

Here, There & Everywhere

STRIP TRIP - Libby Goines, who's leading a Downtown Cave Junction mural project (see story on page 14), notes that she's one of two valleyites looking for strippers. Goines needs volunteer strippers for a brick wall. Meanwhile, Larry Goynes (no relation) is in the market for women strippers for Sugars, a topless bar which is yet to open despite erroneous reporting by a couple of TV stations. Coincidentally, the two seeking strippers even have the same initials.

PARK ROCK - Rock 'n' roll music by "BOS," formerly "Tequila Monsters," will be performed Thursday, June 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Jubilee Park. It's the second of eight in the free Concerts in the Park series sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. "Valley Country Band" will play Western music Thursday, June 29.

LIBRARY PLAN CLAN - An open, public meeting with supporters of the proposed library district "to review campaign plans to build support for a real library in Josephine County," and consider how to possibly contribute to the community initiative will be held Monday, June 26. The gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Illinois Valley Branch Library on Palmer Street off Hwy. 199 in Downtown Cave Junction.

REUNIONMANIA - Nine graduating classes will gather in Illinois Valley for Reunion '06 from Friday, June 30 through Sunday, July 2. The annual extravaganza, which brings mucho moola into the valley, is sponsored by The Association of IVHS Alumni and Friends and KUHS Alumni Inc. The following classes will reunite: 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1991 and 1996. There will be a dance, golf tournament, many dinner gatherings, the annual meeting, and the picnic in Jubilee Park with a silent auction.

BLUEGRASS BONUS - The deadline for discount tickets for the third annual Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival at Lake Selmac has been extended to July 20. The event, sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce with help from several businesses, will be held July 22-23. Tickets are available at the chamber office in the I.V. Visitor Center, and at Century 21 Harris & Taylor.

MOM-DAUGHTER TIME - Rogue Community College is providing an opportunity for mothers and daughters, ages 9-11, to examine important issues facing young people. An overnight camping trip will take place Aug. 23-24 at Indian Mary Park on the Rogue River. "This experience will provide an opportunity for mothers and daughters to focus on important topics in their lives," said Sue Orris, an RCC counselor who will serve as a facilitator with Joy Soll, an outdoor leadership educator and guide. They will provide activities to help participants address issues such as body image, positive communication skills, and peer influence. Cost is \$134 for mother and daughter, with a \$15 fee for each additional daughter. The fee covers food, materials and campsite. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information phone 956-7501. For more information phone 956-7303 or visit www.roguecc.edu.bcwd.

NOTEPAD - Oregon Mountain Real Estate has a Website: www.oregonmountain.com. (We're noting it because we messed it up in the "Valley Visitor") ... **"Grandparents Rights, Guardianship & Conservatorship"** is the title of a free presentation Friday, June 30 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Asante's Washington Outpatient Center, 1505 N.W. Washington Bldg. in GP. It'll be presented by the Oregon Law Center. Phone 955-5547 to RSVP ... **A swimming pool** committee will be organized during a meeting Wednesday, June 21 at 6 p.m. at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. The grass-roots group wants to plan for funding the CJ Swimming Pool because the city-owned facility faces financing problems every year ... **Iron Horse Bike Rally** (formerly Iron Horse Rodeo) will be held Friday through Sunday, June 23-25 at Lake Selmac ... **Bumper stickers:** *I'd rather be raisin' Cain than raisin' bran. *Drive any closer and I'm gonna' slap you. *I'm retired. Go around me. *I respect your opinion. I just don't want to hear it.

LAST WORDS - I don't believe in a government that protects us from ourselves. (President Ronald Reagan)

Letters to the Editor

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about the "transients in town" and the horrible mess our Jubilee Park has turned into.

But Midnight Oasis has been going strong for a few years now, and the transients are still here. And of course, the park is still just as bad. Midnight Oasis didn't bring a bunch of unwanted creeps to our town. It didn't bring outright filth and lewd behavior to our streets.

And no one has bothered that company since it opened. It's doing just fine. The people who want to shop there do, and the ones who don't like it stay away.

Just because Larry Goynes is opening Sugars in our town doesn't mean that

everyone is going to be forced to go there. It's our choice to go there. It's not like some cosmic force is pulling everyone in there. A person would have to want to go in there.

Larry's not going to have some Guido character forcing people in. We aren't going to be walking down the street and run into witches who are going to cast spells on us to enter the bar against our wills. I mean really, that's how people have been sounding.

Larry Goynes has said that if the topless dancers aren't in demand, he is thinking about changing the entertainment to live music or something else. I say we should just give him a chance.

Damage to IVFD headquarters reaching \$29,000

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driver apparently suffered a seizure. The room was vacant at the time.

Rich said that expenses are mounting for repairs to the wall, replacement of carpeting, fixtures and furniture, plus mending structural damage caused by the impact. He said that the contractor, Batzer Inc., had a crew on-site in about an hour after being notified.

He stated that the original Station 1, which has been replaced and is adjacent to the new HQ and which also served as administrative HQ, "was there for 54 years" without such damage. But the new HQ, he lamented, finished

some three months ago, incurred substantial damage in the May 26 incident.

It appears, the chief indicated, that the driver's insurance company and IVFD's carrier will have to duke it out, as it seems that the driver's insurance is insufficient to cover the amount of damages.

To prevent another such occurrence, Rich said, plans are to place concrete barriers known as K-rails in front of HQ and possibly an area in front of the new Station 1.

"They're not pretty," he said, "but we need to protect our buildings and people." He added that some sort of landscaping or art work might be

solicited to help beautify the barriers.

In another money matter, Rich referred to the Deer Creek Fire in August 2005. Because of its extent, including the loss of some homes and motor vehicles, the Conflagration Act was invoked, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) became involved.

Under FEMA guidelines, IVFD submitted a request for \$85,000 after the fire to reimburse staff and volunteers for their time on the fire lines, and for equipment including hoses. "Some of us went for six full days without relief because of that emergency," Rich said.

Only recently, he added, did IVFD receive some \$49,000 from FEMA. "To the credit of our firefighters," he said, "everyone waited for that funding and did not seek relief from the district.

"This is a tribute to our firefighters," the chief noted, "that they would wait patiently for almost a year before getting any reimbursement for what they did."

In other financial items, IVFD Directors Larrick Jones, Joe Malcolm and Joel Downing voted 3-0 in favor of adopting the fiscal 2006-07 budget. The total is \$1,476,041 with a tax rate of \$1.87 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Cow Creek backing aids RCC's childhood center

Youngsters attending the new Redwood Early Childhood Center will have nutritious meals and snacks, prepared in a well-equipped commercial kitchen, thanks to a \$20,000 grant from the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation.

Construction of the center, on the Rogue Community College Redwood Campus in Grants Pass, is nearing completion. The facility is a collaborative venture between RCC, Southern Oregon Head Start and Josephine County Early Intervention.

When it opens Sept. 19, the center will provide Head Start educational programs for children ages 3 and 4 from low-income families and for children with disabilities. It will serve as a lab school for students in RCC's Early Childhood Education program.

Early Intervention Services will provide special services for children with disabilities. The center also will be used for early childhood conferences and events.

"This grant will defi-

nately influence the health of the children who will be attending our programs, as well as contribute to their knowledge of the importance of good nutrition," said Connie Denham, who heads the Early Childhood Education Dept.

Denham will accept the grant during an award ceremony Monday, June 26 at Seven Feathers Hotel and Resort. Funding will be used to purchase commercial equipment including a freezer, range, sinks, and stainless steel tables.

RCC provided the building site for the project. A \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant was awarded through the city of Grants Pass.

More than \$600,000 in additional funding has been obtained through grants and donations. Grants came from organizations including the RCC Foundation, as well as the Gates, Four-Way, Collins, Carpenter, Allen and Cheney foundations.

For more information contact Connie Denham at 956-7053.

ODOT map shows location of road work to aid drivers

Want to know where and when you may encounter orange cones and work zones as you travel around the state this summer?

The Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) is distributing the Summer 2006 Road Projects map so motorists can plan ahead.

With 109 projects listed on the map, this is one of the busiest construction seasons in recent history. The increase is fueled in part by the Oregon Transportation Investment Act.

The Oregon Legislature passed a series of funding packages that raised approximately \$3 billion for highway and bridge construction work over the next several years. OTIA funding is contributing to 22 projects scheduled for this construction season.

"More road projects also means you're more likely to encounter a work zone," said

ODOT. "When driving through a work zone, remember to slow down, be alert for changes to traffic patterns, and be aware of workers and equipment."

The construction map is "a helpful guide for general information about construction activity."

For current road conditions, including construction activity, motorists can log on to www.TripCheck.com or phone 511.

The Summer 2006 Road Projects map is available at several locations around the state, including offices of Driver and Motor Vehicle Services, truck stops, welcome centers and ODOT offices.

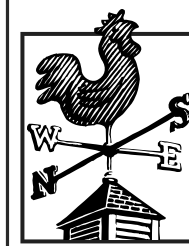
CJ court collects

Cave Junction Municipal Court assessed \$3,790 in fines and collected \$514 during May, the city council was advised recently.

Impound fees paid during May totaled \$1,000. Since July 1, 2005 through May the city has collected \$7,500.

The court during the same period has collected \$7,391 in fines for traffic infractions. Ten citations were issued by law enforcement personnel in city limits during May.

The phrase guaranteed to wake up an audience: 'And in conclusion ...'



Country Fair

Saturday, July 1, 10 to 4
Sterling Bank parking lot
(corner of Redwood Hwy. & Lister)

- Arts & Crafts
- Food & Music
- Farmer's Market
- Animal Exhibits
- Special Events for Kids
- Raffle

(prizes donated by more than 30 businesses)



Illinois Valley Family Coalition
535 E. River Street, Cave Junction
Phone 592-6139

A community organization helping those in need.



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Breakfast

Saturday, June 24, 7 to 11 a.m.
at the CJ Lions Club car show
in Jubilee Park

- Biscuits & Gravy - Eggs
- Sausage - Pancakes
- Juice - Coffee

\$5 per person (discounts for children)



Breakfast by Kerby Belt Lodge 18



Congratulations GED grads 2006!

- Peggy Briley
- Clinton C. Deter
- Dea Evans
- Hashana I. Griffin
- Lisa Susanne Robbins
- Jesse B. Wimpee

The faculty and staff of the Rogue Community College Illinois Valley Learning Center are proud of our students and applaud their dedication, hard work, and achievements. Most of our GED graduates will be pursuing additional education and training, fulfilling their dreams for personal success.



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