

Here, There & Everywhere

LIONS CYCLE - Illinois Valley Lions Club still has tickets for the 2006 Harley that'll be raffled on the last day of the annual Labor Day Festival. The club would like a "local" winner, and is going to expand sales to outlying areas, but wants valleyites to have first crack. The \$100 tickets are available at Taylor's Country Store, Carlos Restaurante, and Century 21 Harris & Taylor. Only 300 tickets are available.

HOLEY COW! - Two holes-in-one were recorded Friday, May 19 at Laurel Pines/Illinois Valley Golf Course, reports pro Mike Day. Strangely enough, they were both on the same hole, except that one was on #8 on the front nine, and the other was on #17 on the back nine. Bob Paul scored his on the 125-yard par 3 #8, while Lou Trujillo got his ace on the approximately 95-yard par 3 #17. Day said that it's been around 17 months since anyone scored an ace at the course, and that to get two in one day is highly unusual.

CARE-GIVERS AID - Lovejoy Hospice will present "Taking Care of You: Powerful Tools for Care-giving," in GP. The six Wednesdays workshop for care-givers of older adults will begin June 7. Each meeting will last from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Phone 474-3110, Ext. 3842 to sign up or for more information.

BARING ARMS - An American Red Cross blood drive will be held Thursday, June 8 at Illinois Valley Senior Center. It'll run from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. For an appointment, phone (800) 448-3543.

BLUEGRASS BONANZA - Discount tickets are available until June 13 for the third annual Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival that'll be held July 22-23 at Lake Selmac. It's the first time for a two-day event, said the sponsor, Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. More than 14 Bluegrass bands and groups will perform, and there'll be free camping. Tickets can be obtained from visitor centers in Cave Junction and Grants Pass. The event will include food and beverage booths. For more information phone the chamber at 592-3326.

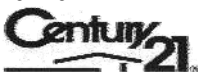
Rx FOR Rx? - The possibility of free or nearly free prescription drugs is listed by sponsors of The Partnership for Prescription Assistance's "Help Is Here" Express. It'll be parked Thursday, June 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at United Way of Jackson County, 711 E. Main St./Suite 17 in Medford. There are more than 475 programs that might help, sponsors said.

GOATNIK (?) HELD - Reports from persons who were in GP during the past weekend indicate that some sort of event was held. It sounded like Goatnik or Beatnik. No word reached the "Noose" prior to the event, whatever it was, so we're only guessing.

NOTEPAD - Eighth-grade orientation at Illinois Valley High School will be held Aug. 30, instead of June 12 as previously announced ... **A baccalaureate** ceremony for graduating seniors at Illinois Valley High School is set for Sunday, June 4 at the school. The ceremony is sponsored by I.V. Ministerial Association ... **Mothers Against Meth** will hold its first meeting Tuesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at the Josephine County Bldg. in CJ. The grass-roots group plans to provide education and support ... **A public hearing** on the approved county budget is set for June 28 in GP prior to the commissioners voting on adoption ... **A rummage sale** will be held Saturday, June 10 on the Sterling Savings Bank parking lot by the IVHS International Club ... **Our man** on the street reports that effective July 31, a 3 percent excise tax on long-distance calls will be terminated. It was put in place, he reports, in 1898 to fund the Spanish-American War. About time, wouldn't you think? ... **FYI:** James "Matt Dillon" Arness turned 83 on Friday, May 26. P.S. Someone once claimed that in England the TV series "Gunsmoke" was called "Blunderbuss Fumes" ... **Actual headlines:** *Joint committee investigates marijuana use *Stolen painting found by tree *Infertility unlikely to be passed on *Juvenile court to try shooting defendant.

LAST WORDS - You cannot teach a man anything. You can only help him find it within himself. (Galileo)

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When: Saturday, June 3 at noon
What is the cost: \$100 buy-in

Must be 21 & older to participate.



Letters to the Editor

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furthermore, our community, does not need another bar nor especially a topless bar.

Goynes states that television exposes children to worse things (however, that can be controlled by the parent) so that makes it OK? Goynes says his business will be discreet, no large signs, and only open Friday and Saturday nights. Sure, in the beginning maybe. Usually people open businesses to make money.

With a lack of sheriff's patrol, especially during the hours of his proposed operation, do we need more drunken driving, fighting and public urination? Don't we already have enough of that? Try having a birthday party in Jubilee Park.

Goynes' proposal has absolutely no redeeming social value. I am encouraged by the more than 600 signatures collected against this and sincerely hope my fellow citizens remain involved and don't become complacent or apathetic.

Topless club place in visitor guide?
From Larry Cook Selma

I was reading in the "Welcome to the Illinois Valley" on the Website about the small town community. My question is, where do we proudly boast the topless club?

Could it go after "Sights," or maybe "Professional Services, medical, dental legal, topless bar," or is it recreation?

Should I be impressed that we have more opportunities for the working force. Maybe we can add a dance class at the high school and list it under "Higher Education," and we won't have so many kids dropping out of school.

Earlier this year, Illinois Valley Chamber President Terri Hill mentioned that her goals were to unite business communities and remove the invisible barrier (I don't think a topless bar is what she meant).

She wants more business with family wage jobs, to work together with our efforts, to benefit our community, our business, our families and our future. Well, the idea is nice, and hopefully we will work together to ensure people trying to bring this kind of garbage into a community that is already trying to clean up a drug problem (which currently is among the worst in the country), will never see the light of day.

Hopefully the churches, businesses and community will not allow any more eroding factors like a topless club into this community. Our future lies within our youth. Currently they are dropping out of school at an alarming rate, getting involved in alcoholic activities, drug abuse and teenage pregnancy.

Maybe our focus should be on keeping fathers home to raise their kids, not out in the bars engaging in promiscuous activities.

How nice would it be to use that facility for a movie house that could actually show up-to-date movies. How many of our kids can afford to drive to Grants Pass to watch a movie? Seattle City Council members were caught being bribed by nude dance-porn industry according to "Seattle Weekly," with contributions that exceeded those of city, and state workers, as well as

Boeing and Microsoft employees combined. Hopefully that type of corruption hasn't moved this way.

We should consider the percentage of dancers who are prostitutes, drug users and homeless, and according to "Business Newswire" people in prostitution are increasingly getting younger from 14 to 13 and 12 and suffer wartime trauma symptoms caused by acts of violence against them.

Females in prostitution have a mortality rate 40 times higher than the national average, and a majority of them are addicted to crack. ("New York Times").

With the high employment, high drug abuse, no law enforcement in our community, it is the perfect opportunity for someone willing to exploit our young females for the love of money.

I believe that a staff of community volunteers should take photos of the cars, license plates or patrons of the bar every day and publish it in our weekly paper so we can know who our proud supporters are.

Goynes should take his big city club to the big city. Those who like the community should get a sheep -- well, maybe just plant corn.

Topless bar schedule could be enlarged
From Don Simons Don's Auto & Tire Center Cave Junction

I wish to express my objections as a business owner in Cave Junction to the proposed topless bar, as I feel once it is established it will escalate into more than

just two after-business hours late-night events.

For the past few years, Cave Junction has been trying to establish a favorable and positive tourism image and has started different beautification projects to enhance tourism by presenting an image that can be seen by people driving through the town on Hwy. 199.

Everyone has been hoping that what people see will encourage them to stop and spend money; thus benefiting the merchants.

Many dollars have been spent on making this town a place to be proud of. Yet, once again, just like the adult store that was approved, the city powers are approving something that will become a detriment to the young people, respectable businesses and the population in general. I have yet to talk to anyone who approves of the project.

Most people are just shaking their heads and wondering how this can happen in a small town without all the merchants in town approving it by special vote. I sent a letter to the mayor expressing my objections and requesting that it hold a special meeting and invite all business owners and residents of the community to express their opinion.

The time and place of this meeting should be on the front page of the local paper and the Grants Pass paper for at least one week. It should not be in small print or in an obscure place in the paper. That way, all who are interested may attend and voice an opinion.

A lot of people have said they heard that the peo-

ple involved in this venture expect approximately 60 percent, or more, of the clientele to be from out of town. If this is true, then what is going to happen when all the people who have been in the club begin their long drive home after having a few drinks, or in some cases, a lot of drinks? There are laws against driving under the influence; yet the clientele will have to drive home, and this will put other people who are on the road at risk.

According to the article in "Illinois Valley News," Goynes said that serving beer and wine, rather than hard liquor, should lessen the severity of intoxication. Who does he think he is fooling? Any alcohol consumption ultimately has the same effect on people because most people don't stop after only one drink.

Many in this community choose to live here so they won't have their children exposed to all the adult entertainment establishments that are in the cities.

We already have an over-abundance of derelicts taking over a lot of the curbs in town and Jubilee Park; plus they are allowed to drink openly. This small town already has an adult novelty store right on the main street, and now the city is allowing a topless bar to open basically right on the main street in the future. What next?

As a business owner, I do understand the premise of free enterprise, but is this really the image of our town we want to present to tourists and children?

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