

Here, There & Everywhere

WYDEN TOWN HALL - U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) will conduct a town hall meeting in Grants Pass on Thursday, Jan. 12, according to information received after last week’s issue was printed. The open forum, to allow the public to voice questions and concerns, will begin at 10 a.m. in Grants Pass City Hall.

SELMA CENTER MEETING - A membership meeting and community potluck will be held by Selma Community and Education Center on Saturday, Jan. 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The center is located at the former Selma Elementary School. Attendees are asked to bring a potluck dish, ideas and energy for the center, and nominees for two member-elected board positions. For more information phone 415-1000.

ALL-CONGREGATION COMMUNION - Illinois Valley Evangelical Free Church on Laurel Road at Old Stage Road is the site for an All-Congregations Evening Service with Communion on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. The main speaker will be Pastor Les Knapp.

GRANT WRITING - “Grant Writing Essentials for Communities” is the title of a program that will be presented Saturday, Jan. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the RCC Belt Bldg. in Kerby . There is a sliding scale fee beginning at \$45. The course is described as a basic-to-intermediate workshop providing information and training about nonprofit organizations, where to find foundations and what they fund, and the principles of grant-writing. Co-sponsors are Rogue Community College, Southern Oregon Gender Center, I.V. Social Justice Alliance, Women’s Crisis Support Team, and I.V. Family Resource Center. To preregister or for more information phone Allison Cleveland at 287-0642.

NOMINATE/DON’T BE LATE - Know an Illinois Valley business or individual deserving of recognition? I.V. Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for outstanding community support during 2005. Forms are available for “Citizen of the Year” and “Business of the Year” nominees at the chamber office in the I.V. Visitor Center. The top candidate in each category, plus all those nominated, will be recognized Feb. 25 at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in Cave Junction during the chamber’s annual general meeting that’ll begin at 1 p.m.

FROM THE HEART - “Wills From Your Heart” is the title of a free workshop that will be presented at Lovejoy Hospice in Grants Pass Tuesday, Jan. 31 from noon to 2 p.m. The workshop will address the benefits of and procedures for preparing a will that stipulates where assets and property will go. Program facilitators will be John Davis, an attorney; Jackie Walden, an anthropologist; and Pam Allister, Lovejoy development coordinator. Phone 474-1193 for more information or to register.

NOTEPAD - Harvest Kitchen, because of the generous donations by people of Illinois Valley, served 7,148 meals during 2005. Facilities at St. Matthias Episcopal Church are used for the program. To volunteer or donate, phone Linda Butler at 597-4383 ... **Adult Spanish classes** will be given in Room 12 at Illinois Valley High School Thursdays beginning Jan. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. The teacher is Jaime Szijarto, and payment of a \$10 fee will precede each class ... **Commissioner Dwight Ellis** was elected 2006 chairman of the Josephine County Board of Commissioners Wednesday, Jan. 4, taking the leadership role from Commissioner Jim Riddle. Commissioner Jim Raffenburg was elected vice chairman ... **Valley tourists** who stopped at the I.V. Visitor Center during last November totaled 363, a decrease of 234 from November 2004 ... **Advanced directives** will be available, plus information about the same, during a free program with refreshments at Lovejoy Hospice, 939 S.E. Eighth St. in Grants Pass, on Tuesday, Jan. 31. ... **Cougar sightings** can be reported to Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife at 826-8774 ... **T-shirt:** My brother is an only child. **Another T:** National Sarcasm Society. Like we need your support. **One more T:** A team effort is a lot of people doing what I say. **Yet another T:** If you think nobody cares, try missing a few payments. **Last T:** No outfit is complete without a few cat hairs.

LAST WORDS - Snowflakes are one of Nature’s most fragile things, but just look what they do when they stick together. (Verna M. Kelly)

Meyer Trust boosting hospital ‘family house’

A \$150,000 grant to build a “family house” near Three Rivers Community Hospital (TRCH) in Grants Pass has been awarded by The Meyer Memorial Trust.

The facility will serve as a home away from home for out-of-town patients and their families. The project is a partnership between TRCH and Grants Pass Association of Realtors (GPAR).

The GPAR Family House will be located within walking distance of TRCH on 2.5 acres donated by the hospital. It will have six private rooms and one suite, as well as many common areas such as a living room, kitchen, laundry room, and conference room.

Besides these quarters, the GPAR Family House will include six RV spaces

with full hook-ups and additional bathroom amenities.

“A contribution at this level has already prompted new energy and enthusiasm from the campaign steering committee,” said Paul Janke, TRCH senior vice president. “Because of this endorsement of the project, we are optimistic about our potential to raise the remaining funds,” he said.

In less than two years, the GPAR campaign steering committee has been able to raise more than \$500,000. GPAR’s goal is to raise \$1.2 million so that construction can begin this year.

The Meyer Memorial Trust was created by the personal philanthropy of Fred G. Meyer, and is in no way connected with Fred Meyer Inc.

Diabetes details dispensed

Many people are unaware of the serious damage that can be caused to the eyes by diabetes.

Prevent Blindness America has an online re-

source for patients and doctors to learn more about diabetic retinopathy. Visit: preventblindness.org/diabetes, or phone (800) 331-2020. (NAPS)

City deputy strives to reduce CJ panhandling, trespassing

By issuing formal warnings to transients and panhandlers at businesses in the city of Cave Junction, incidents of loitering and trespassing have decreased.

That note was included in a report by Deputy Cory Krauss to the Cave Junction City Council in city hall Monday night, Jan. 9. Krauss is the city contract officer under Josephine County Sheriff’s Office.

He also reported a substantial drop in calls for service during November and December, although there were more incidents during the last month of 2005.

There were 206 calls or incidents during December vs. 193 during November. There were 134 calls for service during November, with 131 during December.

November statistics: 44 written reports 44, eight alarms, 14 arrests, three assaults, nine burglaries, 18 Community Oriented Policing (COP) contacts, seven criminal mischief incidents, six disturbances, two shoplifting (second-degree theft) incidents, nine thefts, 19 traffic incidents, and two stolen motor vehicles.

December statistics: 48 written reports, nine alarms, 10 arrests, five assaults, five burglaries, 26 COP contacts, eight criminal mischief incidents, six disturbance, no shoplifting, eight thefts, 19 traffic incidents and three stolen vehicles.

Mayor sees CJ changes ...

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in the right fiscal direction. We all need to be reminded that living in a free country doesn’t mean that we don’t have to pay a price.”

The mayor, who serves without compensation along with four councilmen, noted that most city expenses are state- and contract-mandated.

He also challenged businesses to make their properties more attractive, and citizens to show more pride in where they live.

The mayor applauded Deputy Cory Krauss, city contract officer, for his efforts to make positive changes for the betterment of the city.

“I would challenge us all and ask ourselves what we, as one person,

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Medicare “D” Clinic

Medicare Prescription Drug Program

Where: Family Coalition - River Room
535 E. River Street, Cave Junction

When: Tuesday, January 17th, 9 a.m. to noon

Reserve your space by January 13th

What to Bring:
List of prescriptions including dosage
Medicare card

Volunteers will help you choose the most appropriate Prescription Drug Plan for your needs.

For more information and to RSVP phone **592-6262**.

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The highest reward for a person’s toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.
- John Ruskin -

Raking in the Dough:

Grant Writing Essentials for Communities

January 21, 2006
8:00am- 4:30pm
Kerby Belt Building

Don’t be left behind in the search for funding. Learn about non-profits, where to find foundations, what they fund and the essentials of grant writing.



To register or for scholarship information please contact Allison Cleveland at 541-287-0642 or allison@jeffnet.org



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