

Here, There & Everywhere

EXPLORING ART - Cave Junction's Second Friday Art Walk season will get under way April 14, and exhibits will be displayed through the month. The list of locations and participants is in an ad elsewhere in this issue. There are plenty of places to visit to explore the valley's visual, literary, performing and epicurean arts.

YOUTH ART SCHEDULE - Compilation of summer arts activities, programs and events for youth and families is under way by Art Works Community Initiative Youth Goal work group. A calendar of such happenings will be available at the end of May or early in June. Groups and organizations that want to be included can obtain forms from BeBe's Art for Everyone in Downtown Cave Junction.

CHECK THOSE CHICKS - With Easter upon us, Oregon public health officials warn parents to think twice before purchasing a baby chick or duckling, especially if they (the children) are 5 or younger. The reason is that these springtime pets might carry Salmonella infection.

'CURVES ROCKS' - Lea Hammersmith, owner of Curves in CJ, can't stop smiling. "When we set goals, we not only meet them, we exceed all expectations," she said. A goal of collecting 3,000 pounds of food was set for the annual March Food Drive, plus it was hoped that 25 new members could be signed up. Hammersmith reports that there now are 29 new members, and that 4,050 pounds of food were collected. All the food has been given to Illinois Valley food banks, she said. Although the CJ franchise wasn't the biggest collector, as it competed against some with twice as many members, the CJ Curves ratio was a hands-down winner, said Hammersmith.

BLUEGRASS A'COMIN' - Led by I.V. Chamber of Commerce Director Joy Boothroyd, the third annual Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival at Lake Selmac is shaping up. It will be a two-day event (July 22-23) and feature eight performances by varied groups each day. Tent or RV camping are available. To get involved, or for more information, phone the chamber at 592-3326.

IT'S CALENDAR TIME! - Come on, spend a few bucks: Wednesday, April 19 is the deadline to bring announcements to the "Noose" office for the May Community Calendar in our April 26 issue. For more about this effective method for spreading the word about special events, or sending distinctive messages to loved ones, come to the office, or phone 592-2541 for more info.

READING THE SITUATION - "Celebrate Readings" is the theme for Family Night at Lorna Byrne Middle School, set for Thursday, April 27. (See the ad in this issue). There will be a Book Fair, and adults who dress as authors or book characters will receive a special prize.

BOGUS CALLS - Several valley residents have phoned the "Noose" complaining and warning of bogus phone calls recently. In all cases, the caller states that the person has been chosen to receive cash or prizes, and all they have to do is provide their bank account numbers. Advice from law enforcement: Never provide information about your bank accounts or Social Security data over the telephone. Never. Got it?

LOG FLOG - Ashland-based Oxygen Collective announced that it will take its 40-foot biodiesel bus on a four-day tour to protest Biscuit Fire salvage logging. The tour, with music, speakers, and video plus "surprises," will include a visit Friday, April 21 to Medford Public Library at 7:30 p.m.

NOTEPAD - A blood drive by the American Red Cross will be held Tuesday, April 18 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at Selma Community Center. Phone 415-1000 for more info ... **A Blackberry Festival** board meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in the county building. Input and volunteers are solicited ... **County library** system funding has been chopped in half by JoCo commissioners for the fiscal year that will begin July 1, which means that the Illinois Valley Branch will be open two days per week ... **Illinois Valley** High School is among a record 18 track teams signed up to compete Saturday, April 15 in the annual Brookings-Harbor Rotary Invitational on the newly refurbished track at Brookings-Harbor High School ... **A rummage sale** by Good Shepherd Lutheran women is set for Saturday, May 6 ... **Bumper stickers:** *Very funny, Scotty. Now beam down my clothes. *The gene pool could use a little chlorine. *Give me ambiguity or give me something else. *All generalizations are false, including this one.

LAST WORDS - I got nothin' against mankind. It's people I can't stand. (Archie Bunker)

Letters to the Editor

(Continued from page 2)

have reached our fund-raising goal through donations from many individuals, families, and businesses. These donations will make it possible to complete this project this spring.

Financial donations have been received from Kathy Mechling and Jim Gurley, Chuck and Betsey Jacobs, Steve Stock, Ellen Lovett at Ox Bow Ranch, Lee Clinefelter, Joan Wolf, Jan and Jack Walker, Elizabeth Metcalf, Larry Weatherwax; Kay, Connie, and Vern Nielson; Jeff and Paula Wood at Riverside Physical Therapy, Chuck and Dorothea Kramer, Heidi Rousseau, Ronnie Chittum, the Jessome Family, Grange Co-Op, John Schlesinger, Pamela Tennity and Will Etherington, Larry Allen, Len and Diane Lea, the Schiffmans at the Tree Surgeon, Gary and Chris Simpronio, Cavenet, Nika Lyon, Tom and Terry Crawford, Jim Tehan, Elaine Wood and Mort Mondale, Harry and Bettie Robertson, Roxy Sincerny, Joan Guilbert, Lynne Campbell, Chuck and Ann Hackford, and, Terry Cain. Donations ranged from \$10 to \$1,000.

Also, in-kind donations have come in many forms including materials, services, and equipment, which have kept our costs down, made our work easier, and demonstrated a real commitment to our community.

Generous in-kind contributions have come from Orville and Mary Camp, Kenny Houck, Clearway Transportation, Dutch Boy

Paints in Grants Pass, Marty's Tree Service, Dale Madsen, Eight Dollar Boat Works, and Kauffman Wood Products.

SCEC also received Community and Economic Development grants from IVCDO and the Josephine County commissioners. The Meyer Memorial Trust awarded SCEC a \$8,212 grant for roofing materials.

Of course, the Energy Trust of Oregon provided the original motivation for this project by awarding SCEC a \$35,000 grant for an installed 6-8kw flush-mounted photovoltaic solar system that will generate electricity for SCEC.

The completed building will be the home of a Farmers' Market which is being organized by dedicated community members and is scheduled to open in May.

All these contributions have combined to make completion of this tremendous project a reality. We will be putting the roof on in April in a series of community events and will celebrate completion of the building, including installation of the solar equipment, in June.

There is still time to participate in this community effort. Information is available at 415-1000.

BLM, USFS criticized for 'treatment plans' From Dorothea Hover-Kramer Cave Junction

The forests in our backyards are again threatened, not by disease or a foreign invasion, but rather by two

agencies that are quickly undoing all remnants of public trust.

With the Bureau of Land Management's proposed logging of timber sales around Selma, Cave Junction and Takilma; and the U.S. Forest Service's "fast-track" proposed advance into roadless areas in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness, more than 28,000 acres of forest land soon may be transformed into a desert-like landscape.

That is, unless we the public are willing to speak up to reverse these heartless plans.

Contrary to popular belief, timber sales do not generate money for our

areas; instead, they bring profits to timber companies which offer few local jobs. Intangibles such as tourism, regional beauty, and quality of life are destroyed, while-so called forest management programs consistently lose money.

If thinning of undergrowth and small trees is needed, then there should be adequate funding and activity for forest restoration and fuel reduction. It appears that good and financially sound forest management is not possible under the present planning.

BLM and the forest service would do well to leave our woodland hills alone, without their "treatments."

Easter Blessings!

Closed Easter Sunday

Taylor's Hickory Smoked Hams **\$1⁹⁹ lb.**

Taylor's Li'l Pig Links **\$2⁶⁹ lb.**

Taylor's Hickory Smoked Whole Turkeys **\$19⁹⁵ ea.**

Dinner & Music This Weekend

Friday ~ Art Walk, music by Steve 'WIZ' Krisa

Dinner Special: New York Steak & Coconut Shrimp

Saturday ~ Dale Hopper, fun Country guitar & vocals

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