.

You can buy a big house, you can buy a fast car, but you can't buy compassion, concern or true community. These all come from the people who live here. People who choose to live in diversity and harmony.

Some may think that they are different from us all, but we are all alike in our differences. Even if you have only lived here a few years you are changed by all around you. If you don't think so, ask your friends or relatives from your old town if they think you have changed -- you might want to sit down first.

So take pride in where you live, but even more important take pride in your fellow citizens that make up this community. Don't stop amazing me.

**Tourist tune-up**  
From Rebecca Pearson  
**BeBe's Art for Everyone**  
Cave Junction

On Tuesday, April 5 I attended the Customer Service Excellence Panel Discussion, sponsored by the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCDO) and Southern Oregon Guild.

Both are appreciated for creating and sponsoring this session. To my delight (and surprise), I found this meeting to be very valuable. Helpful information was provided and good thoughts shared.

It helped me refocus my philosophy of community cooperation and helped me examine my occasional boredom with my own "customer rap." I don't think I'm alone in that boredom.

For future discussions, I think it would be helpful to address the tips, tricks, or tools on how to keep yourself engaged with your customers.

I also completely support the concepts we discussed, as I know from my own experience how well the concepts work. Indeed, every businessperson in Illinois Valley has the ability to help all other businesses through their own courtesy, knowledge of the I.V. resources and businesses, and a habit of referrals to other businesses in the area.

Just within the last two days, I had a \$300 sale to visitors who were referred to my business by Treehouse Resort (much appreciation to them!)

For my part, I spent some additional time with the customers, searching through the phone book to locate other local services they were requesting.

I am looking forward to the in-depth training sessions coming up in the next few weeks, to build upon my own experiences and to create

more synergy in the community, and I encourage all business owners and employees who interact with the public to attend.

People can sign up at the IVCDO office, next to Caves Pharmacy.

**'Citizens cheated'**  
From Robert Kerivan  
**Bridgeview Vineyards**  
Cave Junction

Last week in a legal notice in your newspaper (where the EPA is filing charges against me and my business), the EPA stated that Sucker Creek is a navigable stream.

If this is so, then we citizens in the Cave Junction area are being cheated. If Sucker Creek is navigable, then the Illinois River must be also.

Navigable rivers in the USA, such as the Willamette, the Columbia and the Mississippi, are protected by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The lands under the rivers are not taxed, as the states or the U.S. government own to the high-water line.

This is not the case in Illinois Valley, and other areas, where people either own both sides and under the river, or in the case of a different owner on each side, they own to the center of the river, and are taxed on this property.

I personally would like the Corps of Engineers to maintain the river on my property. However, when the flooding starts, the EPA and Corps of Engineers are home hiding under their mothers' beds, and the problems are all ours.

When we take action, even with a Josephine County court injunction, to fix the problem, EPA feels it has jurisdiction instead of the Josephine County courts.

We will see who prevails in court.

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We want to gratefully acknowledge our fine I.V. Fire District personnel, along with American Medical Response medics, for their prompt, efficient and professional care of Chet on April 2.

Thanks to all of you, he is home and recovering after two days at TRCH.

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**A society made up of individuals who were all capable of original thought would probably be unendurable.**

- H. L. Mencken -

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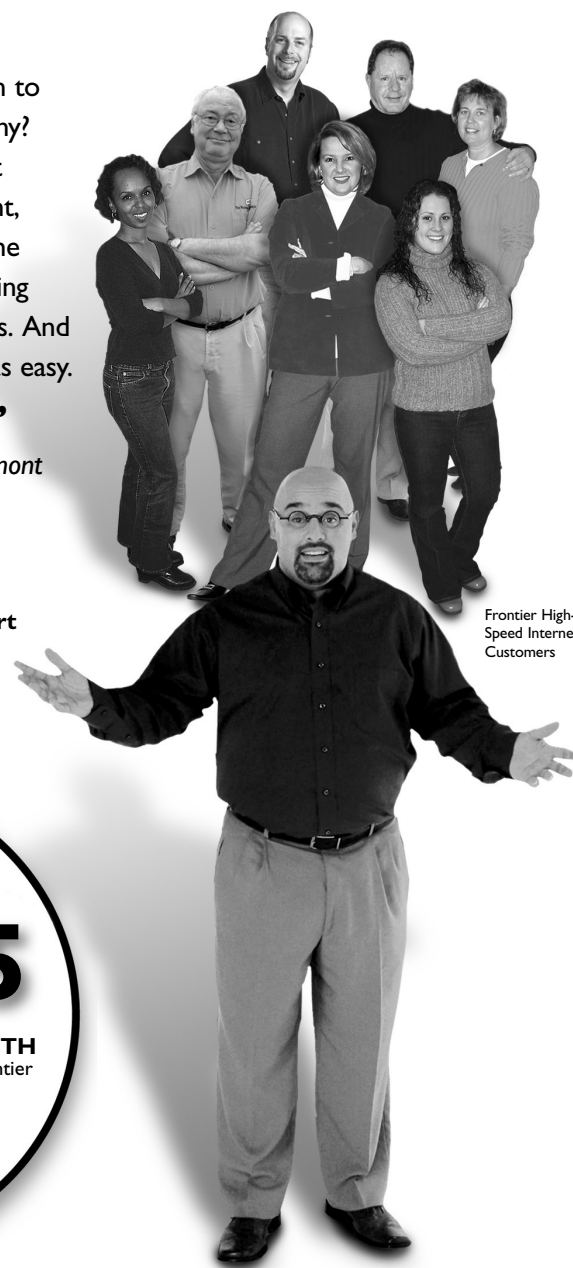
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