

Here, There & Everywhere

BLUE MOON SHINE - Leonard Cirino, an Oregon publisher, and author of more than a dozen books of poetry, will be at Blue Moon Café in Downtown CJ Tuesday, July 12 beginning at 7 p.m. for a poetry-reading and book-signing. His work includes "The Wilderness of Self," nominated for the National Book Award. After Cirino as featured reader, there will be an open mic period.

GET A WEATHER EYE - A free "Summer Weather Spotter" training class will be taught Tuesday, July 12 at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in Cave Junction by Ryan Sandler from the National Weather Service (NWS). There will be no-host dining from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., with the two-hour class beginning at 6:30. Many topics will be covered, including when a weather spotter should phone NWS, the basics of thunderstorm development, and a review of NWS summer weather warnings. Sandler can be contacted in Medford at 776-4303; or phone Cheryl & Harry Johnson in O'Brien at 596-2104.

YOUTHFUL SUMMER - Siskiyou Field Institute offers a Summer Explorers Club for students going into second- to fifth-grades, and a Summer Science Club for students entering sixth- to eighth-grades. The explorers group will meet Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2 at Lorna Byrne Middle School. It's free for Evergreen Elementary School students, but enrollment is limited. The science club will meet at LBMS (free for LBMS students) Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. July 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3. Phone 592-3777 to sign up or for more information.

TRAVEL WELL - Josephine County Public Health Dept. offers the Travel Well Program, which includes administration of medications and vaccines that have been recommended by the Centers for Disease Control for travelers to receive prior to going to specific regions. The program also includes information on how to avoid injury and illness abroad; what items should be included in a travel medical kit, and tips on traveling with children. Travelers should phone at least six weeks prior to their trip, as some vaccines require a booster. For appointments or further information phone 474-5325.

NOTEPAD - Shop Smart Food Warehouse, Select Market, and Selmac Auto are appreciated by the Illinois Valley High School Class of 1995. Classmates came to Reunion 2005 last weekend and discovered that funds they thought were set aside had been spent. The three businesses stepped forward to help supply the fixings for the class reunion at "Forks" State Park ... **"Mudsong,"** the second book of poems by international prize-winning poet Michael Spring, of O'Brien, is available at Blue Moon Café in Downtown CJ ... **Bittersweet:** "Best of Show" in the CJ Lions car show June 25 went to Roseburg resident Chuck Mathis and the 1960 T-Bird that was his wife's. They won the top prize at the show three years running with his '49 Mercury, and she told him that next year they'd bring her car. She died in March in a traffic accident. So Mathis finished her car, and brought it to CJ for her ... **A telephone hotline** with state Sen. Jason Atkinson office, started by the JoCo Board of Commissioners, has been canceled until further notice ... **George McKeever**, who lived in Illinois Valley in the late 1980s and early '90s, has earned the designation, Project Management Professional from the Project Management Institute, of Newtown Square, Pa. He now lives in Grants Pass, and is a graduate of Oregon Institute of Technology at Klamath Falls ... **U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio**, (D-Springfield) has joined 206 of his colleagues in a letter to President Bush asking that he immediately address the \$1 billion shortfall in veterans health-care funding identified last week by the administration ... **Did you hear** about the U.S. Marine colonel being driven to a meeting in a big city? His car got behind a timid man, who kept hesitating on a freeway access ramp. After fuming for several minutes, the colonel yelled at the window, "Hey buddy, the sign says 'Yield,' not 'Surrender'."

LAST WORDS - I am not the editor of a newspaper and shall always try to do right and be good so that God will not make me one. (Mark Twain)

Swimmers needed at CJ Pool

The annual grand opening of the Cave Junction Swimming Pool made a huge splash with 225 attendees Saturday, June 25.

Thanks to the generosity of donations, the city of Cave Junction has given the go-ahead for the pool to offer children's swim lessons. There will be two sessions offered this summer.

Session 1 will begin Tuesday, July 19. Session 2 will begin Aug. 9.

Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays. Offered are beginner lessons, ages 3-6; intermediate lessons, ages 7-9; and advanced lessons, 9 and older. Limited space is available.

Cave Junction Pool still wants to offer an adult water aerobics class.

"We would like to offer a mid-day class from noon to 1 p.m., and an evening class from 5:30 to 6:30," said Cynthia Hobbs, pool manager. "We have a long interest list, but we need those who would like the class to come and commit.

"The aerobics class," she said, "would run Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for eight weeks.

"For the older child who might be interested in being a future lifeguard, we would like to try a Jr. Master Swimmer Program. This program will strengthen competitive swim strokes, and teach some life guarding skills.

"This class will be offered to ages 11 and older with good swimming ability. It will be held Mondays through Thursdays in the evenings for two weeks if there is enough interest."

Phone 592-3990 or come by for more information Mondays through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Club News

Siskiyou Project

An easy-to-moderate hike to Star Flat to view the carnivorous *Darlingtonia* or pitcher plant will be held Saturday, July 9. Hikers should meet at 10 a.m. at Selma Select Market.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Josephine County Commissioners will conduct informal meetings with public officials, county department heads and employees, and other citizens, every legal day, Monday through Friday, with the exception of Wednesday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., in Room 154 of the Josephine County Courthouse. On Wednesdays, the office hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. A daily schedule of all prearranged meetings will be posted each morning beginning at 8:00 A.M. from the Executive Secretary of the Board of Commissioners. The purpose of these meetings will be to gather information, discuss issues, and deliberate toward decisions concerning matters of public policy and concern. All interested persons may attend said meetings except those designated as "Executive Sessions." In addition, notice of advisory board and commission meetings are also posted in the Commissioners Office.

DONE and DATED this 22nd day of Jan. 1997.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Steven Campbell
Josephine County
Legal Counsel

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City deputy pact gains tentative OK

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In addition, a number of critical comments were made about response time, follow-up, citizen contact and other areas of law enforcement by Josephine County Sheriff's Office.

Through discussion, it was determined that apprehension expressed by the council June 27 about only receiving 20 hours per week did not relate to the city deputy. Instead, the sheriff noted, the comment he made to a reporter for a Grants Pass newspaper, was in connection with the retirement of Lt. Lee Harmon. He was devoting at least 20 hours per week in city limits, in addition to the city deputy's time. Harmon, who was commander of the I.V. Substation in Cave Junction, retired June 30.

During the workshop, beginning with a comment by Councilman Russell Ehrman, and backed by Councilman Rita Dyer, the city officials disputed the "Illinois Valley News" report of the council meeting. They indicated that the report was not an accurate portrayal of the session.

"I read that story, and said, 'Did I attend that meeting?'" said Dyer.

Ehrman, in challenging the report, said to Daniel, "With all due respect (to the 'I.V. News')," comments

during the June 27 council meeting "weren't personal" about the sheriff.

Ehrman added that "good things about the sheriff's office" were stated during the meeting, and opined that the report was not an appropriate representation.

After discussion, clarifications and explanations regarding the contract and patrol coverage and responses, the sheriff, accompanied by Sue Watkins, the sheriff's office business manager, said they'd revise the contract and then have to let legal counsel review it.

"We'll try to expedite it for the July 11 council meeting," said Watkins.

The sheriff explained that the city deputy works approximately 40 hours per week in the city. He noted that if a deputy elsewhere in the valley needs assistance, the city officer will respond.

Additionally, he said, the city officer has requirements for training, court time, prisoner transport if he makes an arrest, and writing reports -- to name some of his duties -- and those take away from the time he can spend patrolling.

The sheriff reiterated his comments from a June 22 "News" story that he will do his best with limited staffing to be sure that Illinois Valley has an officer, besides the city deputy, on duty in

the valley approximately 20 hours per week.

In conclusion, the sheriff told the council that he is available by telephone at 474-5117. He said that if citizens have concerns about not being contacted or other areas regarding law enforcement, they can phone him.

He stressed that he wished the council had contacted him about their concerns before airing them during a council meeting without him being present.

Dyer said she thought that he was notified of the meeting, but Daniel said that he was not, and that he doesn't know the schedule for council meetings.

Council members indicated that they would strive to keep Daniel better advised of their meetings. He said that he will have the city deputy present at council meetings, and that the deputy will present a report of his activities.

Meanwhile, the council plans to continue looking for options for law enforcement. Daniel approved their approach, noting that with the tremendous population growth in the city, the council needs to take steps, possibly leading to a city police department.

In the meantime, the council and sheriff made it clear that they want to have open communication.

Sheriff urges 24/7 law enforcement coverage

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city is growing by leaps and bounds.

"It's time you provide 24/7 police protection, whether it's through our office or by forming your own department. You will have far greater control over your officers if you have your own

department, but I wouldn't expect them to stay on very long if you treat them the same as you do our office.

"Whether you renew your contract or not does not matter to me. I pledge to continue to provide the best service possible to all resi-

dents of Josephine County within the resources given me. We can sit down together and work on these issues in a professional manner, or throw barbs at each other through the press.

"The decision is yours," the sheriff concluded.

Workshop on hypertufa set July 14, 16 by Extension

Two public hypertufa workshops are offered by the Josephine County Master Gardener Association, said Oregon State University Extension Service.

Hypertufa is a lightweight cement-based product. Attendees will make a small project to take home, and learn the basics of mixing and working with hypertufa material.

Students are encouraged to bring a mold for their project, such as small bird-bath or stepping stone.

There is a \$5 fee for the class and is limited to the first 25 paid participants per class. The first class will be held Thursday, July 14 from 9 to 11 a.m.

A repeat of the class will be held Saturday, July 16 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The class will be held at the Extension Auditorium, 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass. Phone 476-6613 to register.

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IVCDO Meeting Schedule
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Day	Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Wed	7/6	Workshop Meeting	7:00-9:00 PM	County Bldg
Tues	7/12	Executive Comm	5:30-6:30 PM	IVCDO
Wed	7/13	Operational Oversight & Projects & Programs	5:30-6:30 PM	IVCDO
Tues	7/19	Board Meeting	7:00-9:00 PM	FRC
Mon	7/18	Community Relations	5:30-6:30 PM	IVCDO