

Here, There & Everywhere

HOSPICE QUESTIONS? - Illinois Valley residents will learn how Lovejoy Hospice can provide support on Thursday, May 18. The informal “What Is Hospice Care” information session will run from noon to 1 p.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church on Watkins Street across from Shop Smart Food Warehouse. Sandwiches and beverages will be provided.

‘ART FROM HEART’ - A benefit art show and sale, “Art From The Heart,” will open with a reception Thursday, May 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lovejoy Hospice offices, 939 S.E. Eighth St. (off M toward Rogue River.) More than 40 artists will be included in the juried section. The display will continue through Wednesday, May 24, including the May 20-21 weekend, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Show sponsors include Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., Fire Mountain Gems, and Dr. Jim Nordal, who operates Cave Junction Family Practice and who is a member of Mid-Rogue Independent Physician Association, which offers its Mid-Rogue Community Health Plan.

RIVER RUBBISH - Three Illinois Valley sites are among many statewide that will be cleaned up Saturday, May 20 as part of the annual Down By The Riverside project, sponsored by SOLV. Caves Creek, Chinquapin, and Grayback campgrounds out Caves Hwy. will be involved for work including litter removal, trail repair or development, painting, and brush and weed removal. Volunteers should meet at Illinois Valley Visitor Center at 9 a.m. Work is scheduled to go until 1 p.m. For more information phone (800) 333-7658.

ARTFUL APPROACH - Unfortunately, a Website address (illinois-river-valley-arts-council.com) for Illinois River Arts Council was somehow misprinted recently in a certain Noospaper. Besides that, the council wants the valley to know about its annual May Munchies membership meeting. It’ll be held Wednesday, May 24 at the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction beginning at 6:30 p.m. “Bring a dessert or snack to share, and hear our plans for the coming year,” said the council.

‘NO LIMIT’ TEXAS - As a fund-raiser for Illinois Valley Wrestling Club, a no-limit Texas hold ‘em tournament will be held Saturday, June 3 at the I.V. High School cafeteria. Check the ad in this issue for details, including prizes. For more info phone Jay Miller at 597-2325 or Jerry Sommers at 592-2427.

GOLF ‘N’ GRAPPLERS - Illinois Valley/Laurel Pines Golf Course is the site for a four-man scramble tournament fund-raiser for the Illinois Valley Wrestling Club on June 10. There’s room for only 18 teams: Phone 592-6806 or use ward6164@yahoo.com. There’ll be a shotgun start. Club members, comprised of grapplers at I.V. High School, have taken the Skyline District championship two years in a row, and were second at state this year. They’re planning on first place at state next time.

SAFE HOUSE EVENT - Jimmy & Salina Su, of O’Brien Store & Deli, are sponsoring a benefit for Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance June 10, open to the valley community. There will be a barbecue, clowns, children’s rides, fun booths and other attractions. The event, besides being a fund-raiser for the safe house, will mark the first anniversary of the Su’s owning O’Brien Store. The couple are donating the food and services for the family oriented event: food will be sold by safe house volunteers.

NOTEPAD - Kelsey Arnett, of Illinois Valley, took a bronze medallion for third place in the driving category at recent Southern Oregon high school equestrian competition. She qualified for the state event this coming weekend at Jackson County Expo ... **Ray’s Food Place** grocery ads will begin appearing in “Illinois Valley News” on May 24. There’s a new Ray’s in Selma ... **Oregon Caves Chevron** was among the successful bidders for Phil Aria’s barbecued tri-tip packages during the Saturday, May 13 fund-raiser for the IVHS safe/sane graduation party ... ***Learning Through the Arts** program at Lorna Byrne Middle School will receive 10 percent of any sales of work by Pasty Heller, of I.V. Fine Artists, whose work is displayed this month at Sterling Savings Bank in CJ ... ***A two-chamber mixer** will be held at Oregon Caves Chateau by the Illinois Valley and Grants Pass Chambers of Commerce Friday, May 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. for members of the chambers. There will be complimentary refreshments and hors d’oeuvres. Dinner will be available afterward. A limited number of guest rooms are available for chamber members at special prices by phoning 592-3400. The mixer is hosted by I.V. Community Development Organization, Chateau concessionaire ... **A concert** by Jim Page, with music “in the tradition of Woody and Dylan,” will be presented Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Takilma Community Bldg. ... **Bumper stickers:** *Just say No to negativity. *If you can read this, you’re way too close. *Ever stop to think, and forget to start again? *All generalizations are false. * I didn’t fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian.

LAST WORDS - The superior man, when resting in safety, does not forget that danger may come. When in a state of security he does not forget the possibility of ruin. When all is orderly, he does not forget that disorder may come. Thus his person is not endangered, and his States and all their clans are preserved. (Confucius)

PLEASE HELP!
If you witnessed an underaged boy attack a senior citizen behind Joe’s Market on the river on Friday 4-28-06 at or around 6 or 6:30 p.m., please contact cellphone (707) 272-4837! David or Kim

Oregon bishop visit May 21 at St. Matthias

The Episcopal Bishop of Oregon will visit St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Cave Junction at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

He will be available to the public for open discussion after he leads a worship service at the church at the north end of Cave Junction.

There is no charge, and refreshments will be served.

The guest will be The Right Rev. Johncy Iddy, the ninth bishop of the Episcopal Church of Oregon.

The bishop, originally from India, has served as the human rights officer at the United Nations, an office of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He has been involved in advocacy work in the field of human rights, international affairs, and global economics.

Adams honored

Friday, May 12 was Brady Adams Day in the city of Grants Pass to honor his continual community support and promotional efforts.

Adams is president of Evergreen Federal Bank.

In a proclamation, the city council called the long-time area advocate “Southern Oregon’s number-one citizen.”

Letters to the Editor

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becomes a copyrighted specify specimen. At the time of purchase a written agreement must be signed to buy the commercial fertilizer and insecticide or they won’t sell the seed?

Question: Will it be a fact that phase three takes control of all waters: wells, ponds, lakes, streams and rivers?

Selling all animals can avoid this hassle and that is exactly what is hoping will be done. However, with wooded or rough terrain, pastures have to be grazed, as wildfire \$100,000 liability laws will be enforced this year creating another problem.

Being one of 10 generations of small farmers, my progenitors would turn over in their graves should I sit silently by and let this happen. But what will it take to wake up the American people -- a four-lane freeway march? Letting the world know enough is enough.

My American freedom is like my health insurance: It was really great as long as I could financially afford it.

Global warming claim linked to disasters From Nicole Rensenbrink Cave Junction

Scientists and mainstream media the world over are warning of imminent natural disasters due to the unnatural effects of global warming.

Polar ice caps are melting; the ocean temperatures are getting warming; coastlines are disappearing; and Glacier National Park’s glaciers are evaporating. The increased incidence of storms like “Katrina” are said to be just a taste of the dangers to come.

I am spending more than \$3 a gallon for gas now. That could at least be logical if the increased costs are partially an attempt to get Americans to conserve their fuel usage, and thereby lower the effects of automobile-related pollutants on global warming. I would advocate other strategies first, like tax breaks for purchases of low environmental-impact automobiles instead of for SUVs, but that’s another story.

Fire chief given high performance rating

Board hears criticism from disgruntled patron about feeling unwelcome in meetings

An assertion about the public being made to feel unwelcome was received by directors of Illinois Valley Fire District during a meeting that also included the chief’s high marks review.

Board President Larrick Jones announced that, based on evaluations by each of the five directors, Chief Harry Rich had received a performance score of 268 out of a possible 300 points.

Jones said that the chief has performed his duties in an outstanding manner. “We’re all pleased with his moving the district out of the Dark Ages with a professional, modern approach,” Jones said.

Rich told the board that his evaluation “is a tribute to the staff; the entire fire district. They make me look good,” he said.

His evaluation, he said, is in reality an evaluation of the whole district, and that he is pleased that what he does reflects the dedication and professionalism of the staff and volunteers.

Near the end of the hour-long meeting Thursday night, May 11 at administrative HQ, the board heard

complaints from Susan Chapp. She referred to a couple of meetings earlier this year, when the chief’s credentials were questioned, and there was controversy about a proposed ordinance about open burns.

Chapp contended that the board was “unfair to the public” and that there was an “unfriendly atmosphere.” She added that people felt “unwelcome and uncomfortable.”

She further stated her opinion that subsequent meetings have not been well attended because of the situation she outlined.

Chapp was told by the board and Rich that meetings are always open to the public, and indicated that citizens generally only attend when there are controversial issues or they have an ax to grind.

Rich said bluntly that part of the situation during the meetings to which Chapp referred was caused by the dismissal of a volunteer firefighter. Regarding the other matter, he told Chapp that “answers satisfactory” to those questioning him were provided.

“We are open to everyone and everybody,” the chief said. The board asked that citizens contact them prior to board meetings if they have concerns so that data can be obtained to be able to address the matters.

The board further noted that confrontational approaches to the board during meetings are not the best way to handle matters.

Following a public hearing the board also adopted the fiscal 2006-07 budget of \$1.4 million with a 5-0 vote.

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare. It is because we do not dare that things are difficult.

- Seneca -

Deer Creek Cemetery Clean-Up



May 20 & 21

9 a.m. until whenever

597-4648

We're Moving!

We will be closed Saturday, May 20 until we reopen at our newly remodeled café next door to the liquor store in Cave Junction on Monday, June 5.

Please pre-order your supply of bagels for the period we will be closed by Friday, May 19.

Thank you for your support and patience,
The Staff at Bagel Junction
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