

Here, There, & Everywhere

FELDKAMP APPEARANCE - Valleyites can meet Jim Feldkamp, Republican candidate for the Fourth Congressional District seat, Wednesday, Aug. 16. He'll be available at noon in Carlos' Restaurante in Downtown CJ. Chips and soft drinks will be provided by the gathering co-sponsors, Emilie Wolff and Kelsy Ausland. Feldkamp seeks to defeat Democrat Peter DeFazio, first elected in 1986. We would have told you about this last week, but the announcement didn't reach us until Friday, Aug. 11.

MIX-IT-UP FRIDAY - First American Title Insurance Co. of Oregon will host a business mixer at its Cave Junction office Friday, Aug. 18 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. There will be refreshments, and a door prize opportunity for those who bring their business cards. The theme of the chamber mixers is: "Success-oriented business people networking together to build their business by referral." Current and prospective chamber members can attend the mixer on Lister Street, across from the CJ Post Office and Home Valley Bank.

'AVOID CHILD STEALING' - A class on "Child Stealing/Parental Abduction," sponsored by Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance, is set for Friday, Aug. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the I.V. Family Resource Center River Room, 535 E. River St., Cave Junction. "This cruel form of abuse is often the last effort to control a victim/survivor of domestic abuse," said Chris Mallette, alliance executive director. "Join us for a couple of hours," she added, "and find out more about domestic violence and how you can be supportive of victims of this crime and become part of the solution." Although it's a free class, donations will be accepted. RSVP Mallette at 592-5332.

'CALLING ALL TALENT' - Wednesday, Aug. 30 is the deadline to sign up for the talent show for amateurs that will be held during the Illinois Valley Lions Club annual Labor Day Festival. Winners in each age group will receive cash prizes. To sign up, phone 592-2252 or 596-2719.

HONORING A SOLDIER - All flags at public institutions were flown at half-staff Thursday Aug. 10 in memory of U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark A. Lee, formerly of Hood River, by order of Gov. Kulongoski. Lee was an aviation ordnance man and a member of a West Coast-based SEAL Team. He was 28 when he died on Aug. 2, 2006 in Ramadi, Iraq. "Petty Officer Lee's service and sacrifice for our country places us forever in his debt," said Kulongoski. "The loss of this brave young leader is profound. Lee's valiant service to risk his own life in defense of freedom in Iraq is a testament to his character."

TOO LATE - Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) was in Grants Pass Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 14-15 to meet with citizens. However, the announcement wasn't received at the "Noose" until Sunday the 13th.

NOTEPAD - Parade and booth entry forms for the I.V. Lions Club annual Labor Day Festival (Sept. 2-4) are available in Downtown CJ at Century 21 Harris & Taylor. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, Aug. 24 ... **"Road to Redemption"** is the free movie that will be shown beginning no later than 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 at Abiding in The Vine. (We goofed on the title last week) ... **"Youth Bible classes"** (aka Bible release) will conduct an informational meeting to prepare for the coming school year Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. at 176 Ollis Road. For more info phone 592-3031 or 592-3818 ... **Educational Opportunity Day** for Illinois Valley will be conducted Saturday, Aug. 26 from 5-8 p.m. with refreshments and music at Rogue Community College's I.V. Learning Center in Kerby across from Joe's Market ... **"The Noose Calendar"** deadline highlighting September is Thursday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m. It's a good spot for ads, numerous announcements, greetings and the like. Phone 592-2541 ... **Soil testing** is suspended until further notice due to unforeseen complications, said Master Gardeners of Josephine County. But testing kits are available. Phone 476-6613 for more info ... **T-shirts:** *I am the American Dream. *Camping is in-tents. *I love carbs. *Listen to Rice Crispies. *Yes, I plan on wearing sandals for the rest of my life.

LAST WORDS - No life's worth more than any other, no sister worth less than any brother. (Michael Franti)

IVMA recognition set for two deputies, journalist

Illinois Valley Merchants Association (IVMA) will honor Cpl. Sean Rarey and Deputy Cory Krauss of the Josephine County Sheriff's Office (Illinois Valley Substation), and Bob Rodriguez, of "Illinois Valley News," for their "outstanding Illinois Valley community support."

They will be guests during an IVMA meeting Thursday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. at Lake Selmac Resort. Said IVMA:

"Rarey and Krauss have been instrumental in banding together the Illinois Valley community over issues such as safety and crime control. They are leaders with foresight who often go out of their way to ensure that community members work together to keep the valley a safe and peaceful place to live, work and play.

"They have formed various committees such as the Grafitti Abatement Team, the Cave Junction Security Council, and the Citizens Patrol, in an effort to work hand-in-hand with community volunteers. Too often their dedicated efforts are unseen, but their positive results speak for themselves.

"Rodriguez, a 20-year resident of the valley, as well as co-owner and editor of "Illinois Valley News" with his wife, Jan, has been a key participant in valley community relations and development. His dedication to the community is reflected by his many extra hours of participation in community meetings and events over and above his 'Illinois Valley News' professional duties."

Concluded the organization, "IVMA recognizes the efforts of community members, and urges attendance to show support for these outstanding citizens."

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And this brings me to the second and perhaps most important point that Allen fails to address. Statistics show that if these gay Californians were to invade our happy community, no decent law-abiding citizen would be able to appear in public wearing white after Labor Day without being subjected to boo's and hisses.

Perhaps Allen would be happier solving community economic problems if he lived in San Francisco.

Adopt-A-Duck sans IVHS disturbs him From Fred Ball Selma

After reading the Adopt-A-Duck advertisements in the Grants Pass "Daily Courier" by the Grants Pass Rotary Club, I realized that although the benefits from this endeavor are pledged to the Josephine County High School athletic program, the only school not represented in the ad is Illinois Valley High School.

I questioned the Sterling Bank folks in Cave Junction, as it was one of the participants in the duck sales. They, in turn, questioned a representative of the Rotary Club, who advised that IVHS would not be receiving proceeds since it did not need it.

As a resident of the Illinois Valley for more than 35 years, and a volunteer at all valley schools, I do not understand this. Our education and athletic programs are as financially challenged as any Josephine County school, and should not be excluded.

Should the Rotary Club maintain this view, I will encourage valley residents and businesses to consider withdrawing support from the Adopt-A-Duck program.

DeFazio criticized on Progressive Caucus From Jan Mornarich Roseburg

In July 23, 2006 issue of the Roseburg "News Review" stating the many caucuses our Congressman Peter DeFazio belongs to, I was curious to find how many and just what they were all about.

I was especially interested in the fact that our congressman was a co-founder of the radical Progressive Caucus. It also stated that he "marched alongside radical protesters" in Seattle during the 1999 WTO conference.

He spent the week marching with union, environmental and other left-wing, anti-globalist, anti-business protesters in Seattle. During subsequent protests, he blamed international corporations and financiers for the problems in developing countries. DeFazio could be called the "favorite lawmaker of the lawless." That is exactly what it said.

The left-wing Americans for Democratic Action has rated DeFazio's voting record as 95-100 percent to the Left. He consistently opposes free trade agreements such as NAFTA and GATT. He voted against the use of force in Iraq and against allowing oil drilling on 20 acres of the 1.2 million-acre Artic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), thus maintaining U.S. dependence on Mideast oil.

One can't help but wonder if he really has concerns about the 4th District that he represents. This information

is available to anyone who has a computer.

'There is a season and it is now' From William Schneider Cave Junction

I came away a bit moved to say the least. I refer to the Wednesday, Aug. 2 meeting at the county building to discuss BLM's proposals for our area and the reasons why so many people are against them.

To tell the truth, I'm a bit embarrassed by how little I know about a place where I have lived for 36 or so years. Fortunately, there are some folks I know and trust, and can, by listening, learn from.

Not only people's personal reasons, but I also can learn from and heed the science that flatly states the dangers of what we do or don't do.

There were folks who also brought it to our attention that there are many logging families, some for generations, who have depended on the industry for a livelihood or for survival, economically speaking. They are people who directly or indirectly make it possible for the rest of us to buy or build homes and use lumber for any number of reasons to make our lives more comfortable.

An industry is changing radically, and radical adjustments are necessary to accommodate these changes. We should consider how to replace the income of those we would seek to put out of work, or help with the transition from logging to some other occupation. Like it or not, this reality is fast coming upon us.

If common sense is to prevail, it's "No" to the status quo. I was nearly made ill when I heard something about 15 trees per acre were in BLM's mind a safe and tidy forest. Or maybe I hallucinated that. I was almost ill anyway from such a hallucination.

Anyway, my own feelings were expressed so many times by what people had to say, including from the tourist trap to New York

City considerations, and anyway what streets are all these thousands of potential automobiles going to drive on in what was once a small country town of Cave Junction?

Man, it's dangerous in the parking lots.

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Our next series of DV 101 is on

Child Stealing/Parental Abduction

This cruel form of abuse is often the last effort to control a victim/survivor of domestic abuse.

Please join us for a couple of hours and find out more about domestic violence and how you can be supportive of victims of this crime and become part of the solution.

Sponsor: Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance...
more than a safe place.

When: Friday, August 25, 2006

Time: 10:30am to Noon

Place: IV Family Coalition River Room
535 E River Street, Cave Junction

Cost: Free, donations accepted

RSVP: Chris at 592.5332



ATTENTION TAXPAYERS

Josephine County is Headed Toward A Financial Shipwreck

This County derives its discretionary revenues from two primary sources: property taxes and O&C timber sales. The BLM under the Clinton-Gore Forest Plan has all but stopped O&C timber sales.

Safety-net funding by the Federal Government in lieu of timber sale revenues is being phased out.

HOW WILL THE COUNTY REPLACE 13 MILLION DOLLARS?

HOW WILL THE COUNTY CUT SERVICES TO SAVE 13 MILLION DOLLARS?

THE CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER AREN'T SAYING.

DO THEY HAVE A PLAN?

Write In Candidate for County Commissioner Jack Swift believes that the O&C financial crisis is the single greatest challenge facing County government.

Without a plan to meet the O&C crisis:

- Taxpayers will get the bill.
- The County will discontinue critical services.
- The State will take over if bankruptcy occurs.
- Taxpayers will get the bill.
- Voters need to know a plan now.

WRITE IN CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER **JACK SWIFT** HAS A PLAN

- 1) The County needs to lobby the BLM to resume O&C timber sales.
- 2) The County needs to lobby Washington to resume the safety-net funding.
- 3) The County needs to lobby Washington to turn over County O&C lands to County ownership.
- 4) The County must prepare now to sue the Federal Government for the failed funds.
- 5) The County needs to survey the voters to determine what County services should be cut if all funding fails.
- 6) The County needs to survey the voters to determine what services, if any, the taxpayers would be willing to pay for with additional taxes if all funding fails.
- 7) The County must have the final plan ready to go before Federal funding runs out.

☒ **WRITE IN JACK SWIFT FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER** ☒

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