

Here, There & Everywhere

TALENT ALERT - The 2005 Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival (Sept. 3-5) is fast approaching, and the talent show in Jubilee Park again will be among features. Amateurs of all ages are encouraged to participate. The talent show will be held Sept. 3 for participants 19 and younger; and Sunday, Sept. 4 for adults. Showtime for both events is set for 2 to 3 p.m. Winners will take home cash prizes. The deadline to enter is Aug. 31. Late entries will not be accepted, said the I.V. Lions. For information or signups, phone Donna Whitfield, 596-2719; or Milton Peterson, 592-2252.

KAWASAKI CALL - Kerby Belt Lodge 18 has raffle tickets for a Kawasaki 700 quad. The drawing will be on Oct. 8. Proceeds will go to Masonic charitable endeavors and high school scholarships for Illinois Valley. Tickets are available at Yanase Jewelers in Kerby, Family Tree Garden Center, CJ 1-Hour Photo, or from any lodge member.

AMR RELOCATING - American Medical Response (AMR), which has rented the lower portion of CJ City Hall for many years, will end its agreement as of Sunday, July 31. AMR has signed an agreement with I.V. Fire District for rental space in Station 1 in CJ.

WALDEN ‘SHOE-IN’ - Congressman Greg Walden (R-Ore.) ran circles around his House colleagues from the Beaver state in a friendly competition among the five representatives. Each year, the members collect worn-out athletic shoes and recycle them through Nike Inc.’s Reuse-A-Shoe program. Shoes are ground up and turned into items including playground and track surfaces. Walden’s Medford and D.C. offices collected a combined total of 490 pairs, far outpacing the other congressional offices, which collectively gathered some 1,300 pairs. To honor Walden’s efforts, Nike will provide some \$2,000 worth of athletic or other equipment to the White City Boys & Girls Club in his name.

EDITOR’S NOTE - Senate Bill 1084 establishes a 30-member commission to review legislative timing, frequency and length of sessions, procedures, and the adequacy of facilities and staffing. It was approved by the House last week. It’s about a sure bet that the “adequacy of facilities and staffing” will end up costing us. Let’s see.

OSHA TRAINING - Three days of free training for employers and workers will be provided in Medford Aug. 16-18 by the Oregon Dept. of Consumer and Business Services, Occupational Safety and Health Division. Topics and dates: “Safety Accountability,” Aug. 16, 8 a.m. to noon; “What to Expect from an OR-OSHA Inspection,” Aug. 16, 1 to 5 p.m.; “Workplace Emergency Action Plan,” Aug. 17, 8 a.m. to noon; “Lockout/Tagout and Machine Safeguarding,” Aug. 17, 1 to 5 p.m.; “Fall Protection,” Aug. 18, 8 a.m. to noon; and “Evacuation Safety,” Aug. 18, 1 to 5 p.m. To register, phone (888) 292-5247, Option 2; or use orosha.org for more info.

NOTEPAD - **Gospel singer** Ron Judd will perform in concert Thursday, July 28 at 6 p.m. at Living Word Fellowship, 139 Caves Ave. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be taken. Judd’s compositions include “Jack Richardson” and “Born Yesterday” ... **Appreciation to Jerry Lamb**, of Lamb’s Body Shop, has been extended by Illinois Valley Fire District for his work on the district’s mechanic duty truck. He completed the job and didn’t charge for labor ... **A program for clergy** on end-of-life resources is offered by Lovejoy Hospice Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in Grants Pass. The program is free. Phone 474-1193 to register ... **“Proagation Planting**, The Cutting Edge,” is the title of a workshop Thursday, Aug. 11 in Central Point by Jackson County Master Gardener Association. There is a fee. Phone 776-7371 to sign up ... **Former JoCo** Commissioner Harold Haugen is among persons filing claims with the county in connection with Measure 37 involving reduction in property value ... **Opposition to closing** National Guard bases in the Northwest is the stated goal of a resolution that was to be considered by Josephine County commissioners Wednesday, July 27 in Grants Pass ... **Among the many** Oregon public bodies: the Dept. of Environmental Quality Compost Facility Rulemaking Work Group ... **More goofy laws:** *In Idaho, all boxes of candy given as romantic gifts must weigh more than 50 pounds. It’s the law. *In California, animals are banned from mating publicly within 1,500 feet of a tavern, school or place of worship. *In New York it’s against the law to throw a ball at someone’s head for fun. *In the state of Washington it’s illegal to catch a fish by throwing a rock at it. *It is illegal to lie down and fall asleep with your shoes on in North Dakota.

LAST WORDS - The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life. (Jane Addams)

Citizens pepper county board with many questions

*Will Josephine County commissioners allow the city of Cave Junction to harvest dead and dying trees in the “old city park?”

*Can the city and county gain better representation on the Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT)?

*Will a rumored civil suit by a group of disgruntled motorcyclists materialize against Sheriff Dave Daniel because of citations issued during a recent rally in rural Grants Pass?

These and other matters were broached during the county commission’s quarterly meeting for Illinois Valley residents Monday evening, July 25 in the county building in Cave Junction. More than 20 citizens attended, along with CJ Mayor Tony Paulson and three council members with City Recorder Jim Polk.

The informal session was led by county Commissioners Jim Riddle and Jim Raffenburg. Commissioner Dwight Ellis did not attend, as he was involved in union negotiations elsewhere.

Comments by citizens touched on many topics, including dissatisfaction with the sheriff’s staffing and financial expertise; the possibility that timber harvest “safety net” money from the federal government will dry up; and does the valley have sufficient water resources to meet impending population growth.

Another major item involved the city instituting developer fees to help meet the effects of new housing on city resources. Regarding the latter, Riddle said that he will contact the city of Grants Pass to check on its format. Funding for such “service development fees” is a stumbling block, said Polk, and Riddle urged the city to seek grant money.

Raffenburg said that the board will confer about tree harvesting on city property at the end of S. Old Stage Road. The city has included some \$10,000 in anticipated

revenue from the sale of the timber. The proceeds would be used for Jubilee Park expenses, said Paulson.

Under a contract drawn when the county gave the property to the city, said Raffenburg, the stated intent was to allow river access to valley residents. Also, the city was to develop the park, but has been unable to do so.

The sheriff drew potshots from several attendees,

including a Selma resident, who claimed that Daniel is a liability to the county. A Cave Junction resident stated that some people want to recall the sheriff, but that it’s too expensive and that he only has 18 months remaining in his term.

At one point during open discussion, Councilman Rita Dyer told the commissioners that they should contact the mayor or council

members with regard to various matters, and not Polk.

“Jim’s an employee,” she said. “We’re elected officials.” She indicated that the council would like to avoid placing Polk in an awkward middle-man position.

“We can make that happen,” said Riddle.

He and Raffenburg also said that the board is continuing its work to streamline county operations.

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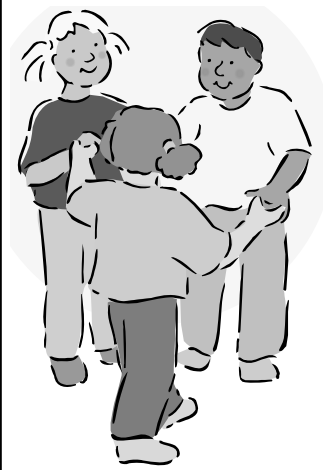
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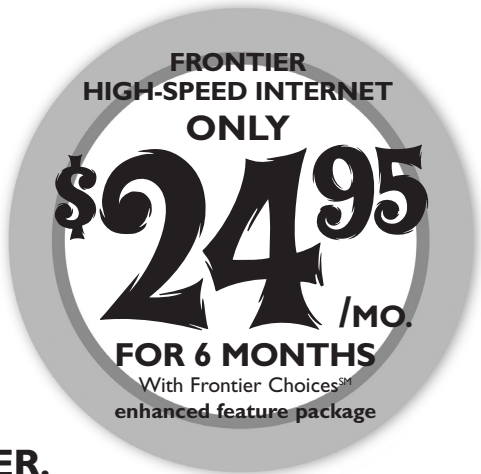
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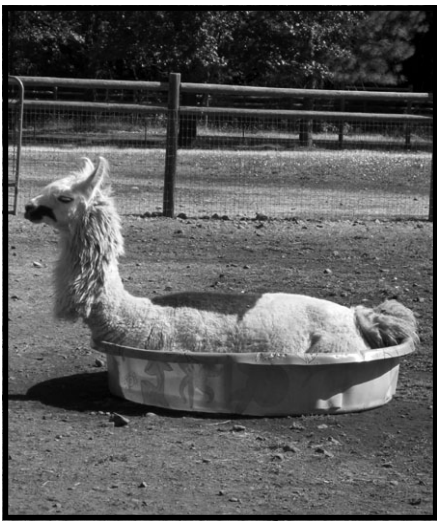


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