

Here, There & Everywhere

***CHRISTMAS CARES MEAL** - From 10 a.m. to noon on Christmas Day, a free meal will be served by Cave Junction Cares at Jubilee Park. The annual feast is for all those without others to share their Christmas morning. Volunteers and donations of any kind will be accepted for the community effort. Phone Lynn Boucher at 592-3594 or 592-6855. Santa also will be on hand with gifts for young children. And the hours for the event are 10 a.m. to noon, not the times listed last week.

***REMEMBER TO HELP** - A special account (#95631) has been opened at SOFCU to assist a family burned out of their Cave Junction home two weeks ago. The Pernicka/Arness Family, which includes their three daughters, 3, 4 and 6, escaped unhurt, but lost all their belongings Tuesday night, Dec. 6. Their rented mobile home caught fire and was a total loss. Besides the community credit union account, there is a donation barrel at Puff-N-Stuff in-between SOFCU and Blue Moon Cafe.

***TOP AWARDS FOR '05** - Nominations are being accepted for "Citizen of the Year" and "Business of the Year" by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. Forms are available at the chamber office in the I.V. Visitor Center. Nominations are to be based on activities during 2005. The top two chosen by chamber directors will be recognized Feb. 25 during the chamber's annual general meeting at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co.

***ARTS SMARTS** - Illinois River Valley Arts Council "is alive and well." The council has more than 60 members and has recently completed paperwork for non-profit status. "December brings a very successful 2005 Art Walk season to a close for the year," said the council. "Learning Through Art programs are growing, bringing wonderful hands-on art and cultural activities to more and more young people in the valley. And the annual Winter Woolly Gala will be held Feb. 12."

***MAKING A SPLASH** - Members of the Illinois Valley High School swim team did well at a recent meet vs. Hidden Valley and North Valley. Emily Harris took 1st places in the 100- and 500-yard free-style events; Victoria Prince was 5th in the 100; Ian Barker-Cortrecht was 2nd in the 50- and 100-yard free-style contests; and Nick Greener placed 3rd in the 100-yard free-style. Cynthia Hobbins is serving as coach.

***NOTEPAD - Home Mortgage Solutions** is a new business in Downtown Cave Junction at 315 S. Redwood Hwy. across from Shop Smart Food Warehouse. And one of its employees, Joy Boothroyd, has agreed to serve as a director of I.V. Chamber of Commerce. She'll co-chair the third annual Bluegrass Festival ... A **last-minute gift** idea is suggested by Kerby Belt Lodge: tickets for the Jan. 14 all-you-can-eat crab feed. Tickets are available at CJ 1-Hour Photo, Family Tree Garden Center, Yanase Jewelers, and TC Computers ... A **"Business Mixer,"** hosted by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, will be held Jan. 14 at I.V. Visitor Center. Watch for details ... A **New Year's Eve** public gala is planned by the HASL Independent Abilities Center of Grants Pass. "Broadway Phil & the Shouters" will perform for the 20th anniversary gala and celebration. Phone 479-4275 ... **The county fair board** has two vacancies. Application deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 28. Phone 474-5221 ... **T-shirt:** Have you seen my marbles? **Another T:** Here's a little hint. I don't care! **One more T:** With luck and planning I'll retire at 149. **Yet another T:** I'm lost, but I'm making good time. **Last T:** You're not the boss of me. My cat is.

***LAST WORDS** - And an angel of the Lord stood by the shepherds, and the brightness of God shone round about them; and they feared. And the angel said: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: For this day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And you shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will. (Luke 2: 9-14)

Federal fight vs. meth strengthened: Wyden

The federal fight against methamphetamine took a major step forward as the House of Representatives passed bipartisan legislation containing critical provisions directed at curbing meth production domestically and abroad.

The policy changes approved were outlined in the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 and supported by 2nd District Congressman Greg Walden (R-Ore.), a member of the Congressional Caucus to Fight & Control Methamphetamine and the Speaker's Task Force for a Drug Free America.

"Passing these provisions takes the detonating device out of the hands of the meth cooks, who are the roadside bombers in our rural communities," said Walden.

"Their toxic brew poisons our people, pollutes our streams and destroys families," he said. "Every case of parental rights termination in Oregon last year was related to methamphetamine abuse."

Walden added, "Let the word go out at home and abroad that the Congress and the citizens of this country will do whatever it takes to shut down super labs and those who make meth in their homes."

"We expect, and will demand, full cooperation from countries and companies who produce or sell pseudoephedrine."

"Oregon has enacted some of the strongest laws in the country to battle methamphetamine, but you cannot effectively stop the meth cooks on a state-by-state basis. This legislation helps stop that network and gives the country a fighting chance to stop the spread of meth."

Provisions included in

the legislation would:

*Classify pseudoephedrine and ephedrine as "Schedule Listed Chemicals," requiring a national standard for sale from behind counters or from locked cases on sales floors (this would not preempt more stringent laws such as the successful ones enacted in Oregon).

*Require retailers to maintain a log of identification and signatures for all sales of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine products;

*Mandate store training for employees selling such products.

*Reduce federal limits on per-sale and per-month purchase of pseudoephedrine products to 3.6 grams and 9.0 grams respectively.

*Require the State Dept. to identify the five largest importers and exporters of key precursor meth ingredients, directing that these countries comply with international efforts to track shipments of such products or face reduced eligibility for U.S. foreign aid.

*Increase the maximum prison term for possession of precursor ingredients with an intent to manufacture meth.

*Allow an additional 10-20 years to be added to other established penalties for an individuals convicted of making meth in the presence of a child.

*Establish grants to state and local governments for law enforcement agencies to aid investigations of meth trafficking and to help reimburse costs incurred by the DEA for clean-up of toxic meth lab sites.

*Authorize grants for treatment of pregnant women addicted to meth and meth-endangered children living in a home where meth was produced, distributed or used.

I.V. wrestlers flex muscles

Exceptional performances again were turned in by the Illinois Valley High School wrestling team, which participated in the North Valley Christmas Invitational Tournament.

Friday, Dec. 16, IVHS won the 10-school tournament, scoring 276.5 for 1st place vs. 226.5 for 2nd-place Grants Pass. All 11 Cougar varsity team members placed, and there was a strong showing from the JV squad. Results:

*103 pounds, 3rd place, Dusty Culver.
*112 pounds, 2nd place, Larry Ragsdale.

*125 pounds, 3rd place, Sam Winter.

*130 pounds, 2nd place, Jerrad Miller.

*135 pounds, 3rd place, Brandon Lynch.

*140 pounds, 1st place, Jesse Swift.

*145 pounds, 1st place, Adam Miller

*150 pounds 1st place, Jacob Ellis.

*160 pounds, 1st place, Zach Pagnotta.

*171 pounds, 1st place, Anthony Miller.

*189 pounds, 1st place, Duke Scott.

*215 pounds, 3rd place, Lefi Tausaga.

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Got a Sno-Park permit?

As winter sets in, it's time to prepare for favorite winter recreation activities.

Oregon's Sno-Park program helps by providing parking at approximately 100 winter recreation areas, or Sno-Parks. They are located throughout Oregon's mountain passes -- including the Page Mountain Snow Park -- and in most ski, snowmobile and snow play areas. Each is posted with signs that identify them as a Winter Recreation Area.

Anyone who parks in a

Sno-Park between Nov. 15 and April 30 needs a valid Sno-Park permit displayed on the windshield of their vehicle.

Permits are available at DMV offices and permit agents at winter resorts, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. Agents are allowed to charge an additional service fee for each permit they sell. Annual permits also are available by mail from DMV headquarters in Salem.

Oregon honors Sno-Park permits issued in Washington, California, or Idaho. Oregon permits are honored in those states. Vehicles with Washington plates, however, must have a Washington permit to park in a Washington Sno-Park. Parking in an Oregon Sno-Park without a valid permit may result in a \$30 fine.

Revenue collected from sales of Sno-Park permits pays the cost of plowing snow in the parking areas.

Club News

Laureate Beta Beta

Chapters of the Grants Pass City Council joined for the annual Rudolph's Rumble Dec. 4 at a Grants Pass restaurant. The evening included dinner, prizes and chapter raffles.

Laureate Beta Beta

Chapter held the drawing Dec. 5 for its fund-raising raffle. The winners: Ray Buckley, John Patton, Emily Farrer, Cindy Newton, Mike Gilliam, Darrell Moorehead, Roberta Jones.

Fresh nuts are still available. Contact Kathy Young at 592-2420 or

Kathy Simmons at 592-6009.

The next chapter meeting will be held Jan. 9 in the home of Dorothy Stohlman. For information about the organization, contact Virginia Gilliam, chapter vice president, at 592-2293.

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