

Here, There & Everywhere

RUSSIAN RECEPTION - Four medical personnel from Rubtsovsk, Russia were to visit Illinois Valley today, Wednesday, May 25. Tentative plans included stops at Siskiyou Community Medical Center and Bridgeview Winery, with the possibility of visits to Taylor’s Country Store and Oregon Caves National Monument. CJ resident Kitty Waud is official co-host with Grants Pass resident Rita Turek. Both work at Three Rivers Community Hospital. The visit to Josephine County is directed by the Sister City Committee of Grants Pass.

The visitors are Elena Frolova, a physician; Anastasia Poperechnaya, a radiologist lab assistant; Lyuda Dmitieva, a nurse and ultrasound diagnostician; and Elena Nefediva, a neurologist. All work in hospitals in Rubtsovsk.

ART & GARDEN TOUR - Saturday, June 4 is set for the first Illinois Valley Art & Garden Tour, a benefit for Cave Junction-based Southern Oregon Guild (SOG), and co-sponsored by SOG and Illinois Valley Garden Club. Tickets, available at BeBe’s Art For Everyone in Cave Junction, include the tour, and a reception with wine, food and music. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with participants gathering between 9 and 10 a.m. at Dillon’s Nursery. The closing reception will be a Bridgeview Winery. For more information phone 592-3289 or 596-2543.

SHINING STARS FESTIVAL - The weekend of June 4-5 is set for the fourth annual Shining Stars Festival at Lake Selmac. There will be numerous bands, and a wide range of attractions, including food and crafts, trees of learning, clowning, fire-dancing, and a youth talent showcase. In addition, there will be midnight belly-dancing, and Kids Universe. For additional information phone 592-2236 or use shiningstarsfestival.com. The Shining Stars is a non-profit organization focused on promoting enrichment in the lives of children in Illinois Valley through cultural and creative arts, music and recreation.

NO CONSCIENCE - A case of nasty grabbers has occurred at Pizza Pit in Downtown CJ. “Pizza Bob” had a cardboard display where patrons could place quarters to raise funds to help children with leukemia. But quarters kept disappearing, so he put the money in a jar with part of the display taped to it. The voluntary fund had reached approximately \$30 and (you guessed it), someone made off with the whole jar. Sheesh.

‘PHANTOM’ MUSIC - Songs from “Phantom of the Opera” will be featured when the Rogue Community College Chorus presents its annual free spring concerts. The group will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4; and at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5. Both shows will be held in the Rogue Bldg. on the RCC campus in Grants Pass.

SAFETY MONEY - Oregon Dept. of Transportation has provided a grant, part of a total \$105,000, to concentrate Oregon State Police patrols on Hwy. 199 near Grants Pass. The safety corridor in that area, established in March 1996, is 7.3 miles long, stretching from milepost 0.5 to milepost 7.8. The section is a safety corridor because the fatality and serious-injury crash rate is 110 percent or more of the three-year statewide average for similar roadways.

‘STRANGE BREW’ - One of those “weird” happenings occurred recently in CJ. Mayor Tony Paulson sent a letter to a downtown business advising them that it’s against the municipal code to have someone staying at their commercial property. The business, because of numerous gasoline thefts and acts of vandalism, has added a night watchman with a dog. Last week the watchman scared off some midnight miscreants trying to pilfer fuel. Strangely, a day or so later, the fuel tank on the mayor’s car, who lives on the other side of town, was drained by thieves. That’s way too much fueling around.

NOTEPAD - Stevereno’s Family Restaurant in Cave Junction earned a 94 percent score from the JoCo Public Health Dept. during a recent inspection. Stevereno’s was to be recognized by county commissioners during their morning meeting Wednesday, May 25 in Grants Pass ... **Illinois Valley Arts** Council will hold a special May Munchies Meeting today, Wednesday the 25th, at 6:30 p.m. at A Creative Space above Blue Moon Café in CJ. It’s a dessert potluck; anyone can participate ... **Dan Huber-Kantola**, a former principal of Illinois Valley High School, will become special ed director for Three Rivers School District next school year. He has for the past five years been principal at North Valley High in Merlin ... **“Sexually Oriented Businesses”** is the topic for a town hall meeting by the JoCo Board of Commissioners Wednesday, May 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Anne Basker Auditorium next to the county courthouse in Grants Pass ... **Interactive cartooning?** Kevin Dahlgren, who provides “Left Side of the Brain” for the “Noose,” has an idea. Send us your idea for a cartoon, and we’ll work with him to see if it’s feasible and print it. Go ahead, try ... **Siskiyou Community Health** Center has received \$15,000 to bolster the building fund for its planned new clinic in CJ from The Oregon Community Foundation ... **I.V. Soil & Water** Conservation District has been recognized by Oregon Dept. of Agriculture for coordinating the planting of 26,000 native trees on 105 acres of private land scorched during the 2002 Biscuit Fire ... **Stamp Out Hunger** was the theme of a campaign May 14 during which letter carriers in JoCo collected 27,860 pounds of food donations, said the county Human Services Dept. This means nearly 7,000 food boxes. Also, \$385 in cash was collected ... **Garden signs:** *Grow, dammit! *I don’t remember planting this. *It tried, but it died. *Plantus Unknownus. *Plantum Whydibuyum. **T-shirt:** My cat can beat up your cat. **Another T-shirt:** Ask me about my granddog. **Last T:** Official dog walker. Frequent stops.

LAST WORDS - If you have laughter, joy or the company of a friend, you have wealth beyond silver and gold. (Unknown)

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Letters ...

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‘The last straw’
From Robbie and Joan Robinson, Robbie’s Auto Care; and David Korrell, Korrell Performance Cave Junction

This is the last straw. We have been burglarized out of our auto repair business, had trucks stolen from our U-Haul business, and when the thieves are not stealing our trucks they are stealing the gas from the ones still here.

We installed a security system, and the scum bags have destroyed the motion detectors, lights and cameras. When we notify the sheriff it takes them from two to 24 hours to respond.

We now have a night watchman with a dog. Today we received a letter from Mayor Tony Paulson, quoting us chapter and verse from our Municipal Code stating that we cannot have anyone living on our “Commerical” property.

Obviously one of the perpetrators was thwarted in his efforts to do us more harm, and turned us in to the city. When our night watchman and his dogs are no longer needed, and all of the municipal codes are enforced equally throughout the city, we will be happy to embrace the Municipal Code.

Until then it is not one of our priorities.

Biscuit logging
From Annette Rasch, Illinois Valley Enthusiasts Cave Junction

What we call the lawless Biscuit logging continues to inspire more folks to speak against the Bush Forest Service.

Of the 60 people arrested since March, many are older than 50 and first-time arrestees. During a recent rally at Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor Scott Conroy’s office in Medford, a reporter asked, “Who are all these people?”

I responded, “Look at them; they could be your uncle, your sister, your grandmother.”

The people involved want the Siskiyou Wild River’s Area preserved, and they reflect the voice of America. Seventy-percent of citizens polled nationwide have consistently said they want public land old-growth permanently protected.

Protestors are tired of writing letters that have little effect. The Bush Forest Service has angered the public during the Biscuit process by granting emergency exemptions; refusing to hear appeals; and now, with unconstitutional road closures.

The Siskiyou Project, which is supposed to be allowed to monitor the logging, is frequently jerked around and denied access. There are no witnesses to what we see as large-scale destruction.

On Monday, May 16, 100 people came out to support seven women who walked over the road closure line on Eight Dollar Mt. Road. Five were arrested for blocking a log truck, and two others were cited for road-closure violation.

The protestors are American heroes trying to preserve the rights that our ancestors fought and died for: the time-honored tradition of nonviolently seeking redress from a government committing illegal acts. Social future in this country is intimately tied to preserving our civil rights.

The “Biscuit Fire Recovery Project” is a joke. Except, no one is laughing, as 40 million years of evolution are on the chopping block, and we won’t be growing any new old-growth forests soon.

This campaign is driven by solid science and the determination of thousands of people who will not stand by for this corporate welfare that only benefits a few.

We are transitioning to a service-based economy here, and 90 percent of our visitors are passing through between Crater Lake and the Redwoods. Some stop at Oregon Caves National Monument, but many don’t.

The point is, will these Nature-based tourists want to stop and spend money in a place that has been ravaged by logging? Our economic future here is intimately tied to preserving our natural resources.

This campaign to stop what we believe is the nation’s largest logging project in modern forest service history is growing, and will not be silenced.

Tolerance/intolerance
From Mary Sharp Selma

A lot of news media, and some of the letters you get, seem to promote an idea that tolerance equals love; that love allows any and everything, and that makes it “good;” that intolerance is hateful and evil, and therefore not to be tolerated by those who are tolerant and therefore loving.

One thing not to be tolerated by those who are tolerant, and therefore loving, is that intolerant people call homosexuality a perversion, and require marriage to exist only between a man and a

woman. Another thing not to be tolerated by those who are tolerant, and therefore loving, is the idea that abortion kills a baby rather than eliminating an undesirable “tissue.”

Those who are tolerant, and therefore very loving, insist that it is very bad and wrong to legislate laws that deal with moral issues. That would make something be labeled “bad” that the tolerant, and therefore loving people, like to do, and that would be bad.

Also, some tolerant and very loving persons feel it their responsibility to set up whatever barriers they can to force out of the woods intolerant people, who want to make a living by working and doing a business of logging. The tolerant, and therefore very loving people, know that the woods will fail it not left to their own rotting and have its wildfires clean it out.

Lots of beetles will help too. Those intolerant people, who think a forest is best if part of it is carried away for a profit are certainly not to be tolerated. No, indeed.

There’s something

about counting all the votes cast by persons who don’t complete registration and voting procedures in a qualifying way. Intolerant persons will feel that counting those votes actually robs the vote from a voter who really followed the rules. But tolerant and very loving persons will be sure that the voting rules are not at question except as needed to assist their own candidate to win.

“Tolerant and therefore loving” must be the way to go if, indeed, one is pitched and fielded at the batter’s whim. Judeo-Christian ethics is an altogether intolerant approach. Conclusions are reached based on well-defined “right” and “wrong.”

I’d rather stand with the intolerant and be truthful as to what I believe is right, rather than trying to say one thing and “do” and “be” something else.

I encourage investigation of a Website concerning SB 1000 promoted by our governor and state Sen. Kate Brown, which would undo all the good of our Measure 36. The address is: OregonFamilyCouncil.org

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