

Here, There & Everywhere

CONGREGATIONAL HUDDLE - "The Emmons Sisters" will present a concert of Country Gospel and Bluegrass Saturday, July 8 at Valley Evangelical Church on Laurel Road as part of "a good ol' country" all-congregations service. It will begin at 6 p.m., and be followed by a barbecue. For more information phone Sonny Moore at 592-6160.

STUDENT SUMMER STUFF - Illinois Valley High School has free, "exciting opportunities" for high school age youth this summer through its 21st Century grant. Students who want to work on their verbal acting skills and explore Reader's Theater can sign up for drama classes by Jennie May Donnell. They will be held Mondays through Thursdays, July 10-13 and 17-20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. From 8:30 to 10 on the same dates, Patti Sergi will teach students to sew by making art dolls. IVHS just received 10 new sewing machines, which will be used in the class.

The programs are open to all high school-age students, including incoming freshmen and home-schoolers. Students can sign up for one or both classes. If needed, transportation can be provided through the summer school bus. Students also can earn .5 high school elective credit by getting their Naturalist Certificate with Siskiyou Field Institute, which will run July 14, 16, 18-19 and 21-23. Students will study plants, climate, forest creatures, fire; go salmon snorkeling, and visit Oregon Caves National Monument and Crater Lake National Park. There is a \$10 class fee. To register or find out more, phone Jen Marsden at 592-2451 or 226-6368.

BLUEGRASS EN MASSE - Until Thursday, July 10, discount tickets for the third annual Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival at Lake Selmac are available. The two-day, toe-tappin' event is sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce with help from several businesses. It'll be held Friday and Saturday, July 22-23. Tickets are available at the chamber office in the I.V. Visitor Center, and at Century 21 Harris & Taylor. The chamber number is 592-3326.

The festival will run each day from 10 to 10. It will feature Bluegrass greats including but not limited to: "Alan Bibey & BlueRidge," "Moon Mountain Ramblers," "Dale Hopper," "Joe Ross," "Ida Viper," "Willie (Warwick) & the Poor Boys," "Gold River" with "The Antonuccis," the "Emmons Sisters," the "Goldman Family," and "Jefferson."

THE LAST RIDE - Motorcyclist "Bill" McMahon Jr., of Kerby, was honored by friends and family with a motorcycle cavalcade Saturday, July 1. Some 27 bikes, many with two riders, gathered at JD's Sports Pub in GP, then proceeded to Redwood Tavern and Art's Red Garter, where a reception was held. McMahon's Harley, placed on a trailer, lead the procession as lead bike, and his boots were attached facing backwards, symbolic of one who has ridden on. The memorial ended at McGrew's in O'Brien. McMahon, who died June 12 at 67, was a former I.V. Lions Club member.

SEX OFFENDER SPOTLIGHT - On Thursday, June 29, a public announcement was made regarding Oregon's new online Sex Offender Website. Around 11:30 p.m. following news broadcasts, the Website surpassed 1 million page hits. As of Friday, June 30 at 8 a.m., the site had approximately 1.18 million page hits. Oregon State Police (OSP) anticipate that number will reach 1.4 million hits by the end of the first full day of public availability. A "page hit" occurs when any one person views any single page on the Website, and is not the actual number of people logging on. At this time, statistics reflecting the total of people logging on is unavailable. The new site can be accessed at sexoffenders.oregon.gov; a link is on the front page of the OSP Website at www.oregon.gov/OSP under "Most Popular Sites" at the link, "Sex Offender Inquiry System."

NOTEPAD - **Illinois Valley** gets a plug in the July-August issue of "Via," a travelers magazine produced by AAA. Oregon Caves Chateau, Oregon Caves National Monument, Foris Vineyards, and Great Cats World Park are highlighted ... **A blood drive** will be conducted Thursday, July 27 at I.V. Senior Center. For the right to bare arms phone the American Red Cross at (800) 448-3543 ... **TOPS** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) could form a new chapter for the valley. A meeting will be held Wednesday, July 19 at 6 p.m. at Caves Mall ... **Bumper stickers:** *Support Our Troops. Question Our Policies. *Of All The Things I've Lost, The One I Miss The Most Is My Mind ... **An old-timer:** recalls when a naughty child was taken to the woodshed instead of a psychologist; remembers when buying on time meant getting to the store before it closed; recollects when going to eternal rest didn't mean getting a job with the government; remembers when you wouldn't upset anyone just by telling the truth (from the Illinois Valley Senior Center newsletter).

LAST WORDS - *Show me a man with his head held high, and I'll show you a man having trouble adjusting his bifocals. (Unknown)

*Show me a home where the buffalo roam, and I'll show you a messy house. (Also unknown)

DeFazio noted on the right track

The Rail Leadership Award was presented Rep. (D-Springfield) Peter DeFazio of Oregon on June 28 during a reception given by the American Passenger Rail Coalition (APRC), a national association of railroad suppliers.

The award is given outstanding leaders in the U.S. Congress whose efforts have improved the quality of nationwide Amtrak service.

The reception honoring DeFazio was held in Union Station in Washington D.C. It was attended by a broad range of organizations including representatives of the U.S. railroad supply industry, rail passengers, Amtrak management, officials of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, and individuals from other organizations that support U.S. passenger rail.

Cavemen rock visitors at Oregon Caves Monument

By **ROGER BRANDT**

Their appearance lasted less than an hour.

But in that time three men in toga-like fur outfits stirred a memorable array of reactions from visitors and staff.

They snapped photos and watched with curiosity as one of history's most captivating tourism promotion organizations, the Oregon Cavemen, visited the historic district of Oregon Caves National Monument late Saturday, July 1.

The Cavemen came to participate in a history program in the Oregon Caves Chateau.

"We didn't widely promote this appearance of the Cavemen because we wanted to see how people would react," said lodge manager Margarite Rickard as a group of visitors got their photos taken with the Cavemen behind her. She wants to organize a lodge history event this fall with the Cavemen featured as one of the themes.

On their way to the cave entrance, the Cavemen met several visitors who each had their own reaction to the trio.

A group of five students from Malaysia encountered them on the narrow walkway to the cave entrance. Chin Chin Lee, at the front, stopped, sized up the Cavemen coming at her, and then began to back up the trail with the rest of the group looking over her shoulder.

Hank Geiske, a member of the Caveman Club wearing regular clothes, explained the history of the Cavemen to the group. They then wanted Geiske to take their cameras and snap some pictures of them with the trio.

Didier and Chantal Clavreuil, of France, had a similar reaction. Neither are, fluent in English so it took a bit more time to explain the club history. Didier, in broken English, said, "When I first saw the Cavemen, I thought it was a party."

After hearing this a visitor commented, "It makes you wonder what the rest of the world thinks we do in this country."

Celine McDonnell, of Ireland, watched the Cavemen with her family.

Wyneken of California and Kristin Schulte, of Missouri, quickly changed and re-

turned dressed in improvised leaf dresses to join the

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Cavemen and two National Park Service staff with visitors. (From left) Roger 'Ugh' Lee Makin, Cliff Ostermeier, Carl Rhodes, Larry Owen, Margaret Rickert, Hank Geiske. (Photo by Roger Brandt)

"This is brilliant," she exclaimed. Her daughter, 3, was not as enthralled but accepted a small, polished rock from one of the Cavemen who told her it was "Caveman wampum."

Geiske later explained to the family that in the early history of the organization, when the cavemen walked in a parade, they would hand out rocks, or "Caveman money," to kids who could trade the stones for ice cream cones.

Geiske followed the Cavemen, and distributed souvenir buttons while explaining the history.

The Cavemen met several other groups of vacationers who had come to the monument from Canada, Idaho, Washington, California, and Oregon. Most were quick to get their pictures taken with the Cavemen and spoke enthusiastically about the experience. One group in a car stopped and commented, "Why would a man dress up like that and go out in public?" They declined photos and left.

The three men dressed as Cavemen were Cliff Ostermeier, Roger "Ugh" Lee Makin and Carl Rhodes, all of Grants Pass and members of the Oregon Cavemen.

Some of the cave guides who had just come back from giving a tour stopped to get their pictures taken. Two of the guides, Carolyn

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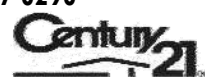
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July 10-13 & July 17-20
10-12:30, LBMS Art Room
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Tuesdays & Wednesdays
July 10 - August 3
12:45-2:45, LBMS Art Room
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Art in the Afternoon
Mondays, July 10 - August 3
12:45-2:45 LBMS Art Room
Week 1- Mini Crazy Scrapbook, Summer Memories
Week 2- Wool Felting, the Art of Squishing
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