

Here, There & Everywhere

LIKE BIKE? - Illinois Valley Lions Club is offering tickets on a first-chance basis to Illinois Valley residents for its 2006 Harley Davidson Dyna-Wide Glide motorcycle. The red-and-chrome bike is displayed at Carlos' Mexican Restaurante in Downtown Cave Junction. Only 300 tickets at \$100 each are available, and I.V. Lions would like to sell as many as possible to valley residents. Tickets are available at Carlos' and from Steve Lyons at Century 21 Harris & Taylor in CJ. After a time, if tickets aren't purchased in the valley, the club will consider selling them out of the area. The winner will be announced on Labor Day at the conclusion of the club's annual Labor Day Festival.

ARTY PARTY - Carolyn Kohn of Rogue Community College (RCC) Art Works conducted an art community get-together Monday night, Jan. 16 at A Creative Space above Blue Moon Café in Downtown CJ. She presented a strategic plan for Josephine County, which has as its primary goal "to enhance and expand arts education to provide more opportunities in workforce training, college transfer and community education." Other goals will be in next week's issue.

FINDING FUNDING - "Grant Writing Essentials for Communities" is a course that will be taught Saturday, Jan. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the RCC Kerby Belt Bldg. A sliding-scale fee begins 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.

DRAMARAMA - Two free, live productions will be presented by Lorna Byrne Middle School drama students Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 24-25 at 2:30 and 7 p.m. The student-written plays are "Happyville," a Western melodrama; and "Sword," set in the days of King Arthur. Donations will be accepted, and refreshments will be served.

EXCEPTIONAL SEARCH - Feb. 10 is the deadline to submit nominations for the I.V. Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" and "Business of the Year" program for efforts during 2005. Forms are available at the chamber office in the I.V. Visitor Center. The top candidate in each category, as well as all nominees, 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. All three members of the Josephine County Board of Commissioners plan to attend.

PET SET - Entries for a cutest pet photo contest must be postmarked by Feb. 28 and sent to 2006 Spring Photo Contest, c/o The International Pet Owners Club, P.O. Box 1748, Pittsburg KS 66762. Photos no larger than 8-by-10 should have the photographer's name and address on the back. There is no entry fee, and there are prizes, said the club.

NOTEPAD - A community meeting to address a recent grant for a special program involving teen-agers with the elderly and disabled will be held Friday, Jan. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the JoCo Bldg. in CJ. The meeting is sponsored by I.V. Family Coalition. (Also see page 1 article) ... **Cans and bottles** for recycling will be collected by the Illinois Valley High School International Club in a fund-raiser Saturday, Jan. 21 at Shop Smart Food Warehouse in CJ ... **"Messed Up** — Straight Talk About Meth" is the title of a television documentary that will be shown on KOB Channel 5 at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 ... **Numerous vehicles**, including 11 former patrol cars, will be auctioned for JoCo Sheriff's Office at Great Western Auctioneers in Grants Pass on Saturday, Feb. 4. See the ad in this issue ... **Volunteer judges** are needed for a speech tournament March 21 at Lorna Byrne Middle School. To sign up, phone Meme Osipovich at 592-2163 ... **T-shirt:** Make it idiot proof and someone will make a better idiot. **Yet another T:** Just another sexy bald guy. **Last T:** Maturity is overrated.

LAST WORDS - Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight. (Benjamin Franklin)



ILLINOIS VALLEY CHAMBER DIRECTORS on Tuesday, Jan. 10 re-elected the current officers for another year. They are (from left) President Terri Hill, of Northwest Hairlines; Vice President Bill Reid, of Oregon Mountain Real Estate; office manager Dulcie Moore (not part of

the voting); and Treasurer Vicki Gill, of First American Title Co. The four also showed off a banner that the chamber recently acquired. It will be displayed at the various programs sponsored by the chamber. For more information, phone 592-3326. (I.V. News' photo)

Clubs & Organizations

I.V. Garden Club
"Growing Mushrooms"
-- the how, what, and where
-- will be the topic Friday,
Jan. 20.

Joe Cereceds will speak during the public meeting at Immanuel United Methodist Church on W. Watkins Street across from Shop Smart Food Warehouse. Coffee time begins at 12:30 p.m.; the meeting at 1.

The club reminds that birds need food and water. Containers can be washed with bleach water; then rinsed thoroughly, and it will keep germs in check.

Siskiyou Project
A moderate hike through Allen Gulch and the "Takilma forest" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be led by Bill Gray, a biologist, on Sunday, Jan. 22.

The area is part of the proposed East Fork Illinois Project proposed by the Bureau of Land Management. Participants should meet at 10 a.m. on the Siskiyou Project lower parking lot.

Waldo Mining District
The district's first general meeting of 2006, open to the public, will be held Wednesday, Jan. 25 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction.

Agenda items include the 25-year high price of gold "and the latest attempts by environmentalists to prohibit small-scale mining in the Siskiyou National Forest and throughout Oregon."

Other items will be new turbidity standards from the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality, a challenge to the new DEQ suction

dredge mining permit, and what Oregon miners are doing about it.

For more information about the district, Oregon's oldest such organization: waldominingdistrict.org.

READ
A National Book Award winner in the late 1970s, "The Snow Leopard," by Peter Matthiessen, is described as, "The astounding spiritual odyssey of a man in search of himself."

This book will be read by members of the Illinois Valley Branch Library's book discussion group -- Reading, Eating and Discussing (READ) -- during January, and will be discussed by them Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Membership is open to readers in Illinois Valley.

READ chose "The Snow Leopard" on the recommendation of a reader who has read it multiple times and is eager to read it again. She described it was part travelogue, part memoir. The county library system has many copies.

READ meets on first Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the library of I.V. Senior Center at 520 E. River St. in Cave Junction.

Phone 597-2007 for more information.

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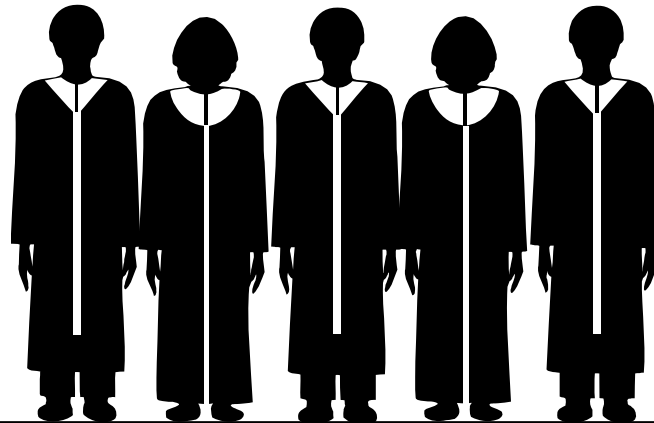
Attention Choir Singers

We are seeking participants from all the valley churches for an All Congregations Choir to perform an Easter Musical at the April All Congregations Gathering

If you are high school age or older and have a desire to sing in this choir, then we want to meet with you.

Come and be blessed!

We will meet Sunday, Jan. 22, 3 p.m. at Community Bible Church 113 S. Caves Ave., Cave Junction For more information phone: Tom Ninow 592-6083 or Carol Davis 592-4990



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