

Here, There & Everywhere

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

TALENT TIME - Wednesday, Aug. 31 is the deadline to sign up for the talent show during the I.V. Lions Club Labor Day Festival in Jubilee Park. Late entries will not be accepted. Phone 596-2719 or 592-2252. Those 19 and younger will perform Saturday, Sept. 3; those 20 and older will show their stuff Sunday the 4th. There will be prizes.

'LABOR PAINS' - A free workshop Thursday, Sept. 1, "The Hidden Labor Market, Applications & Cover Letters," is the next in a series of Job Council employment search workshops at Illinois Valley Family Resource Center, in cooperation with I.V. Family Coalition. Workshops run Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. On Sept. 1 attendees will gain "tips on how to locate unadvertised jobs, and to prepare a master application and winning cover letters to submit to potential employers." The next two workshops will be Sept. 15, "Identifying Your Skills," and Sept. 29, "Preparing A Resume." There will be no child-care. There is limited seating. Phone 592-6139; or 476-1877, Ext. 305 to sign up.

PLASMA PLEA - An American Red Cross blood drive will be held Thursday, Sept. 8 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Illinois Valley Senior Center. Donors are asked to phone (800) 448-3543 to schedule their donation that can save up to three lives.

WORKSHOP FOR CARE-GIVERS - Lovejoy Hospice is sponsoring "Taking Care of You: Powerful Tools for Care-giving" Wednesdays from Sept. 7 through Oct. 12 in Grants Pass. Class size is limited, and preregistration is required. Phone 474-3110, Ext. 239. Donations to defray costs are suggested, but not required. During the six-week course, care-givers will discover the importance of self-care, as they develop personalized action plans, Lovejoy said.

MARS EVENT - A lot of folks have been confused about Mars and its passing close to Earth. The planet did pass extraordinarily close to us in August 2003. But it will not do the same thing this August. However, it will pass close to Mother Earth in October, although it will not appear nearly as large as the visit two years ago.

NOTEPAD - Classical guitarist Craig Einhorn will perform Thursday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at Creative Space Community Room above Blue Moon Café in Downtown CJ ... **"Real Money"** is the topic for a talk by Bernard von Nothaus, described as a monetary architect, Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Elmer's Restaurant in Grants Pass. The free presentation is sponsored by Liberty Dollar of S.W. Oregon, whose representative is Cave Junction resident Alan Heart. He can be contacted at 592-6652 ... **River Valley Restaurant** was recognized this week by JoCo commissioners for a near-perfect health inspection ... **Neal White**, one of CJ's well-known street individuals, has been hospitalized in Grants Pass, and one of his friends wanted to check on his condition. Knowing about hospital confidentiality, the friend phoned and identified himself as Neal's brother. The response was, "Well that's interesting, you're the third brother to call about him." (The friend wasn't given any info) ... **I.V. Pregnancy Center** will hold its second annual Walk for Life Saturday, Sept. 10. Registration will run from 10 to 10:30 a.m. with the walk right after. Persons of all ages can help. To participate phone 592-6058 ... **A tourism report** is among agenda items Thursday, Sept. 1 for a meeting of Illinois Valley Community Development Organization at 7 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. in CJ ... **"Conversations With God,"** a true story based on a book by Ashland resident Neale Walsch, will begin filming soon in Rogue Valley, with the premiere set in Portland during October 2006 ... **Bumper sticker mania:** *Make it idiot proof, and someone will make a better idiot. *Consciousness: That annoying time between naps. *All generalizations are false, including this one. *What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free? *I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

LAST WORDS - In the arena of human life, the honors and rewards fall to those who show their good qualities. (Aristotle)

\$8 Road work planned

Traffic on Eight Dollar Road will be affected by chip seal repairs beginning Monday, Aug. 29, and continuing through at least Thursday and Friday, Sept. 8-9, said U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

Delays of up to two hours are anticipated. Road repairs by the Fiddler Fire Salvage Sale purchaser will affect the first 2.2 miles of the USFS-administered road leading from the forest boundary to just past the green bridge.

The agency said that the public should plan ahead to avoid the surprise of delays.

"It is important to complete this repair," said Pam Bode, ranger for the Illinois Valley and Galice districts.

USFS said that drivers should use extra caution and drive at less than 20 mph as there may be loose rock on the roadway. There will be flaggers to direct traffic.

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WORK IS PROCEEDING on a pavilion for the Selma Farmers Market at Selma Community Center, the former Selma Elementary School. The market, with fresh

produce and other items, is open Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Once the pavilion is finished, the hours could change. (Photo by Dale Sandberg)

CJ deputy strives to end crime in city's hot spots

With "a multitude of criminal mischief incidents during July, property crimes were up approximately 70 percent in the city of Cave Junction."

So said Deputy Ray Webb, Josephine County Sheriff's Office city contract officer, in his report to the Cave Junction City Council meeting in city hall Monday night, Aug. 22.

He noted that person-to-person crimes decreased by 25 percent.

His report also noted 292 calls or incidents during July. They included 196 calls for service, 62 written reports, 29 Community Oriented Policing contacts, 27 cases of criminal mischief, 11 disturbances, nine thefts, and 31 traffic stops.

Four vehicles were reported stolen in the city. There were 15 burglar alarm calls, and nine thefts.

Three boys "responsible for the majority of the (criminal mischief)" incidents (during July) have been caught, and charges referred to the Josephine County Juvenile Justice Court," Webb said.

He added that he has information regarding some of the recent burglaries, and that he is pursuing leads.

The deputy said that he has modified his schedule in an effort "to stop and deter some of the crime that's occurring during some late hours."

"Cpl. Joel Heller," he continued, "is attempting to spend as much time in the

city during the day as his shift permits, as well as early hour coverage." Heller is officer-in-charge of the Illinois Valley Substation in the city.

Webb said he is watching Jubilee Park as much as possible because of juvenile people and transients there after-hours. He also is watching 321 S. Old Stage Road, he said, the site of a former methamphetamine lab, where it's reported that people are living.

"I still continue to patrol the city problem areas," he said, "as well as the rest of the town. I try to accommodate all complaints by focusing on the areas in question," Webb concluded.

JoCo jobs

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added 50 jobs during July. During the past year, those sectors have added 80 and 20 jobs respectively.

Manufacturing employment lost 20 jobs during July, but still posted an over-the-year gain of 130. Wood products manufacturing accounted for approximately half the gain since July 2004.

Transportation, warehousing and utilities employment fell by 70 jobs, mostly due to typical summer reductions. Government employment showed a loss of 710 jobs, mostly as a result of typical summer curtailments in local education employment, said OED.

The July jobless rate in Jackson County was 6.5 percent, the same as June, but lower than the 7.2 percent during July 2004.

The Oregon seasonally adjusted rate is 6.6 percent; the U.S. seasonally adjusted rate is 5.0 percent, OED said.

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