

Here, There & Everywhere

WORK IT OUT! - "The Rapidly Changing Workplace" Thursday, Aug. 18 will kick off a series of free Job Council employment search workshops at Illinois Valley Family Resource Center, in cooperation with I.V. Family Coalition. Workshops will run from 1:30 to 3 p.m. On the 18th, information will be given on "how some of our long-practiced approaches to getting and keeping a job are sabotaging us due to many dramatic changes." Other sessions include Sept. 1, "The Hidden Labor Market, Applications & Cover Letters," and Sept. 15, "Identifying Your Skills." There will be no child-care. Limited seating is available. To sign up, phone 592-6139; or 476-1877, Ext. 305.

LOVE A PARADE? - For their Monday, Sept. 5 Labor Day parade, members of Illinois Valley Lions Club hope to have all entry applications received by Monday, Aug. 22. The parade in Downtown Cave Junction, from Evergreen Elementary School to the Junction Inn, will mark the last day of the 34th annual I.V. Lions Labor Day Festival in Jubilee Park. I.V. Lions would like a good parade line-up, not only for the viewers, but in honor of the special guest performer, Jessi Colter, widow of Waylon Jennings. She'll perform in the park on Labor Day as part of the festivities. For more information phone 592-6441.

SOCCER TO ME - Fall soccer practice for I.V. High School boys and other sports will begin Monday, Aug. 22 on the field behind Evergreen Elementary School from 6 to 9 p.m. said coach Gary Enoch. Players need to have their paperwork and physicals completed beforehand. For more info phone Enoch at 597-4817.

SPORTS SHORTS - Mandatory sports physicals for all IVHS sports at a reduced price are offered at the Lorna Byrne Middle School Student Health Center, in cooperation with Siskiyou Community Health Center. For necessary appointments phone 592-6978 or 592-4111.

There is a \$50 participation fee for all IVHS fall sports. Students will not be allowed to practice until all their athletic paperwork is completed, and they've paid a \$3 towel fee. Athletes will not be allowed to participate in a jamboree or game until fees are paid, or until they meet with Gary Thornhill, athletic director.

WINNIN' SWIMMIN' - The final reduced-price night swim of the season at Cave Junction Swimming Pool will be held Tuesday, Aug. 23, courtesy of Rough & Ready Lumber Co. A free swim session, sponsored by The Shining Stars, will be held Saturday, Aug. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. The pool will close for the season Sept. 2. Said manager Cynthia Hobbins, "It has been a good season. Our management and staff appreciate the swimmers, and all the donors and sponsors who made this season possible, plus 'Illinois Valley News' for its support."

WALDEN WALKABOUT - U.S. Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.) will be in Grants Pass Wednesday, Aug. 24 as part of a five-day, four-county visit to S.W. Oregon including GP, White City, Medford and Ashland. On the 24th the congressman will meet from 7 to 8 a.m. with the JoCo Board of Commissioners to discuss topics including the "County Payments" program. He'll meet in GP City Hall from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. with various officials and activists regarding the fight against methamphetamine. And from noon to 1:30 p.m. he'll speak to the GP Rotary Club at Wild River Publik House, 533 N.E. F St.

CARE FAIR AFFAIR - Free immunizations, health screenings and "fun activities" are offered Saturday, Aug. 27 during the 12th annual Kids Care Fair at Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass. The immunizations, by JoCo Health Dept. nurses, are provided by Asante's Three Rivers Community Hospital and Rogue Valley Medical Center. The fair will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also available at no cost are dental, hearing, vision, speech and podiatry screenings.

NOTEPAD - The India Children's Choir will present a free community concert at Takilma Bible Church, 10343 Takilma Road, on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. Pastor Dan Robinson said that the group of youngsters, which has performed previously at TBC, presents an enthralling recital. The public program is sponsored by Bibles For the World ... **A new O'Brien Fire Station** will be dedicated with a ribbon-cutting and open house Saturday, Aug. 20 at 11 a.m. ... **Dome School** is seeking volunteers for its annual Hope Mt. Barter Faire. There will be a meeting at the school Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. ... **Acoustical finger-style guitarist** Dorian Michael will perform for a Dome School Rangers Program fundraiser Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 8 p.m. at the Takilma Community Bldg. (See the ad elsewhere in this issue) ... **U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden** (D-Ore.) met with Medford Fire & Rescue Monday, Aug. 15 to see its new supplemental first-response unit obtained with \$126,000 through a FEMA grant he supports ... **Project Baby Check** at Siskiyou Community Health Center has received a \$13,000 grant for each of the next two fiscal years ... **Festival of the Arts** at the Port of Brookings Harbor will be held the weekend of Aug. 20-21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is free admission and parking. Phone 469-7120 for more information ... **Bumper sticker mania:** *Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math. *He who laughs last thinks slowest. *Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off now. *I won't rise to the occasion, but I'll slide over to it. *Give me ambiguity or give me something else.

LAST WORDS X 2 - Don't fear death so much, but rather the inadequate life. (Bertolt Brecht)

Paradise is exactly like where you are now; only much, much better. (Laurie Anderson)

Restrictions intensified in forests

Personal-use restrictions affecting campfires, smoking, and use of motor vehicles in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest are in effect.

High fire conditions, and continued hot, dry weather were cited by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

Campfires are allowed only in developed, designated campgrounds and approved fire rings, fireplaces or stoves at those sites. Pressurized liquid or gas-powered stoves are allowed.

Smoking is allowed only inside enclosed vehicles or buildings; designated recreation sites; or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is free of flammable material; or aboard a watercraft while on water.

Use of internal combustion engines is prohibited unless powering a motor vehicle on forest development roads or within designated parking areas.

Motorized vehicles are prohibited off forest development roads or trails, except within designed parking areas.

Because of high fire concerns, "It is necessary for people to stay on developed roads and not go into grass or brush on motorized vehicles," said USFS.

Open house set Saturday at O'Brien's new station

Plans for a public ribbon-cutting and open house at the new O'Brien Fire Station highlighted a 20-minute meeting of the Illinois Valley Fire District board.

Directors met Thursday night, Aug. 11 at administrative headquarters.

The ceremony for the new O'Brien facility will begin at 11 a.m. There will be refreshments.

In another matter, the board voted 4-0, with Director Dusty Bouchard absent, to approve \$175,300 worth of expenses for July 14 through Aug. 8. The total includes \$44,441 to U.S. Bank for bond interest related to voter-approved bonds that have allowed construction of new stations for Selma, Cave Junction and O'Brien.

Another major item totaled \$93,703 to Batzer Construction, of Medford, for work on the stations. Other expenses include payment to various vendors for office supplies, maintenance items, utilities, fuel, outside services, PERS, and insurance.

There was no chief's report as Chief Harry Rich was on vacation. Brief reports on events and activities were made by Deputy Chief Jeff Gavlik, Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer, and Maintenance Capt. Kris Sherman.

Gavlik noted that three real estate agents were interviewed to serve as agent to sell the site of the former Selma Station. Lynn Johnson, of Illinois Valley Real Estate, was chosen.

Director Joel Downing recommended that the "For Sale" sign have "Commercial Property" added to it, and fellow board members agreed.

The board set its next meeting for Sept. 8.

Sheriff fires back at county board

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The sheriff continued: "That rift actually started last year before Dwight Ellis and Jim Rafenberg were elected. I publicly supported them for commissioner because they told me that law enforcement would be their number-one priority. Only 21 days after they took office did I learn, the hard way, how much they supported law enforcement when they started trying to tell me how to run the sheriff's office."

"They both came out, during their campaigns, opposed to the jail levy on the November ballot. They said that people should vote against the levy, as there is plenty of money in county government to pay for the jail. Of course, as it turned out, I lost two jail positions and one patrol position in this year's budget."

"Prior to January this year," Daniel continued, "I had one undersheriff, two lieutenants, and first sergeant as my management staff. I eliminated the first sergeant position, thus reducing the number of managers from four to three."

"I thought the new commissioners would be happy with that decision, as this move reduced the number of managers and would ultimately result in savings to my budget. Instead, they

refused to allow me to promote Howard Banks into the jail manager position.

"This move was within my budget, and they had no business telling me I couldn't promote. Along the same lines, I had one lieutenant over the jail, and one over patrol and detectives."

"Lt. Harman was over patrol and assigned to the Illinois Valley Substation. He decided to retire on June 30, and my plan was to replace him with a new lieutenant and assign him to the I.V. Substation."

The sheriff continued that on June 25 the commissioners passed an order dictating that he have only one undersheriff, one lieutenant and eight sergeants. It meant, he said, that he couldn't replace Harman.

"As short as I am on patrol," said Daniel, "the best I can do is assign a corporal to work in the valley part time." He called it "yet another incident of them micromanaging my operation."

Daniel feels that "elected officials are in a better position to know who to hire and promote than the commissioners."

"The board," he said, "has the responsibility to set the number of county employees, not their classifications."

He also disputes the board's statement that he

has the same number of positions this year as last. "That's untrue," said Daniel.

"The board failed to fund my increases in Internal Service Fund (ISF) charges and materials and services," he said. "Those costs rose more than \$300,000, which caused me to lose two Corrections positions and one patrol position."

"For the current year," Daniel related, "the commissioners gave the sheriff's office \$683,000 to cover the costs of raises that they negotiated with the employee union. The commissioners stated that they then 'rolled back' another \$500,000 in expenses."

"That statement is false," said the sheriff.

"I ended up with an increase in ISF costs of \$135,000. In fact," he said, "my charges for the commissioners office alone went up \$5,000."

"I have the proof of their misleading statements, and will furnish it to anyone who desires. I expect their new Financial Review Committee will discover the truth."

"The only statement they made that I totally agree with is their last comment that it is important for the citizens to know the facts so they can hold the appropriate elected officials accountable," the sheriff concluded.

Be sure you're in the district, I.V. Fire suggests

It might behoove property owners to be sure they're within the boundaries of Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD).

That point was made by IVFD Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer during a board meeting Thursday night, Aug. 11 at administrative headquarters.

The matter arose as the board voted 4-0 to annex four properties into the district. Director Dusty Bouchard was absent.

Schaeffer, in recommending the annexations, said that two of the four involve people who "thought" they were in the district, but actually were not. This

means, he said, that if IVFD responds to such properties, they can bill the owners. It also could affect their fire insurance rates.

People should check their property tax bills, and if they haven't been paying a tax to IVFD, it would be a good idea to change that situation, Schaeffer noted.

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