

Here, There & Everywhere

'JEFFERSON' JUMP - "Jefferson," an Illinois Valley group, will perform a free concert Wednesday, June 22 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church. They'll play Bluegrass and Country music "in their great acoustical-harmonious style." Refreshments will follow. The church is on Watkins Street across from Shop Smart.

MEASURE 37 UPDATE - Ross Day, legal director of Oregonians in Action and co-author of Measure 37, will speak in Grants Pass Thursday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Anne Basker Auditorium adjacent to the county courthouse. Measure 37 states basically that "governments must pay owners or forego enforcement, when certain land-use restrictions reduce property value." Ross will speak during the monthly public meeting of the Josephine County Republican Central Committee. He will provide updates on the measure, and there will be a questions-and-answers period.

GOLF FOR GRAPPLERS - A golf tournament Saturday, June 25 will benefit Illinois Valley Wrestling Club, which sponsors the I.V. High School program and the youth program. To sign up for the four-man scramble, phone or visit the I.V. "Laurel Pines" Golf Course.

OPEN DOOR SCHEDULE - Illinois Valley Open Door, a food pantry in Selma at 18250 Hwy. 199, will change its schedule as of Friday, July 1, said Josephine County Food Bank (JCFCB). The new schedule will be Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "This change is being made so that I.V. Open Door can more efficiently serve our clients," said JCFCB. "We salute Dodie, her daughter and their volunteers for all their years of hard work, and for the wonderful service they provide to Selma and other Illinois Valley residents."

KUHS REUNION - Dedication of a plaque to students and teachers from the former Kerby Union High School from 1924 to 1949 will be part of an event Saturday, July 2. The reunion potluck will include a yard sale and the plaque dedication at KUHS Park on the south side of the RCC Kerby Belt Bldg. on Hwy. 199. All valley students and alumni can attend the historic event. There will be a tour of Kerbyville Museum History Center after the reunion.

LOGO LAND - Southern Oregon residents can submit logo proposals until July 31 for the Southern Oregon Guild and Kerbyville Museum, which are in a joint-venture agreement. They plan to develop the Southern Oregon Arts and Cultural Center on the Kerbyville Museum site in Kerby. Logos can be vertical or horizontal, and suitable for letterhead, business cards and related items. They must include: Southern Oregon Arts and Cultural Center, Kerbyville Museum, and Southern Oregon Guild. They should be sent to P.O. Box 3195; Kerby OR 97531. The winner will receive a three-year Guild membership or \$100 in Guild services.

NOTEPAD - A legislative hotline session will be held Wednesday, June 22 from 7:30 to 8 p.m. in Room 154 of the JoCo Courthouse with state Sen. Jason Atkinson, and Reps. Gordon Anderson, Dennis Richardson and Susan Morgan ... **Volunteer drivers** are sought by I.V. Family Coalition, as the community bus provided by JoCo will halt intravalley service as of July 1. To help the elderly and disabled keep medical appointments and go shopping, volunteer drivers and vehicles are requested by Carol Ronan, IVFC executive director, at 592-6139. She'll coordinate the effort ... **That Supreme Court** ruling about medical marijuana doesn't affect current card-holders, at least in Josephine County, notes Undersheriff Brian Anderson ... **Country dancing** lessons are offered at Selma Community Center on a sliding scale (for payment). Phone 415-1000 for details ... **Lovejoy Hospice** will offer training for new volunteers beginning Saturday, July 30. Those interested "in joining Lovejoy's outstanding team of caring people" should phone Jean Semrau, Volunteer Services manager, at 474-1193 "as soon as possible" ... **Actual newspaper ha-ha's:** *Dirt, mud and moths can ruin your carpet. Phone us and we will tell you how to do it. *Barbecue yourself at Jake's Café. *Franklin at Billy's Bar invites all his friends to his special Irish happy hour. Have one drink and pay for two. *A 23-year-old Rosedale man was in a hospital yesterday after trying to get rid of a sore tooth by blowing it out of his mouth with a .22 rifle. *The couple arrived to find their home engulfed in flames, along with two fire engines and a crowd of spectators.

LAST WORDS - The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong. (Mahatma Gandhi)

Oregon business taxes affect economic activity

State and local taxes on businesses in Oregon were the 47th lowest in the nation as a percent of private sector economic activity during 2004, according to a new study published by a national business lobby group.

As a share of all state and local taxes, business taxes in Oregon ranked 50th among the states and the District of Columbia.

The study was compiled by the accounting firm Ernst & Young for the Council on State Taxation (COST), an association of more than 500 multistate corporations that works to influence state tax policies.

COST is an outgrowth of, and is still associated with, the Council of State Chambers of Commerce.

"The COST study adds to the substantial evidence that Oregon is a low-tax state for business," said Michael Leachman, who studies corporate tax issues for the Oregon Center for Public Policy.

"The COST study may be hard medicine for Oregon's business lobbyists to swallow, but reading it might help cure them of their belly-aching," he added.

Since the study uses

corporate income tax data for tax year 2003-04 for Oregon, it does not include the full effect of a major corporate tax break that is being phased in between 2003 and 2008. This tax break changes the way Oregon calculates the state corporate income tax on the profits of multistage corporations.

Beginning in 2008, the corporate tax formula will be based only on the companies' sales in Oregon. Multistate companies with large portions of their property and payroll in Oregon, but few Oregon sales, will reap large cuts in their corporate income taxes when the tax break is fully implemented in three years, said COST.

The Legislative Revenue Office estimates that this change will cost Oregon nearly \$73 million in the 2005-07 budget cycle.

Leachman also noted that the study does not include a 50 percent increase in the research and development tax credit approved by the 2003 Legislature and set to go into effect next year. That tax loophole is slated to cost Oregon \$21.6 million in 2005-07, up from \$5.1 million in this budget period,

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Saturday, June 25: Antique & Classic Car Show, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., awards at 3. Come early for All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast, 7 to 11. Lunch served noon to 4

Guide Paws 4-H Demonstrations, Oregon Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit (free for all ages), Face Painting, Local Artisan Booths, Raffles & 50-50 Drawings, Live DJ playing 50's, 60's, 70's Sock Rock

Advance tickets available for Friday BBQ Dinner & Dance available at The Book Exchange, Tender Treasures & Home Valley Bank.

For more information phone 592-3689 or 592-6442

IVFD to the Rescue

Monday, June 13
*3:18 a.m., medical assist (M.A.), all with American Medical Response (AMR) 100 block N. Boundry Lane.

*4:10 a.m., M.A., 200 block Dick George Road.
*4:28 a.m., districtwide medical standby (DiMS), all for AMR.

*8:03 a.m., M.A., 100 block N. Junction Avenue.
*8:06 a.m., DiMS.

Tuesday, June 14
*1:36 p.m., special assignment, 100 block Deer Creek Road.

Wednesday, June 15
*9:50 a.m., mutual aid, 13000 block Hwy. 199.
*11:08 a.m., DiMS.
*2:26 p.m., outdoor smoke investigation, 2000 block Laurel Road.

Thursday, June 16
*9:14 a.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA), Hwy. 199 near milepost 35.

*2 p.m., MVA, 24000 block Hwy. 199.
*4:13 p.m., powerline problem, 8000 block Deer Creek Road.

*4:44 p.m., M.A., 100 block Deer Creek Road.
*4:48 p.m., DiMS.
*11:29 p.m., open burn, Hwy. 199/Ken Rose Lane.

Friday, June 17
*4:10 a.m., M.A., 2000 block Hwy. 46.

*4:19 a.m., DiMS.
*3:13 p.m., MVA, N. Old Stage Road at E. River Street.
*6:56 p.m., MVA, Hwy. 199/Lone Mt. Road.

*9:13 p.m., MVA, Hwy. 199 near Lakeshore Drive.

Saturday, June 18
*3:01 a.m., M.A., 600 block Fernwood Drive.

*3:03 a.m., DiMS.
*10:20 a.m., M.A., 2700 block Lakeshore Drive.

*10:23 a.m., DiMS.
Sunday, June 19
*6:21 a.m., M.A., 24000 block Hwy. 199.

*2:48 p.m., M.A., 100 block Boundry Lane.

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