

Here, There & Everywhere

HIGHER-PURPOSE HIP-HOP - Brandon Valencia, a graduate of Illinois Valley High School pursuing a “pandemic hip-hop music ministry,” will perform Friday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m., at 139 S. Caves Ave. (Caves Mall) behind Select Market. Together with his friend, Innate Kralzer, the duo known as “Spitshine” hope to uplift Christians and “bring hope to a hopeless generation.”

‘SHIPBOARD’ SUSPENSE - Illinois Valley Family Coalition will present an entertaining evening of mystery theater and dinner. Starring Illinois Valley High School drama students and the band, “Uncle Fluster,” the fund-raiser will be held Saturday, Jan. 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Selma Community & Education Center. For tickets, phone 592-6139. (See ad this page.)

FURRY FETE - Illinois River Arts Council will host the fourth annual Wooly Winter Gala on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Lorna Byrne Middle School. There will be entertainment, an art raffle, refreshments and a kids activity table. A sliding-scale admission fee can be paid at the door.

TOYS SOUGHT - Donations of sturdy, simple toys for the children’s room at Selma Community & Education Center are needed. Baby dolls, Legos, blocks, trucks and cars will be welcome. Contact Terry Crawford at 597-2117 for pick up.

NOMINATIONS DUE - Friday, Feb. 10 is the deadline for nominations for the I.V. Chamber of Commerce “Citizen of the Year” and “Business of the Year” recognition program for 2005 activities. 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 honored 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 Josephine County commissioners plan to attend.

NOTEPAD - “Valentines” are coming in time for Valentines Day. The Illinois Valley High School Swing Choir will present a song, card and candy to a loved one for five bucks. Phone 592-2116 ... **Asphalt fraud** is being investigated by GP officers. They advise that if someone comes to your house and offers a great deal on “left-over” asphalt, it’s likely a scam ... **“Sing the Blues,”** a benefit concert with silent auction for the Women’s Crisis Support Team, will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Grants Pass High School Performing Arts Center. “B Wishes” from Illinois Valley will perform ... **A man** showed up at the gate to a nudist camp and asked to be let it. The gatekeeper said, “You can’t come in here wearing that blue suit.” Responded the guy outside, “This isn’t a blue suit. It’s cold out here!” **Goofy laws:** *It is illegal in Kentucky to carry ice cream in your back pocket. *You can’t legally use tomatoes in clam chowder in Massachusetts. *There is a law against shooting rabbits from a New York City trolley car. *It is illegal in Arizona to hunt camels. *In Texas, it is against the law to put graffiti on someone else’s cow.

LAST WORDS - Prejudices, it is well known, are the most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education; they grow there, firm as weeds among rocks. (Charlotte Bronte)

Letters to the Editor

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When this war in Iraq finally ends, and we pay billions and billions more to rebuild it, when we can’t take care of our own, who will we turn to for help?

We are in another war that never had to be, and when we finally declare victory and bring the best of the best home, just what will we have won?

This administration isn’t through yet; we still have two more years to go. President Bush has said, “Well, we already have ‘em (troops) there, so we’re ready.” Ready for what?

What constitutes ‘quality of life?’
From Gregory D. Anderson
Cave Junction

In 1990 the logging industry, including mills and associated business, provided a living for hundreds of thousands of residents in Oregon, Washington and California.

The environmental extremists with a PR campaign that featured the spotted owl changed this economy forever. There were at least 130,000 jobs lost, closing more than 900 sawmills, pulp mills and paper mills by the mid ‘90s.

The costs to the area were more than economic. Divorces shot up, breaking up families. Men committed

suicide. All resulting from Clinton’s 80 percent cut in logging to appease the spotted owl worshippers.

We now know that all these disrupted and destroyed human lives were for naught. The spotted owl population continues to plummet to this day. Biologists utilizing real science, instead of the junk science so popular with the liberal left, have found the diminishing numbers of this cute little fella’ is not man’s fault after all. Another of God’s creatures, the barred owl, is moving into the spotted owl’s territory and killing the little guys, in spite of the EPA’s regulations.

The saddest part of this saga is that in 1992 the secretary of agriculture in Bush One’s cabinet pointed out evidence that the larger barred owls were eliminating their smaller cousins. When Clinton came into office he was prodded by his radical enviro supporters to ignore the real science, and the government destroyed an industry in three states.

After all, when have human families’ livelihoods been more important than the liberal green political agenda?

“I.V. News” (“BLM chastised” 1/18/2006) reported some emotional enviros in Takilma who said in effect that the Bureau of

Great Strides cites IVCDO

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and mentoring and job-training programs in cooperation with” Three Rivers School District (TRSD) and Rogue Community College.

NAF added, “When the Enterprise Zone ended in 2004, the nonprofit IVCDO developed a unique partnership with the National Park Service to manage the 70-year-old historic Oregon Caves Chateau.

“The project has created 40 seasonal and year-round jobs; uses local produce, food products and wine, and sells local arts and crafts in the gift shop.

“The proceeds,” said NAF, “are poured back into the community to continue to address regional community needs.

IVCDO is developing the Friends of the Oregon

Caves Chateau to begin restoration work on this National Historic Landmark, and has received support from the Meyer Memorial Trust to develop a furniture restoration and manufacturing plan for the historic Monterey furniture.”

Numerous collaborations are cited. They involve the city of Cave Junction, Josephine County, I.V. Chamber of Commerce, valley businesses, TRSD, RCC, and Southern Oregon University at Ashland.

The three other organizations chosen for Great Strides Awards are Wallowa Resources in Wallowa County, Lemhi & North Custer Development Corp. in Salmon, Idaho; and Dayton Chamber & Community Task Force Teams in Dayton, Wash.

Road closures due to rain disclosed by forest service

By BRYAN HARLEY
IVN Staff Writer

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest employees continue to perform storm patrol duties to assess damage to roadways in all nine ranger districts while winter storms continue to rearrange the landscape.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, the U.S. Forest Service released a list of road closures and restrictions it has enacted.

Illinois Valley Ranger District reported the following closures and restrictions:

*Forest Road #4201 at milepoint 11. A washout has occurred, and restrictions are in place for vehicles with low-ground clearance. High-clearance vehicles are still allowed access.

*Forest Road #4105 (Six Mile Road) over Six Mile Hill to Soldier Creek is closed due to a slide.

*Forest Road #4103 (Illinois River Road) is closed at mile post 14.0 at Oak Flat because of damage incurred during the storms.

*The entire Forest Road #4103152 is closed due to

several slides which have blocked the roadway.

*Forest Road #4611910 (Grayback Road) has a culvert failure roadway and is closed.

*Forest Road #4105152 (School Flat Road) is closed near milepost 1.0.

*Additionally, Powers Ranger District employees reported Wednesday, Jan. 18 that a landslide closed Forest Road #33 near the Daphne Grove Campground at milepost 49.7.

There was no projected date for the road to reopen, and no alternative route or access between Powers and Agness exists.

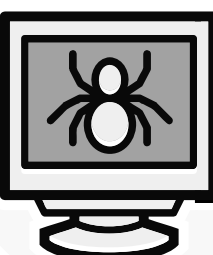
The public is encouraged to contact the nearest forest service office for updated information about road conditions before traveling.

The latest road information may also be viewed at fs.fed.us/r6/rogue-siskiyou/ Click the Current Conditions button.

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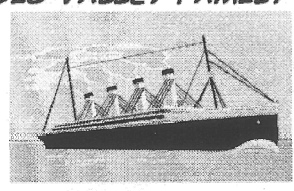


You’re Invited!
Join us for our
Annual
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2006
Registration starts at 7 p.m.
Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Josephine County Building

HELP WANTED !!!!
Looking for enthusiastic people to join us in our mission. If you live or work in the Illinois Valley, you’re eligible to become a member. As a member you have the opportunity to become more involved in the many projects we are working on. All that is required is sign up at the **IVCDO** office. You must be a member by Feb. 16 to vote in the General Membership Meeting.
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