

Here, There & Everywhere

BLUE MOON ‘ALLIGATOR’ - Nancy Bringham, author of the children’s book, “A is for Alligator,” will be guest artist at Blue Moon Café in downtown CJ on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. An open mic session will follow her participation in the monthly writers series, held on third Wednesdays.

GYPSY ROSE HAPPENING - A grand opening is set at Gypsy Rose on Saturday, May 21 with live music beginning at 2 p.m. “Muti Usina Zita” (Tree with no name), a marimba ensemble band from Ashland, will perform. There also will be 63 local artists and refreshments, according to an announcement. The location is south of CJ on Redwood Hwy. near milepost 33 at Airport Drive, near Rough & Ready Lumber Co.

EMS DISPLAY DAY - Sponsored by American Medical Response/Josephine County, EMS (Emergency Medical Service) Display Day will be held in Grants Pass on Saturday, May 21. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Gottschalks parking lot. Food will be provided.

LIGHTS & SIRENS - A CD highlighting various emergency and nonemergency situations during 2004 is offered by Illinois Valley Fire District. The “2004 In Review” lasts approximately 25 minutes and copies are available for \$10. Proceeds will benefit the I.V. Volunteer Firefighters Association. For info, phone 592-2225.

LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE - The Josephine County commissioners’ legislative, public telephone hotline session with state Sen. Jason Atkinson’s office will be held in the county courthouse Wednesday, May 25 from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Atkinson, and Reps. Gordon Anderson, Dennis Richardson and Susan Morgan will be asked to provide updates on measures with which they are dealing. They also will hear concerns on issues that might affect Jo. Co.

SHINING STARS AGLOW -- The weekend of June 4-5 is set for the fourth annual Shining Stars Festival at Lake Selmac. There will be live music, plus food, art, dance, demonstrations, and the Kid Universe. The organization is anticipating record turnouts due to new ticket pricing, a local food drive project, and “an amazing Street Team canvassing the Pacific Northwest with posters handbills and positive vibrations.” To help stage the festival and aid The Shining Stars in its continuing efforts for children, sponsorships are available. They are stage-front banners, promotional on-scene stars, and the festival program. For more info, use ShiningStarsFestival.com -- or for booth info: vendors@ShiningStarsFestival.com -- or 592-2236.

EXTREME SPORTS - Said to combine the best of two events -- the third annual I.V. Extreme Sports Festival, and the fourth annual WAC adventure race -- Cross Quest Expeditions will present its program Saturday, June 11. The event will include an “ARResources-sanctioned” adventure race, a mountain bike race, a triathlon, trail run, and team relay. All will start in Cave Junction. To sign up as a team or individually, or for additional info, phone Bryan Thompson at 592-3329 or use info@crossquest.com

BLACKBERRY FAIRY - Plans are to hold the 24th annual Wild Blackberry Festival in Downtown CJ on the weekend of Aug. 13-14, according to Rachel Bennett, chairman. There will be live music at Taylor’s Country Store, provided courtesy of Terry Taylor; plus an assortment of booths around town. I.V. Chamber of Commerce is providing liability insurance for the festival. Bennett said that she does not plan to relocate it to Merlin, as some thought due to a misunderstanding. She added that her plan is to train someone next year to plan, organize and stage the festival, and then let them take over.

NOTEPAD - A Cancer Support Group story in last week’s “Noose” inadvertently omitted the telephone number for contact. It’s 592-3095 ... **Illinois Valley Youth Soccer** will hold its annual general meeting Sunday, May 22 from 3:30 to 4 p.m. at the Illinois Valley Real Estate office in Downtown CJ ... **CJ Swimming Pool** advocate Cynthia Hobbins wants to make it clear that the article last week didn’t make it clear (editor’s fault) that the money “spent” by the YMCA is from the city of CJ; it’s not “Y” money ... **“All About Advanced Directives”** is the title of a Lovejoy Hospice presentation set for Tuesday, May 24 from 4 to 5 p.m. at 939 S.E. Eighth St. in Grants Pass. The free program will include snacks, and advanced directives will be available ... **T-shirt:** Have a reasonably pleasant day ... **Another T:** Never put off tomorrow what you can avoid altogether ... **One more T:** Looking for piece of mind or a piece of pizza ... **Final T:** Oh, oh - it was rocket science... **Absolutely final T:** Caution: I’m busy formulating a withering retort.

LAST WORDS - If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are blessed 100 times over. (Unknown)

MORE LAST WORDS - A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down. (Arnold H. Glasnow.)

Illinois Valley Garden Club

Flower Show

May 21, 2005
12:00 to 4:00

Immanuel United Methodist Church
200 W. Watkins, C.J.

Free Admission

Fire district vacancies

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recruited the chief slightly more than a year ago because, he said, it did the best job for the best price.

The board voted 5-0 to allow Rich to obtain cost and specification data from the firm, including where and how the position would be advertised. He said that he hopes to bring data to the board’s next regular meeting on Thursday, June 9.

Directors also agreed with the chief’s assessment that recruiting for a new administrative chief must be conducted outside the district to find suitable candidates qualified for the responsibilities.

They also agreed that recruiting for the job left by Feldhaus should be advertised within the district, as well as elsewhere.

It appears that a wide range of appropriate fire agencies and organizations, plus other avenues, would be contacted by the agency

hired to recruit for both positions.

No deadlines were set, but Chairman Joe Malcolm indicated that the process could take several months.

“I would hope not,” said the chief.

But during the interim, volunteer Lt. Will Sowell, with nearly 11 years service, will assume duties of Feldhaus. And volunteer Delaine Sherman, who has been working at headquarters with Beards, will take on at least some of her duties.

IVFD directors also supported the chief’s desire to restructure the maintenance chief position to that of a captain. Malcolm noted that the decision falls in the chief’s bailiwick, but the chief said that he just wanted to keep the board informed.

“It will be a working captain,” said Rich, “and the job warrants that.” He also noted that the compensation for a captain would be less.

IVHS awards event Tuesday

Illinois Valley High School will present its annual scholarship awards celebration at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 24.

Snacks, munchies and beverages will be served. RSVPs are requested.

The yearly event recognizes many IVHS students for their academic efforts.

There will be announcements and presentations of scholarship awards.

IVCDO News

By **BILL MOORE**, Business Consultant
Illinois Valley Community Development Organization
The Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCDO) -- in partnership with several other organizations in Illinois Valley, Josephine and Jackson counties -- has been bringing several programs and projects to the I.V. business community. We wanted to update the progress and status of these programs for your information.

Business Surveys: We distributed more than 100 business surveys to local businesses, and received 42 responses. Generally, the needs most identified by the respondents were access to basic bookkeeping, QuickBooks training and product pricing. Following these were sales force training, customer service skills, basic supervision, business plan development, Internet marketing and advice on how to better market ourselves in the tourism industry.

Based on these responses, we held the first and hope-to-be annual “I.V. BEST” tourism tune-up, with classes addressing customer service and basic supervision. All those individuals and businesses that attended are appreciated. Watch for their “I.V. BEST” awards in Illinois Valley stores.

SOWAC Microenterprise Center is currently providing a four-week business start-up class at the Selma Center. And it will begin an in-depth (10-week) course for existing businesses to better plan and manage their operations on June 15. We will bring QuickBooks training and basic bookkeeping in the next few months to a local location.

Wish List: We included a “wish list” with our business surveys, asking respondents what businesses or services they would like to see in Illinois Valley. A bowling alley, movie theater, youth center, clothing and shoe stores, better policing, and more access to tourist traffic were the most mentioned.

Kitchen Surveys: We are having a lukewarm response to the surveys for those who wish to start or expand businesses requiring a commercial kitchen. We are just beginning to gather a listing of all existing I.V. community kitchens, with details on equipment, dates and times of use, and particular kitchen licenses and rules. If you are interested in this field, we need to hear from you soon. Phone us at 592-4440.

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216 Caves Ave.

Openings for 14 participants.
To pre-register, please phone 592-6444

Sponsored by:
Commission for Children and Families
Siskiyou Community Health Center
Project Baby Check/Ready Set Go

New health center planned ...

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Michigan health center.

Gold has been a registered nurse, but most recently has been a family physician for five years.

“She likes a rural atmosphere,” said Scheufele, “and she has a heart for people. Plus, she wants to put down roots.”

The medical center, which began as the Takilma

People’s Clinic, has served the valley for 32 years.

“The community is changing and growing,” said Scheufele. “We want to be here to provide service, and we’ve outgrown the existing facility.

“We need this new medical center, and we are passionate about making it happen with the help of the valley community.”

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Ever wanted to volunteer at Shining Stars Festival (but didn’t know how)?

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Volunteer orientation & work party
Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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1031 Lakeshore Drive
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
597-4524
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Bring a t-shirt for block printing, Sunday at noon!
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It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them. -Emerson

Youth Soccer Sign-ups for fall season

Saturday, May 21 at Evergreen Elementary on the soccer field from 9 to 2:30.

Saturday, June 18 at Jubilee Park at the pavilion from 10 to 3

Registration fees are due at sign-ups. Ages 5 - 14, \$25 for the first child, additional children \$20 each.

Late fees apply after June 18 and until July 1. After July 1, waiting list only!

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