

Here, There & Everywhere

KICKIN' UP HEELS - English and Scottish country dancing lessons are available at Selma Community Center (SCC) on second and fourth Thursdays (the next session will be June 30). "The basics" run from 6:30 to 7 p.m.; with dancing from 7 to 8:30 p.m. "Everything is taught, so no experience or partner are required," said SCC. For more information phone 592-6288 or 592-3246.

KUHS CEREMONY - A reunion of Kerby Union High School students will be held at Kerby Park, adjacent to the former school across from Joe's Market, on Saturday, July 2 beginning at noon. A plaque honoring students and teachers of the former high school from 1924 to 1949 will be dedicated. There also will be a potluck meal, yard sale and reminiscing.

COUNTRY FAIR - A country fair with numerous booths and vendors, plus angora goats and minicritters, will be among features Saturday, July 2 on the parking lot at Sterling Savings Bank in Downtown Cave Junction. The event, sponsored by I.V. Family Coalition, will include vendors offering cotton candy, shaved ice, hot dogs, and face-painting. Arts and crafts, and plants, also will be available. The fair will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHETHER WEATHER - A free summer weather spotter training class will be held Tuesday, July 12 at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in CJ. Ryan Sandler from the National Weather Service will lead the class. No-host dinner will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the class will last until 8:30 p.m. A variety of topics will be included, such as weather patterns, thunderstorm development, and weather safety tips. For more information reach Sandler at 776-4303 or ryan.sandler@noaa.gov; or Cheryl & Harry Johnson in O'Brien at 596-2104, or cherhar@frontiernet.net

BLUEGRASS TIME - The second annual Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival, sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, will be held July 30 at Lake Selmac. Various aspects of the event, which will have at least 10 bands, need donors and volunteers. Information is available from the I.V. Chamber at 592-3326; or Pam Cooper, event chairman, at (541) 610-4055; or nowcoop@yahoo.com

GOT ARTS & CRAFTS? - Opportunities to display their wares are offered S.W. Oregon and Northern California artists and craftsmen on the grounds of the historic Kerbyville Museum between Cave Junction and Selma. The offering, good through September, is through a partnership of Kerbyville Museum and Southern Oregon Guild. Details are available by phoning (541) 592-4594 or 596-2680. Or use renischaeffer@frontiernet.net

CROSS QUEST EXPEDITIONS - A number of programs are offered by Cross Quest Expeditions. From July 5-8 there will be a junior high leadership camp including surfing, climbing and paintball events. From July 11-15 Camp Surf will be held, and there is a limit of 12 campers. Junior High Surf Camp will be held July 18-22; and a high school backpack camp is set for July 25-29. There are fees. For information phone 592-3329.

NOTEPAD - Sylvianne Irons, from Illinois Valley Family Coalition, will retire after five years of faithful community service. Those who want to say good-bye and wish her well can stop at the I.V. Resource Center on E. River Street Thursday, June 30 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. There will be refreshments ... **Out 'N' About Treehouse Resort** inadvertently was omitted from a "thank you" ad placed in last week's issue by the I.V. High School Class of 2005, and the 2005 Grad Night Party Committee ... **Food & Friends** is looking for volunteers to deliver noontime meals to homebound senior citizens. Orientation and mileage reimbursement will be provided. "Those who want a volunteer job involving problem-solving, physical exercise, variety, and a nutritious lunch" should phone 955-8839 ... **Weird laws:** In Hartford, Conn. It is illegal to cross a street while walking on your hands ... In Los Angeles, bathing two babies in the same tub at the same time is forbidden ... In Zion, Ill. It is illegal to give lighted cigars to cats, dogs and other animals kept as pets ... A man cannot go outside in Carmel, N.Y. while wearing mismatched jacket and pants ... Oklahoma law forbids a person from taking a bite of another person's hamburger ... In St. Louis it's illegal to sit on a city street curb and drink beer from a bucket.

LAST WORDS - *Change your thoughts and you change the world. (Norman Vincent Peale) *For success, attitude is equally as important as ability. (Harry E. Banks) *Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more, you should never wish to do less. (Robert E. Lee)

Smokejumper tour, slides on calendar

A tour of the historic Siskiyou Smokejumper Base, and a smokejumper "family album" slide show, both free, are offered.

On Thursday, June 30, "A Smokejumper Family Album" slide show will be presented in the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction.

The 40-minute program will begin at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, July 2 at 9 a.m., a 45-minute tour of the former smokejumper base at Illinois Valley Airport will begin.

Regarding the slide show, historian Roger Brandt said, "The Siskiyou Smokejumper Base is one of Oregon's most adventurous stories. It began when parachuting into rugged wilderness terrain was a new, bold undertaking."

"The slide program will show how this tale of Cave Junction's heritage unfolded. We have a slide program of historic photos from the largest digital archive ever assembled regarding the base.

"This is a story," said Brandt, "of an innovation in fire-fighting that required a resourcefulness to deal with situations most of us can barely imagine."

"Each frame will reveal this to be a story of young, energetic individuals living their part of a legacy that has become one of the most daring stories in the history of Josephine County," he said.

Regarding the tour, Brandt said that most of the route is wheelchair-accessible. Former smokejumpers will be present to talk with visitors.

"Arrangements can be made," he said, "to view the interior of the historic parachute loft, the oldest building of its type in North America."

The airport is off Hwy. 199, approximately 4 1/2 miles south of Cave Junction.

O'Brien Weather

Following are high-and-low temperatures, plus rainfall, recorded in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson.

- *Mon., June 20: 81-51
- *Tues., June 21: 69-46
- *Wed., June 22: 80-48
- *Thurs., June 23: 90-48
- *Fri., June 24: 89-51
- *Sat., June 25: 86-56, .02
- *Sun., June 26: 80-53, T

Fire-safe education goal of I.V. Fire

Smoke detectors, home and property inspections available

With a goal of fire safety year-round for residents, Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) is offering free home inspections, and a door-to-door smoke alarm campaign during July.

Additionally, Josephine County has obtained some funding to help qualified home owners have their property evaluated for wild-fire safety, said De Spellman, IVFD fire prevention coordinator. Work can be conducted to remove brush and other vegetation from around homes and driveways.

Spellman, who works under IVFD Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer, said that to qualify for the program, a home owner must qualify as having low income and be identified as having "special needs." The latter is defined as "those who cannot take care of themselves in an emergency due to physical or mental issues."

They also must live close to federal land in an area identified as high-risk. Maps are available, said Spellman.

There is no cost to home owners who qualify. They will work with Oregon Dept. of Forestry, which will conduct the evaluation of work to be done. After approval, a contractor will be chosen to do the work.

Home Inspections, Smoke Alarms Offered
"We will be doing home inspections on a voluntary basis for home owners," said Spellman. "IVFD is happy to help the residents of our community stay safe and learn to live with fire. We offer a number of programs to this end."

"We are in service to our community, and our goal in prevention is to save lives through education. We will be asking for community support to reach the goal of giving everyone in the valley the same chance of survival."

"As a community it is our responsibility to help each other, and that is why I know that this smoke alarm program will work."

IVFD and community volunteers will conduct a door-to-door smoke alarm campaign this month. They

will test and install smoke alarms, if needed in targeted areas of the valley.

"Smoke alarms are critical to home fire safety," said Spellman, "because they alert us to fire in its early stages. More importantly, they can alert us to a fire when we are most vulnerable -- when we are asleep."

Eighty percent of Oregon's 41 fire fatalities during 2004 occurred in homes, according to the state fire marshal. The majority of deaths occurred in homes without a working smoke alarm: They were not working, usually because the batteries were dead, disconnected or missing.

"The presence of a working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving a fire, and our program will ensure that more of our residents have that protection," Spellman and Schaeffer said in a joint statement.

"We will be asking for community support to reach our goal to have smoke detectors for all residents," said Spellman. "We also have smoke detectors for hearing-impaired people."

Moo boo held

Five eastern Oregon counties, with state and federal agencies, participated last month in a full-scale "agro-terrorism" exercise.

It was designed to simulate response to a highly contagious foreign animal disease in Oregon.

The exercise for Wallowa, Umatilla, Union, Baker and Malheur counties, was sponsored under the Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program. The program is coordinated by the Oregon Office of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Management.

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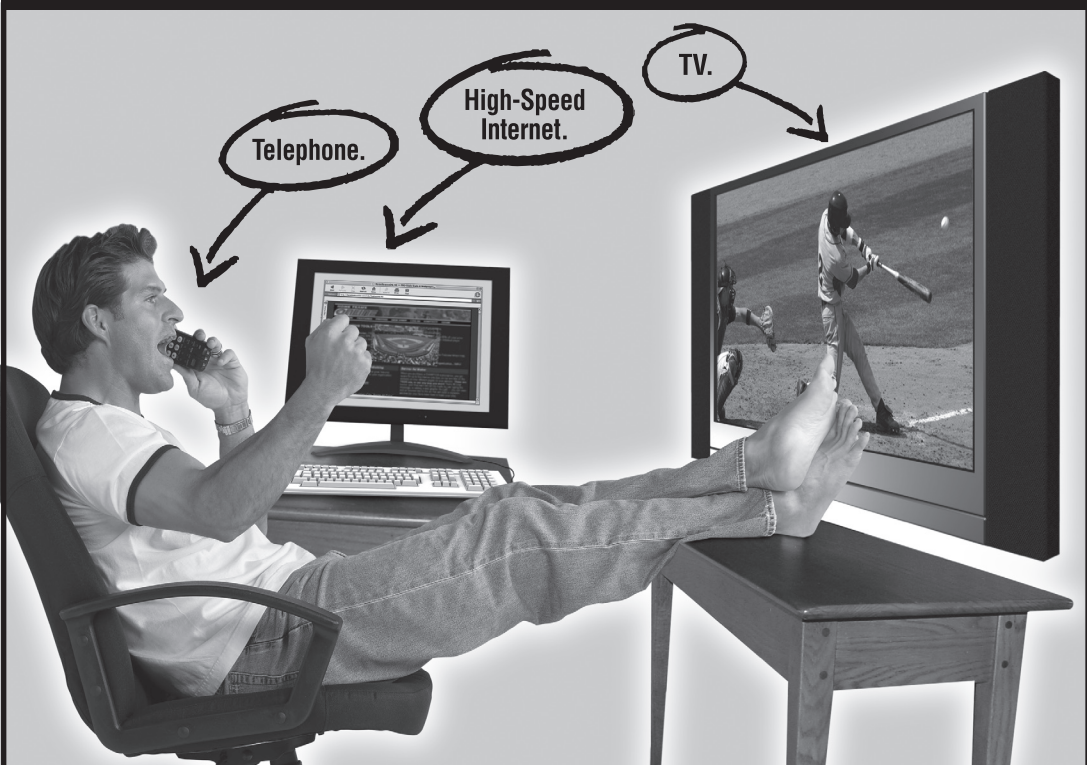
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