

Here, There & Everywhere

BERRY PATCH - A public meeting of the Blackberry Festival Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, June 7 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction. Topics will include entertainment contracts and evening security, plus appointments of new board members. For more information phone Mark Russo at 592-6509.

SOMETHING FISHY - Free "Hooked on Fishing" festivities will be held at Lake Selmac for those 12 and younger on Saturday, June 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. No license will be needed. The annual event is co-sponsored by Josephine County Parks Dept. and Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Indications are that the happening will be based at the Boy Scout area off McMullen Creek Road, a short distance past Lake Selmac Resort.

BLUEGRASS BLOWOUT - Until Tuesday, June 13 discount tickets can be obtained for the third annual Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival set for July 22-23 at Lake Selmac. More than 14 Bluegrass bands and groups will perform, and there'll be free camping, said the sponsor, Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are available from visitor centers in Cave Junction and Grants Pass. The event will include food and beverage booths. For more information phone the I.V. Chamber at 592-3326.

'INTERNATIONAL' RUMMAGE - A rummage sale, sponsored by the Illinois Valley High School International Club, will be held Saturday, June 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It'll be on the Sterling Savings Bank parking lot in Downtown Cave Junction. In their continuing efforts to raise funds for a trip to the Yucatan Peninsula, students will offer a wide range of items.

JUNIOR GOLF - Saturday, June 17 is set for signups for the annual Junior Golf Program at Laurel Pines/I.V. Golf Course. The program is for those 5 to 15 years of age. Lessons will begin June 22 and continue Thursdays for six weeks from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. depending on age. Phone Bob Muswieck at 592-3151 for more information.

I.V. EXTREME - Jubilee Park in Cave Junction is the site for an I.V. Extreme Sports Festival on Saturday, June 17. Besides a carnival for children, and Christian bands, there will be skating, BMX and paintball competition. Also: a challenge run, a team relay, and a 4-mile WAC (Wilderness Adventure Challenge) triathlon. It's all described as "an extreme sports festival with races, sports competition, music and sharing the eternal hope in Jesus Christ as Savior." The host is Cave Junction-based Cross Quest Expeditions. Phone 592-3329 or visit www.crossquest.com

SHININ' TIME - Cave Junction Lions Club will present the eighth annual Antique & Classic Car Show Friday and Saturday, June 23-24. The first day will include a car cruise, and barbecue and dance with music by "Southern Oregon Blues" Band. Those events will be held on the Sterling Savings Bank parking lot in CJ. The car show on the second day, with free admission, will be held at Jubilee Park. Phone 592-4103 for more info.

NOTEPAD - Blood donations will be taken by the American Red Cross 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 ... **Youth Soccer** signups will be taken Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Shop Smart Food Warehouse in CJ ... **O'Brien Store & Deli** is the site for a community happening Saturday, June 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The food-and-fun fund-raiser for I.V. Safe House Alliance is being boosted by store owners Jimmy & Salena Su, who will mark their first anniversary as proprietors (full story on page 1) ... **"Living With Lions"** is the title of a free presentation set for Tuesday, June 20 from 7-9 p.m. at Selma Community Center by Rogue Group Sierra Club and the Mountain Lion Foundation ... **Handgun competition**, with free admission for spectators, will be held at Sportsmen Park near Grants Pass June 20-24. The West Coast Championship is sponsored by JCSA Pistol Silhouette Club, an affiliate of Josephine County Sportsmen Association. Phone Steve Ware at 660-8852 for more info ... **Iron Horse Bike Rally** (formerly Iron Horse Rodeo) is planned for June 23-25 at Lake Selmac ... **Actual laws:** *In Quitman, Ga. it's illegal for a chicken to cross the road. *In Maine you are prohibited from catching lobsters with your bare hands. *Gargling in public is against the law in Louisiana. *Putting coins in your ears is illegal in Hawaii. *In Oregon you can't legally use canned corn as bait for fishing.

LAST WORDS - Sometimes I think the surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that none of it has tried to contact us. ("Calvin" talking to "Hobbes")

Letters to the Editor

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made for a few months. I think that's good news. Hassberger wrote:

"I'll forward your comments to our investigator for Josephine County. I understand there is a great deal of concern in Cave Junction about this liquor license application.

"Please understand we must have a legal basis before we can refuse to issue a liquor license. There is no precedent for refusing a liquor license because a certain number already exist within a town. There is also no requirement that an applicant have prior experience running an establishment that sells alcohol.

"We have new business owners on a constant basis. We don't have any ability to control why a person decides to open a specific type of business whether that business is a pizza parlor or a nude dancing establishment.

"The Oregon Supreme Court has ruled that nude dancing is allowed under the Constitution, and within the past few months greatly broadened what the dancers can do in the form of entertainment.

"Any licensee can choose to add entertainment at any time without any type of approval from OLCC. We would get involved if that entertainment led to law violations.

"Because of the opposition to this license, the report will be referred to headquarters and ultimately to our administrator for a final decision once the investigator completes her report. The administrator may make a decision regarding this license, or he may choose to send it to our board of commissioners for a decision.

"Whether the commissioners or the administrator makes the decision, that decision must be based on legal criteria. I don't expect a decision on this application for several months."

BLM taken to task for logging stance
From Dorothea Hover-Kramer
Cave Junction

As a participant in the Summit meeting May 20 in Medford to look at the realities of the Bureau of Land Management's plan revisions, I was struck with the economic considerations for Illinois Valley if BLM's proposed massive logging plans go into action.

The economy of Josephine County has changed considerably while some of our leaders, including the county commissioners, still hope for the massive profits from logging received in the 1960s.

Only a small percentage of the county economy, \$14 million, is related to timbering and wood products, while major contributors to the economy are services, new industries, and jobs created by the presence of retirees collecting pensions and telecommuters providing a 43 percent increase in income transfers (figures courtesy of economist Chuck Weller: chuckw@coastrange.org)

The old-growth forests that provided a bonanza 40 years ago have not regrown to former profitable dimensions, and automation has brought a decrease in jobs affiliated with the timber industry. Our highest attraction for new residents, tourists, and recreational use consists of our magnificent forested mountainsides.

A study of 410 non-metropolitan communities in the past 30 years shows the highest economic growth to be in areas that designated Nature reserves and protected wildland.

The very lands that are currently resources for our economy are the ones that BLM feels determined to log via an out-of-date 1937 ruling that is being misrepresented.

Let us ask BLM to work with us to generate income for our communities by preserving precious forestlands -- not by extracting timber and leaving us impoverished financially and spiritually.

The 'DaVinci Code' shows Satan, he feels
From John Bazen
Cave Junction

My take of the "financial success," of both the book and movie, is that people must really be thirsting, for Christ. But, it is proof positive, that Satan rules this Earth, and has many followers.

Now I ask what is there, in these two "fictional mud puddles," that have so many rushing to them to ease their thirst?

Why drink from either of those muddy waters, when God's own word, the Holy Bible, is a cool, clear running spring of truth and wisdom? When in fact, there is not, nor ever shall be, anything that may as well, have been written by Satan himself, to be as a substitute, for God's Word.

Should we all refuse to eat from the garbage bin behind the restaurant, but go and eat inside, instead? No, there's no telling you, "Do not read, nor see this stuff," for it's but garbage all dressed up in church clothing. Even though you are starving and thirsty, rather eat and drink directly from God's own Word, and not from pure fiction, and lies of men, via a tasteless and hateful method.

Christ is the older brother of us all, so why drag our Savior through the mud, and spend good money, only to be lied to?

God is great; helping in medical adversity
From Rasha Smith
Cave Junction

I appreciate everyone for their love, concern, yummy meals, love offerings and prayers. I also thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for carrying me through this trial and having his graceful, merciful hand upon me at all times.

I guess you go through life never thinking that it will happen to you, but three weeks ago, I was diagnosed with a brain tumor. At that point I knew I had to walk by faith because God is in control, as He is in all situations. The

brain tumor was removed, and everything went better than expected.

Coming out of surgery, the neurosurgeon was confident that because of the abnormality of the tumor it probably couldn't be classified as cancerous. So we all sighed in relief knowing that God's hand was in it.

On May 26 I received the pathologist's report that was much different than what we expected. He told me that the tumor was a rare, aggressive type called Anaplastic Ependymoma that was a grade 3 on a scale of 1 to 4. This particular type of tumor doesn't react to radiation, and tends to what is called a "drop metastasis" which goes to the spine.

Because of the rare form of this tumor, I am being sent to UCSF in San Francisco to go before the tumor board in the next couple of weeks. Now, still knowing that God is in control, I continue to walk by faith, knowing that God's ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts.

Through this trial, I have come to the realization even more so, that God's plan is always perfect. Although in my humanness, I have struggled at times with what is before me.

In those times of wondering, my Lord has met me and given me the peace that passes all understanding and the strength to walk through this trial boldly just as his Holy Word promises. I will continue to walk by faith, even though I can't see what is before me, because I know this is His will for me.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, In Everything Give

Thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Evergreen fourth-grade play called inspiring
From Deborah Newell
Cave Junction

The Evergreen Elementary School fourth-grade classes put on an inspired performance Wednesday, May 31.

The fourth-grade teachers -- Lori Shinerock, Art Linne-meyer and Kelly Becker -- deserve congratulations. I am thankful that my grandchildren attend such a creative, caring school. The teachers of Evergreen Elementary are dedicated, progressive and wonderful.

People Power urged regarding liquor ap
From Ann Reser
Cave Junction

Oregon Liquor Control Commission will decide in two months on the liquor license for a proposed "business" in our town that I and many others find offensive, so there's still time to send protests.

We should bury the OLCC office in protests, jam the computers with email, and ring their phones nonstop.

The state has imposed a law that prevents communities from using their power to keep towns free of what and others say is an "immoral business." But they can't outlaw People Power.

An ancient truism is that "Evil will always exist where good people do nothing." We need to do something. OLCC can be contacted at 15 Crater Lake Ave., Medford OR 97504. The telephone number is 776-6191.



Ted & Jan ~ June 10, 1956

Ted & Jan Roberts are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, June 10 from 1 to 5 p.m. 1159 Fruitdale Dr., Grants Pass Open House ~ No gifts, please For directions, phone 955-4414



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