

# Here, There & Everywhere

**\*FINAL '05 WALK** - Downtown Cave Junction is the site for the final Second Friday Art Walk of 2005 on Dec. 9. Among features will be The Shining Stars Holiday Bazaar from 5 to 8 p.m. at the county building across from SOFCU. Holiday cookie platters, soup and biscuits, plus gift vendors and artisans will be among attractions at the Stars' event. Another draw will be Child's Play Toys & Books with its stock. The organization works to enrich the lives of valley children through art, music and recreational activities. There are ads from the Stars and the Art Walk elsewhere in this issue.

**\*BETHLEHEM BOUNTY** - Illinois Valley's December all-congregations assembly will be at Community Bible Church at 113 S. Caves Ave. in Cave Junction on Sunday the 11th at 6 p.m. The program title is, "Bethlehem's Light Christmas Musical," with a program by an all-church community choir. There is no admission charge, and the concert is open to everyone. Refreshments will be served after the performance. Attendees can bring a favorite snack to share if they want to.

**\*"SCHOOL BOARD" IN CJ** - Directors of Three Rivers School District will meet at Illinois Valley High School on Monday, Dec. 12. The board will meet in executive (closed to the public) session at 6 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and collective bargaining. Directors will meet in regular session immediately after their 7 p.m. supplemental budget hearing.

**\*"LIGHT UP A LIFE"** - Tuesday, Dec. 13 is set for the annual Light Up A Life program, sponsored by Lovejoy Hospice, at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Cave Junction beginning at 6 p.m. The program will include music, inspirational readings, and a recitation of the names of those being remembered by their loved ones. For more information phone 474-1193.

**\*HOSPICE HELP** - Lovejoy Hospice is offering training for new volunteers beginning Jan. 21. To join Lovejoy's "outstanding team of caring people," phone Jean Semrau, volunteer services manager, at 474-1193, "as soon as possible." Volunteers do everything from filing and typing to spending time with hospice patients.

**\*"HARLEY" HURRY** - Illinois Valley Lions Club has 300 first come-first served tickets for its 2006 Harley Davidson FXDW DynaWide Glide motorcycle raffle. Tickets at \$100 each are available from Steve Lyons at Century 21 Harris & Taylor, and Carlos' Restaurante, both in Downtown Cave Junction. The bike, valued at \$18,000, is displayed at Carlos'. The winning ticket will be drawn on Labor Day at the conclusion of the I.V. Lions' annual three-day Labor Day Festival in Jubilee Park.

**\*NOTEPAD - Chain Reaction**, the championship I.V. High School mountain bike team, has raffle tickets for a Burton 155 snowboard with Soloman SPX-1 bindings. Other prizes include four oil changes and minidetails by Cougar Automotive. Tickets for the Dec. 14 drawing are available at the IVHS office ... **Some \$482,000** for 13 national forest resource projects proposed for Josephine County, recommended by the Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee, have been approved by Scott Conroy, supervisor of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Projects include preventing the spread of noxious weeds, road maintenance, law enforcement, recreation site maintenance, hazardous fuel reduction work, and the Medford Air Tanker Base ... **T-shirt:** Obey gravity. It's the law. **Another T:** Tithe if you love Jesus. Anyone can honk. **One more T:** No one knows the trouble I've been. **Yet another T:** Cleverly disguised as a responsible adult. **Last T:** When you're right no one remembers. When you're wrong no one forgets.

**\*LAST WORDS** - Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.

## Dick George salmon run said 'unusual' in seasonal stream

It's not a fish story: One Dick George Road family recently had spawning salmon in their small seasonal creek.

"We heard splashing Saturday, Dec. 3," said Michelle Smith. Upon investigating, she and her husband, Ray, found 12 to 18 salmon fighting their way "upstream" in the tiny creek.

They and his mother, Doris, are amazed at situation. "We've lived here for five years and never saw this here before," he said.

Michelle said that the largest fish were 22- to 24-inches long, with others in the 18-inch range. Their stream apparently connects to Sucker Creek.

The family thought that perhaps the fish took a wrong turn somewhere and should actually be in Sucker Creek.

They checked the salmon and their progress through Sunday night, and although the numbers diminished, the fish stayed busy.

## Some residents lambast BLM East Fork proposal

By CHRIS HILL  
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Complaints, like the Energizer Bunny, kept going and going at Cave Junction City Hall Wednesday evening, Nov. 30.

The Bureau of Land Management held a public meeting regarding its latest project, the East Fork of the Illinois River Landscape Management Project.

In the crowded meeting room, poster board displays explaining different aspects of the project lined the room, but were barely visible through the throngs of angry protesters who flocked to the meeting to declare their disapproval of the BLM's and its plans.

"I know, it's obvious, that there's a lot of concern about this project," said Terry Fairbanks, BLM's supervisory forester. He was filling in for Field Manager Abbie Jossie, who had a family medical emergency.

"I know you don't think about us as neighbors, but we are," Fairbanks said. "It's federal land out here, and there are a lot of good things going on."

"BLM has worked in this area for a long time, and has done some really, really good stuff and done some things that I know folks don't like, and I'm not going to apologize for that."

"I know there are some things that you're not particularly happy about."

"So, I suggest we have more meetings in the future, some more field trips and figure out the main issues that people want to talk about," Fairbanks added.

As the meeting continued, Fairbanks was bombarded with many comments and questions, which created a tense environment, causing Sandra McGinnis, the meeting facilitator, to intervene many times.

"I know there are concerns about marking out there," Fairbanks said. "We are out there, we are putting paint on trees, but it's not irreversible, it's not set in stone."

According to Fairbanks, the painted trees are just a small part in the planning process of an approximately 2,000-acre project.

Varied plans include tree and brush thinning, which BLM believes is needed to reduce fuel hazards; to assist forest development; and to help mature forests grow more vigorously.

Also on the agenda are the maintenance, restoration and construction of roads and trails. In all, there are some nine areas or categories that BLM has determined are in need of its management.

During the past six years, BLM has been working hard to consider the effects of conditions that could possibly be affected by the project, including the impact on vegetation, hydrology, botany, transportation, wildlife and cultural resources.

After much careful consideration, it said, BLM has organized each area in need into a total of nine categories. Each category has four alternatives.

"The alternatives that we

have reflect what we drafted according to comments we received, the objectives that we've laid out, and our process of looking at different land allegations, like matrix and riparian reserve, including drafted alternatives," said Jon Raybourn, project specialist.

"We hope people become familiar enough with the alternatives," he said, "so they can write us stuff in the comments and say, 'I don't like alternative two, because.' Or, 'I do like this part of alternative four, but I'm not very happy with this part of alternative four, because...'"

For example, under the Fuel Hazard Reduction category, alternative two involves "the reduction of surface, ladder and canopy fuels by slashing and hand piling small-diameter trees for approximately 351 acres of natural fuels and 938 acres of activity fuels."

Alternative three would change the acreage to approximately "654 acres of natural fuels and 291 acres of activity fuels and limit the reduction to the land within the Community at Risk (CAR) boundaries."

"The decision record that Abbie signs probably won't be any one of these alternatives; it'll be a composite of each of them that will be applied to specific spots on the ground," Raybourn said. "And, one alternative not represented is number one, no action. It's always possible to choose no action," Raybourn said.

With that said, the crowd of protesters erupted into cheers.

For more information on the project, contact BLM at 618-2200



The Illinois Valley Family Coalition is sponsoring a "Caring Tree" for the holidays. Homebound Senior and Disabled citizens in the Illinois Valley will have their gift request noted on a heart ornament that will be placed on a Christmas tree at the Coalition building. We need your help to make these Christmas wishes come true for a Senior or Disabled person here in the Valley.

Please stop by to select a heart ornament between the 16<sup>th</sup> & the 18<sup>th</sup> of December and return the ornament with your gift on Monday morning, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

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