

Here, There, & Everywhere

FREE SWIM! - There'll be free swimming at the Cave Junction Pool on Friday, Aug. 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The no-fee day is sponsored courtesy of Da Kine Grinds.

GOLF WITH GUSTO - Open to the public, a benefit golf tournament for Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, Aug. 12 at Laurel Pines/I.V. Golf Course. The deadline to sign up teams is Saturday, Aug. 5. It's a four-person scramble including on-course refreshments. Lunch will be provided by Taylor's Country Store; beer will be from Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. A single tournament price includes lunch, driving range, 18 holes, greens fees, the goodies, and net prizes. Carts are extra (phone 592-3151 asap). There will be putting and chipping contests, plus honey pots. Phone 592-3151 or 592-3326 for more information or to sign up.

CAVEMEN CAVORT - Members of the historic Oregon Cavemen will be at the equally historic Oregon Caves Chateau on Monday, Aug. 7. The public program, 22 miles east of Cave Junction, is co-sponsored by the Chateau/Oregon Caves Outfitters, and the National Park Service at Oregon Caves National Monument. Cavemen history will be presented in the Chateau lobby from 7 to 8 p.m. That will be followed by a two-hour campfire program with appropriately attired Cavemen. There is a report that KOB-TV Channel 5 will film the proceedings.

TALENT SCOUT - The 2006 Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival (Sept. 2-4) is approaching rapidly, and the talent show again will be among features. All ages are encouraged to participate. Cash awards will be presented winners of each category: juniors, intermediates, and adults. Performers can bring their own music or choose from selections that'll be provided by a DJ. To sign up, phone 596-2719. All entries must be in by Aug. 30.

IT'S THE BERRIES - Volunteers led by longtime valleyite Mark Russo are working hard to present an outstanding 25th annual Wild Blackberry Arts & Crafts Festival the weekend of Aug. 12-13. Musical headliners for the silver anniversary are "Southern Oregon Blues Band," and "The Toyes unplugged, acoustical set." Booth spaces are available; phone 592-6509 or visit itstheberry@yahoo.com. And the "Noose" is preparing a special color spread for the event, including the two-day schedule. Phone 592-2541 to become involved.

HOKEY JOKEY - A traffic cop stopped a motorist who had ignored a four-way Stop sign, and the motorist said, "Officer, you can't give me a ticket for that!" "Why not?" said the officer. "Because although I did not stop I slowed down and it's almost the same." "But you did not stop," replied the officer, "and the sign says Stop." "But the way was clear and it was safe," replied the motorist. The officer then took out his baton and began hitting the motorist. "What are you doing!?" yelled the motorist in surprise. "Well," said the officer, "do you want me to slow down or stop?"

NOTEPAD - **Arrrrr!** Aye, mateys, there'll be a CJ Swimming Pool benefit Saturday, Aug. 12. See the ad on this page. ... **I.V. Senior Center** graciously has postponed its planned 25-cent bingo games so as to not conflict with the American Legion games during the Wild Blackberry Festival during the weekend of Aug. 12-13 ... **Housing help** for low-income and disabled persons is available from Donna Lee Trembley, of SOHRC, a regional housing agency, Fridays at I.V. Family Resource Center. Phone 592-6139 for an appointment ... **World Breastfeeding Week** will be observed in GP Friday, Aug. 11 with a walk at Riverside Park beginning at 10 a.m. Co-sponsors are Rogue Valley Medical Center and Three Rivers Community Hospital ... **I.V. Family Coalition** raised more than \$700 from its July 1 Country Fair on the Sterling Savings Bank parking lot ... **Bumper stickers:** *Help feed a starving bureaucrat. *My other vehicle is a Romulan Warbird! *Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery. *I is a college student. *Nobody's perfect. I'm a Nobody.

LAST WORDS - Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man; but for one man who can stand prosperity, there are a hundred that will stand adversity. (Elvis Presley)

Letters

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we know today, what we already knew a million generations ago, actually coming into play across the board right now? A world at peace, and fed on manna, not a world at war, fed on BS and beans.

Anderson West comments noted From Patricia Bloom Selma

There is a low-elevation, low-difficulty, family oriented trail that winds through one of the last remaining patches of old-growth, has fantastic views of the river canyon and Eight Dollar Mt., and is only five minutes from Ray's Food Place in Selma.

There are other trails in the valley, but none so close to town and none that illustrate the transition from late successional coniferous forest to serpentine canyon that make Illinois Valley so fascinating and different.

Three years ago the Bureau of Land Management tried to sell Anderson West three times. No one bid. After working with BLM's recreational dept., we were granted Title II money last year to enhance this old mining trail with benches and kiosks. Many of us were excited about that. Now BLM wants to allow it to be commercially harvested.

This area has such great potential for the valley. Hundreds of visitors, tourists and residents are choosing Illinois Valley for its beautiful surroundings and outdoor lifestyles. Recent focus on development in Selma points to a new economic direction. Many new businesses have opened recently.

Preserving this as a resource to help bring people and revenues into the valley for years to come makes more sense than harvesting it once, and having revenues leave the area.

This land is adjacent to the new SFI Educational Center located at the former Deer Creek Ranch. This would be a great asset toward education and research. None of the people deciding the fate of this area live in the valley. It is up to us, the community, to advance our interests, protect our homes and help our businesses flourish.

BLM needs to come up to date with its vision for towns like Selma and Cave Junction, and allow us to present our unique and beautiful home to the tourist market for years to come. Let us not look back years from now and wish that we had done more to preserve places like this.

I hope people take the time to send comments to help protect this area in the Anderson West Landscape Management Project. The deadline is Monday, Aug. 7 to send comments to Abbie Jossie, Field Manager Grants Pass Area, 2164 N.E. Spalding Ave., Grants Pass OR 97526.

Or use or110mb@or.blm.gov or Medford_Mail@BLM.gov.

From Kerry Basset, Harm Reduction Outreach worker Cave Junction

As a resident of Cave Junction for the past year, I have noticed that your newspaper is one of the best ways to address community concerns. I hope you will publish my concern.

The Cave Junction Post

Office is probably one of the most polite, friendly places I have had the pleasure of venturing into. It seems if you wait just long enough, you will encounter old friends and meet new ones.

Items of public interest and special interests are posted on the public bulletin board, whether it is an organization meeting or a lost or stolen dog. How lucky we are to have this service made available to each of us.

For the last four weeks, I have been posting notices for the HIV Resource Center's Grants Pass office. There I do state-certified HIV testing and counseling. I use the Rapid Oraquick (oral, no blood draw) Advance Test which allows a person to walk away in 20 minutes with their confidential, accurate test results. Should they need further services, I am able to help them access those services.

The testing is free Mondays through Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but I can be reached at 471-7890 or 659-9020. We are located in Grants Pass, but sites can be arranged locally.

We also provide a legal, free and confidential needle exchange service. The reason the state of Oregon has encouraged our program and programs like ours statewide is because we can show a statistical reduction in transmission of the HIV and Hepatitis C viruses.

We keep dirty syringes out of parks and gutters, keeping children safe from accidental pokes from dirty needles.

We can also show sta-

tistically that no one has ever been encouraged to start using IV drugs because they can get clean needles, but that those who do use them -- many of whom would never be recognizable as drug users, as they are working, going to school and functioning within our communities like anyone else -- will use and dispose of needles safely, when they have knowledge of services like ours.

We also provide educational programs informing people about sexually transmitted diseases and infections and how to avoid and not spread them. We provide condoms, and other materials to those who ask, at no cost.

Hepatitis C is a deadly virus spread most often by the use of dirty needles. It is the fastest-spreading disease today.

So this is my question: If we can do so very much to help stop the spread of diseases; to detect HIV through testing, and to keep the parks and school yards free of dirty syringes, why is someone removing my flyers no sooner than I hang them up on the post office bulletin board?

My guess is that it is a misunderstanding or simply ignorance of what we are all about. But now, there should be no excuse for ignorance as I am happy to take phone calls, answer questions, talk to groups, and provide local sites for testing.

We do not have cures for AIDS or Hepatitis C, but we do have prevention and protection. And early detection can prevent passing the diseases on to unborn children, and allow for long, productive lives.

SELMA FARMERS' MARKET

Sundays 9 am to 2 pm under the pole building at 18255 Redwood Highway

Sunday Aug. 6th

Vendors NO FEE MARKET DAY



Vendors of locally grown produce and eggs, art, hand-crafted items, and home-made baked goods are invited to sell FREE OF CHARGE for one day only. Call Linda Meier at 597-2522 for more information. RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!

Not life, but good life, is to be chiefly valued. - Socrates -

Kids and Critters JOSEPHINE COUNTY FAIR

Tuesday-Saturday, August 15-19

Pre-Fair Specials!

Valid through Wednesday, August 9th

Season Pass

Good every fair day!

Adults \$20 (after the 9th, \$32)

Kids 6-12 \$7⁵⁰ (after the 9th, \$12)

Children 5 & younger FREE

Armbands

Paul Maurer Shows Carnival Armbands

Unlimited Rides* \$15 (after the 9th, \$20)

*any one day, noon-close

Regular Admission

Adults \$8 per day, Kids 6-12 \$3 per day

Children 5 & younger FREE

Seniors' Day-Thursdays, \$5

Entertainment ALL Grandstand seats are FREE!

Music events offer Limited trackside seating, \$10

Purchase in advance at the fair office.



Terri Clark
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.



Air Supply
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.



Mark Chesnutt
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

29th Anniversary Monster Truck Tuff Truck Spectacular

Patriot • Tropical Thunder

Big Air Freestyle

Friday & Saturday, 6:30 p.m.



For more event & ticket info, phone 476-3215

Ahoy, Mateys!

Practice your "Yo Ho Ho"s, break out your swashbuckler garb, & bring your "booty" to an adult, pirate-themed, fund-raising event

for the

Cave Junction Swimming Pool

Saturday, Aug. 12

7 p.m. ~ 10 p.m. ~ CJ Pool

Tickets: \$25 single / \$40 couple

(Tax Deductible Donation) available at the pool

Food & Drink, Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Swimming & more

See noted locals Walk the Plank!

For info phone: 415-1962 or 592-3990