

Here, There & Everywhere

MIND/METH MONEY - Josephine County commissioners on Wednesday morning, Feb. 1 were to consider approval of “pass-through” funds (provided by the state and others) for psychiatric services at Three Rivers Community Hospital and Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford. A maximum of \$225,000 is involved. The county board also was to consider OK’ing \$91,102 in outside funding for Portland State University to evaluate the Methamphetamine Early Response Intervention Treatment program. Commissioners also were to vote on a new contract with the American Federation of County, State & Municipal Employees. Commissioner Jim Raffenburg has expressed his disapproval. (See “Letters to the Editor”).

PLAY BALL! (HELP) - Illinois Valley Little League (IVLL) is looking for volunteer coaches to help during the 2006 season with girls softball and boys baseball. For those who can help, a mandatory meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Lorna Byrne Middle School gym. For more information phone Janet Ewing, the IVLL information officer, at 592-4389.

CANCER BENEFIT - “Southern Oregon Blues” (S.O.B.) band is hosting a benefit for Virginia Rivera, of Speedy Mart, to help with the costs of treating her cancer. Donations of items for raffles, door prizes and an auction are requested. The benefit, with a \$5 per person admission fee, will be held Saturday, Feb. 11 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Junction Inn. To donate items, phone “Virginia” at 592-3988. To donate or for more information, phone “Sandra” at 592-2318, or “Claire” at 592-8579.

HELPING CHILDREN - Wednesday, Feb. 15 is the deadline to register for a free 16-week class, “Helping Children Who Have Been Exposed to Batterers.” For parents and community partners, the program is sponsored by Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance. Classes will begin March 7 and continue through June 20. They’ll run from 1 to 3 p.m. at the I.V. Family Resource Center on E. River Street in Cave Junction. To register, or for more information, phone 592-2515.

NOTEPAD - Food & Friends is looking for volunteers to deliver and serve meals to senior citizens “who need nutritional support.” Phone 955-8839 ... **I.V. Senior Center** directors will meet Thursday, Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. at the senior center on E. River St. Members are encouraged to participate ... **Grape vine pruning** will be taught Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Southern Oregon Research & Extension Auditorium in Central Point at 569 Hanley Road. A \$5 fee can be paid at the door. Participants should bring gloves and pruning tools ... **Should Oregon adopt** the tougher motor vehicle emission laws used by California? The Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality will conduct a public hearing on the matter Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at Medford’s Community Justice Center, 1101 W. Main St. ... **More goofy laws:** *It is illegal in Kentucky to marry the same man more than three times. *In Tennessee it is unlawful to use a lasso to catch fish. *Minnesota has a law against teasing skunks. *If a man is wearing a striped suit in Natoma, Kan., it is illegal to throw a knife at him.

LAST WORDS - Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first. (Mark Twain)



JOSEPHINE COUNTY SHERIFF candidate Gil Gilbertson (third from left) introduced his principal campaign staff to an audience of some 75 persons at the Junction Inn on Thursday night, Jan. 26. He received several rounds of applause for his ‘no tolerance’ stand on drugs and his intention to improve law enforcement, with an eye toward boosting it for Illinois Valley. With him are (from left) Jim Frick, Don Moore, Scott Calhoun and George Keller. With nearly 30 years

of civilian and military law enforcement experience, Gilbertson said that he likely is the most-qualified candidate ever to seek the office. He said that he is used to overcoming obstacles, and that improving the sheriff’s office will not happen overnight, but that it will happen under his professional leadership. Better use of technology, training, and interdepartmental techniques are among other goals.
(Photo by ‘Illinois Valley News’)

Dr. Beachy said peachy at SCHC Grants Pass site

Dr. Linford Beachy, who earned his medical degree at the Indiana University School of Medicine, joined Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC) on Jan. 3.

Beachy, a Board Certified Family Medicine physician, will see patients at the Grants Pass medical facility at 125 N.E. Manzanita.

Beachy graduated from Groshen College in Indiana with a bachelor of arts degree in biology. After earning his medical degree, he completed his Family Medicine Residency at North Colorado Family Medicine in Greeley in 1994.

Following residency, Beachy worked at a remote rural clinic, Valdez Medical Clinic, in Valdez, Alaska. He also worked there as an emergency room physician. He spent another year in Alaska at the KANA Clinic in Kodiak.

Returning to Colorado

in 1996, Beachy joined Westwood Family Health Center, a community health clinic in Denver. Besides his family medicine practice, which included prenatal care



LINFORD BEACHY, M.D.

and obstetrics, he served as a faculty member of the University of Colorado Health Science Center since April 1996.

Beachy was drawn to Josephine County by its abundance of outdoor activities, wilderness areas and rivers. An avid mountain

bike rider, he said that he is eager to explore the many scenic bike trails and areas in Southwestern Oregon.

Beachy and his family have purchased a home in Grants Pass and look forward to becoming integral members of the community.

Beachy, who speaks fluent Spanish, is accepting

new family medicine and obstetrical patients at SCHC, Grants Pass.

SCHC participates in the Oregon Health Plan, Medicare and accepts most insurance plans. A sliding program and flexible payment arrangements are available for patients without insurance coverage.

Do I want to have a baby? Yeah... maybe someday But not now!



For information on strategies to avoid unplanned pregnancies, call the **Pregnancy Center 592-6058**
All services are confidential and free of charge
www.pregnancycenteriv.org

Country Breakfast
I.V. Senior Center
520 E. River St.
Saturday, February 4
8 to 11 a.m.

* Biscuits & Gravy * Pancakes
* Eggs * Bacon * Sausage
* Coffee, Milk, Juice



Adults - \$5
Children 12
& under - \$2.50

**Give a man a fish, and he has food for a day.
Teach him how to fish, and you get rid of him for the entire weekend.**

Letters to the Editor

(Continued from page 2)

There are those who support George W. Bush (in my opinion, those who aren’t paying attention), and those who oppose him with every fiber of their being. Some may say that this is by design.

People have said all along that the only way to overthrow this country is to divide us and collapse it from within. It looks like that is exactly what is developing. We, as a people, need to set aside our differences and stop this “train,” or else we could be referring to democracy only in past tense.

Democracy is held up by a system of checks and balances. No branch can set policy without the approval of the other branches. Our forefathers knew what they were doing. This is how we never fell into being a dictatorship.

This very ideal is being threatened as we speak. In about a week the Senate will consider Bush’s nomination for Supreme Court justice in Sam Alito. By putting Alito in the position, he would have successfully eliminated the last check: the last obstacle standing between him and the full-blown power of the United States.

Those who truly stand for democracy and freedom

of our people should investigate it for themselves. I understand that many don’t have the time or the resources (I mean, how else would anybody support what GWB is trying to do). But ignorance, in this case especially, would not only mean the end of our democratic process for now but for decades. It’s called precedence, and once set, it is very hard to overturn.

Alito stands for spying on our citizens, jailing people without charging them or giving them access to obtain counsel, and he clearly supports torture. Don’t just take my word for

it. Look it up for yourself.

Those who truly stand for democracy could join me in writing our Sen. Gordon Smith and demand that he oppose this nomination and support the filibuster denouncing this person. Yes, I am an activist, and there are those who oppose my point of view. But isn’t it nice to be able to oppose my point of view in an open forum?

Plenty of folks helped burned-out family From Donna at Puff-N-Stuff Cave Junction

I am grateful to God for

sparing the lives of my son and his family from a mobile home fire on Dec. 6 in Cave Junction.

And I appreciate all the good people of Cave Junction, Grants Pass and Medford for all the donations and support.

Illinois Valley Fire District provided a great Christmas for those three little girls.

I also appreciate I.V. Bikers, and Fred and Sarah Ball at Bi-Rite Auto Parts.

Plus, we had a lot of help from “Jackie.”

Many people have done much for this family, and we are grateful.

Fiber from **Forest Edge Farm**



Just Arrived! lovely llama yarn & carded batts

CALL & COME SEE!
Joyce & Harry Abrams
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There is a boundary to men's passions when they act from feelings; but none when they are under the influence of imagination.
- Edmund Burke -

OPEN HOUSE

at
Crocker Financial Services

Saturday, February 4
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
103 'B' N. Redwood Highway

Please come meet us and see how we can help you!