

Here, There & Everywhere

COMPUTER REVENGE - After “Bob’s Corner” last week about PCs substituting words, the computer went for payback. Unfortunately, it cropped up in the Junction Realty ad. To set the record straight, “Cute Country Charmer” does not have “detached garbage.” It should have read, “detached garage.” We appreciate Doug Stohلمان’s patience with us.

TEEN-AGE SORROW - “Connections,” a special storytelling performance by Impact Theater, will be given for teen-agers who have experienced major losses in their lives. The program, sponsored by Lovejoy Hospice, is set for Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Lovejoy building, 939 S.E. Eighth St. in Grants Pass. RSVPs can be accomplished by phoning 474-1193.

GENDER BENDER - “He Said! She Said! Gender Communications” is the last in a series of Job Council workshops at I.V. Family Resource Center on E. River Street, in cooperation with I.V. Family Coalition. It will be held Thursday, Nov. 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Child-care is not available, and seating is limited. To sign up, phone 592-6139; or 476-1877, Ext. 305.

TURKEY NUMBERS - Cave Junction Lions Club is sponsoring turkey bingo as a fund-raiser for I.V. Safe House Alliance on Saturday, Nov. 12 in the county building in CJ. There will be door prizes and refreshments, plus 14 games with the prize for each being a turkey. The final game will be a blackout, and the prize will be a complete turkey dinner.

WHITHER WEATHER - A free, public winter weather spotter training class will be given in Cave Junction Monday, Nov. 14. The class, at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., will be presented by Ryan Sandler from the National Weather Service (NWS) in Medford from 6 to 8 p.m. No-host dinner will begin at 5. Class topics will include weather patterns, safety tips, and NWS weather warnings and advisories. For more information contact Sandler at 776-4303; or Cheryl & Harry Johnson in O’Brien at 596-2104.

INTERNATIONAL AUCTION - I.V. High School’s International Club will hold its first fall auction at the school Thursday, Nov. 17. The price of admission will include a Mexican dinner with dessert. There also will be door prizes. Auction items include overnight accommodations at Out ‘N’ About Treehouse Resort, and a wooden gnome from It’s A Burl. Watch for more details.

HOOP SCOOP - Basketball registration will be held by the Boys & Girls Club at Evergreen Elementary School weekdays during November from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Practices will begin in January. Club divisions are for youth in kindergarten through high school. To net more information phone 479-5258.

NOTEPAD - A **blood drive** by American Red Cross will be held in CJ at the Illinois Valley Senior Center on E. River Street Thursday, Nov. 10 from 1 to 6 p.m. For an appointment phone 448-3543 ... **Veterans Day** will be observed Friday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. at Horizon Village in Grants Pass with a program moderated by JoCo Commissioner Dwight Ellis (USAF ret.). Watch for the ad in next week’s issue ... **Flu shots** will be given by JoCo Public Health Dept. in the county building in CJ Tuesday, Nov. 22. Watch the “Noose” for details ... **Funny quotes:** (From Dave Barry). *There is a very fine line between “hobby” and “mental illness.” *The main accomplishment of almost all organized protests is to annoy people who are not in them. *You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests that you think she’s pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment. *Never lick a steak knife. *You should not confuse your career with your life.

LAST WORDS - Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with. (Mark Twain)

Clubs and Organizations

Breast Cancer Group

Illinois Valley Breast Cancer Support Group will meet Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the I.V. Family Coalition Center on E. River Street.

Shari Woodward will give a talk about the treatment of lymphedema, a condition that sometimes occurs when breast cancer surgery includes removal of lymph nodes.

The group meets on second Tuesdays. Any woman can attend.

Siskiyou Action Project

A concert by Dana Lyons will be given Thursday, Nov. 10 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Alternative Media Center, 140-C Redwood Hwy. in Cave Junction.

Lyons has been called a “modern-day Pete Seeger.” Admission will be on a sliding

scale; free for those younger than 18.

Marine Corps League

The Rogue Valley Detachment will celebrate its 230th anniversary on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11 at Riverside Conference Center in Grants Pass.

The guest speaker, Lt. Col. Mark White, will address the Marine For Life Program. For reservations phone 479-2707.

Cross country

LaPierre 6th, girls 3rd at district meet

Illinois Valley’s girls cross country team captured third place in the Skyline Conference district meet at Lake Selmac on Saturday, Oct. 29, and Michelle LaPierre finished in the top seven to earn the right to run at the state meet.

LaPierre, a sophomore, will make her first trip to the 3-A state meet in Eugene on Saturday, Nov. 5. She ran the 5k course last Saturday in 20:16, taking sixth place.

The girls team garnered 89 points, shading Henley, which had 90. Phoenix was second with 48. Mazama was fourth with 130.

Hidden Valley’s girls took first place, and its boys team placed second. The Phoenix boys took first place in team ranking.

Cougar results:

Girls -- McKenzie Yeoman, 9th, 21:07; Sierra Chiverton, 18th, 22:44; Emily Dudley, 25th, 24:19; Raesha Wanstrath-Yeoman, 31st, 25:24; Beth Coots-Barnham, 38th, 34:36.

Boys -- Graham Baker, 14th, 18:16; Donnie Dillard, 20th, 18:37; Ben Bennett, 24th, 18:49; Wade Lorensen, 32nd, 19:29; Steve Paul, 36th, 19:52; Ben Green, 37th, 20:13; Nathan Green, 38th, 20:14.



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Clarification

A Dome School thank-you ad regarding Barter Faire supporters on page 7 of the Oct. 26 issue inadvertently concluded with a line that gave the impression that the gratitude was from “Nyki.” She wants to make it clear that the thanks are from the whole Dome School and not just her.

Three-alarm fire damages Rafters Restaurant in GP; cause unknown

Illinois Valley Fire District helped battle a three-alarm structure fire at Rafters Restaurant on Sixth Street in Grants Pass Monday night, Oct. 31.

There was extensive damage, said Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS). The cause of the fire is under investigation, and an estimate of monetary loss was unavailable.

The fire originally was reported as a chimney fire at 7:31 p.m., said GPDPS Commander Brian Pike.

The first fire unit arrived four minutes after the alarm and found dense smoke in the building, Pike said. Firefighters quickly realized it was a structure fire in progress with the

attached Riverside Inn threatened, he added.

A second alarm was initiated, as restaurant patrons and employees were evacuated. Several minutes later, a third alarm was called for, plus a request for assistance from fire agencies in Jackson County.

Pike said that at the peak of the blaze, it was fought by units from Rural/Metro Fire Dept., Illinois Valley Fire District, Applegate Fire District, Rogue River Fire Dept., and a structural task force from Jackson County.

American Medical Response stood by at the scene in case medical as-

sistance was needed. Pike said that Oregon Dept. of Transportation closed the Seventh Street bridge for several hours, as a water supply line was place across the roadway.

Dense smoke, said Pike, hampered efforts to locate and extinguish the seat of the fire. He said that extensive remodeling through the past years, with resulting void spaces, made fighting the fire difficult.

It took three hours to bring the fire under control, said Pike.

Firefighters spent several more hours searching for hidden flame between the floors and in the roof.

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