

Here, There, & Everywhere

LIBRARY BOARD IN CJ - A public meeting of the Josephine County Library Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, Aug. 30 in the Illinois Valley Branch Library in Cave Junction. The meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m. Discussion will include the proposed library district, and the future of the library system. With county budget reductions, the I.V. Branch now is open Wednesdays from noon to 6, and Saturdays from 1 to 5.

IT'S A GEM! - A warehouse with 60,000 square feet of space is being built for Fire Mountain Gems, a short distance south of the Grants Pass Parkway. The structure will be 45 feet tall, the city height limit for industrial buildings. Besides being the tallest building in town, it also will be the largest with more than 2.5 million cubic feet of space. Fire Mountain Gems is owned and operated by Illinois Valley residents Stuart and Chris Friedman.

CRATER LAKE SCIENCE - Congressman Greg Walden (R-Ore.) spoke during the dedication and grand opening of a Science and Learning Center at Crater Lake National Park on Friday, Aug. 25. The center will provide research and educational opportunities that promote understanding, stewardship, and appreciation of the natural and cultural heritage of the park. The focus is on attracting high-quality research to provide reliable and useful scientific information to park management. Data will be incorporated in planning, interpretative programs, and regional educational programs. NPS has 17 such centers; the Crater Lake facility is the newest addition to what it envisions as a network of 32 centers.

BUSINESS BOOST - Amy's Kitchen, an organic food company with headquarters in Santa Rosa, Calif., plans to open its new facility in White City, near Medford, in mid-October. More than 300 people will be employed initially at the facility in its 165,000 square feet of space. Amy's plans a job fair in January, as it will seek more workers.

NOTEPAD - The Labor Day Parade on Monday, Sept. 4, sponsored by Illinois Valley Lions Club in Downtown CJ, will begin at 11 a.m. from Evergreen Elementary School. There's a page 1 story about the festival and parade, but we're mentioning the parade start time here (11 a.m.) because every year some folks get it wrong ... **Free Child ID** fingerprinting kits will be provided during the three-day I.V. Lions Labor Day Festival in Jubilee Park by Kerby Masonic Belt Lodge ... **Bingo games** at 25-cents per sheet will be conducted during the festival by Glenn Morrison American Legion Post 70 & Auxiliary from noon to 6 each day ... **Pacific Power's** charitable arm, the PacifiCorp Foundation for Learning, has pledged \$50,000 during the next two years to SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) to help children improve reading skills ... **JoCo commissioners** were to consider an agreement with Options of So. Oregon to provide mental health services for offenders in jail and elsewhere in the community Wednesday, Aug. 30. The \$76,191 would be paid by Oregon Dept. of Corrections ... **25-cent winner-take-all** bingo games will be held at I.V. Senior Center on Saturday, Sept. 9. See the ad in this issue ... **T-shirts:** *Save the trees. Eat a beaver. *A farce to be reckoned with. *I get everything I set my mind to. Now where did I set my mind? *Equal Opportunity Annoyer. **Headlines:** *Defendant's speech ends in long sentence. *Tuna biting off Washington coast. *Complaints about NBA referees growing ugly. *Doctor testifies in horse suit.

LAST WORDS - *All the freaky people make the beauty of the world. (Michael Franti)

Valley FFA youth gain fair honors

Members of Illinois Valley FFA did well during the recent Josephine County Fair in Grants Pass.

Following are their awards:

*FFA Grand Champion Showmanship Sheep: Kelsey Arnett.

*FFA Grand Champion Market Lamb: Kelsey Arnett.

*Supreme Grand Champion Lamb: Kelsey Arnett.

*FFA Grand Champion Market Swine: Jacob Campbell.

*FFA Reserve Champion Market Swine: William Crowl

*FFA Grand Champion Showman Swine: William Crowl.

*FFA Reserve Champion Showman Swine: Jacob Campbell.

*FFA Grand Champion Showman Horse: Kelsey Arnett.

*FFA High-Point Horse: Kelsey Arnett.

*FFA Grand Champion Showman Rabbit: Justin Mason.

*FFA Grand Champion Showman Steer: Justin Mason

*FFA Grand Champion Market Steer: Justin Mason.

*Grand Champion Showman All Around: Kelsey Arnett.

*FFA Champion Chapter Display: Becky Bodeving and Chad Tardie.

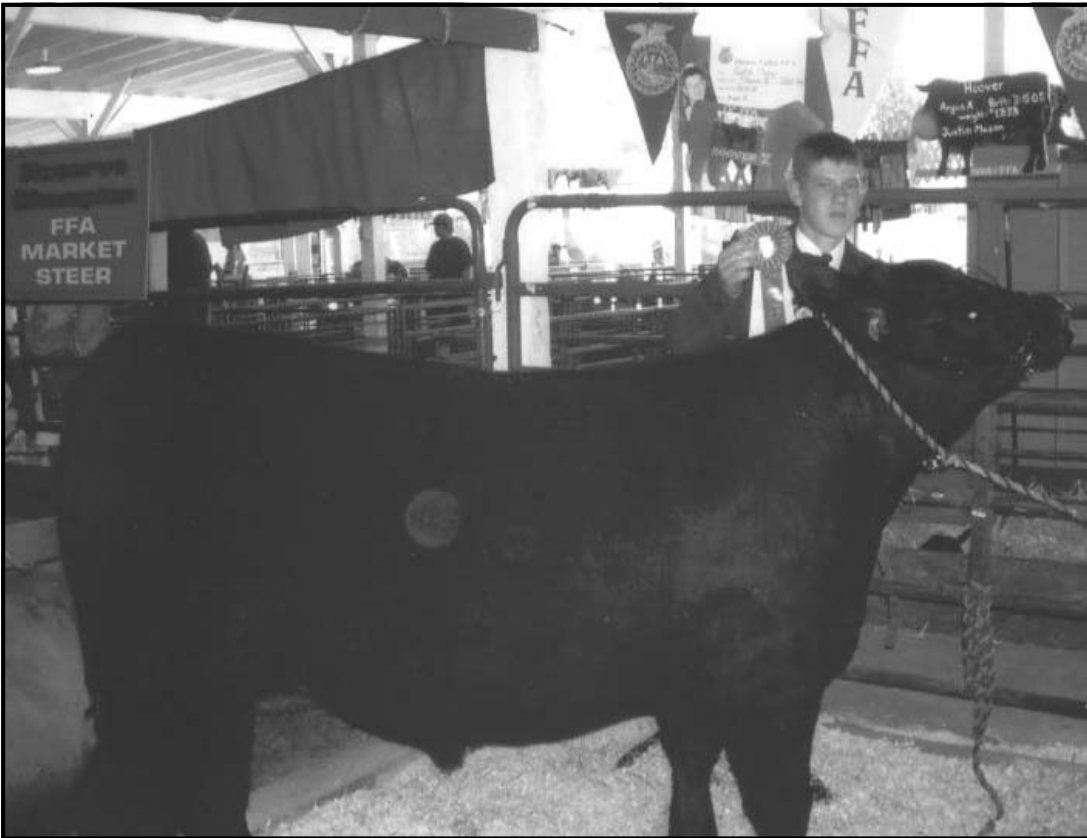
*FFA Blue Award - Corn stalks, squash, tomato, zucchini, 2nd cutting grass hay - Justin Mason.

*FFA 1st Place Open Barrow, and winner of the Revolving Trophy: Justin Mason.

*FFA members: Kelsey Arnett, Justin Mason, William Crowl, Jacob Campbell, Chad Tardie, Michelle LaPierre, Becky Bodeving.



(From left) Kelsey Arnett, William Crowl, and Justin Mason. (Photo provided)



Justin Mason with his prize-winning steer, 'Hoover.' (Photo provided)



Shelbie Mason, 10, (not an FFA member) won a blue ribbon for her swine showmanship and conformation. Bob Stefflug was the purchaser. (Photo provided)

Last chance to get wet!
Cave Junction Swimming Pool will be open
through Saturday, Sept. 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
and then close for the season.

Letters

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-ances of power, or any other type of makeshift juggling with the sovereignties of nationalism.

World law must come into being and must be enforced by world government -- the sovereignty of all mankind.

The political sovereignty of representative mankind government will bring lasting peace on Earth, and the spiritual brotherhood of man will forever ensure good will among all men. And there is no other way whereby peace on Earth and good will among men can be realized.

As for religions, could it be that each person's religion is nothing more nor less than the composite, the totality, of one's personal relationship with God?

If this is true, then one's religion is not the church, sect, denomination, or even the broad classification given to those whose experiences with deity have common characteristics (such as Christianity, Islam, Judaism,

Buddhism, etc.) Nor is it a system of beliefs.

Rather, it is a unique personal relationship with God which each individual must establish alone.

There is a significant difference between having faith in God and having faith in the representations of others about God. How does membership in human institutions affect one's personal relationship with God?

The most exciting and self-satisfying challenge before anyone is to develop a unique soul-creating personal relationship with God. Certainly, reading inspired books, listening to the experiences of inspired persons, and belonging to truth-

seeking organizations can help, but can any or all of these substitute for the development of one's own personal experiences with God?

Cannot the essential personal relationship be developed by living each day as a loyal and loving son or daughter of God?

Is it that there is no secret formula, no magic knowledge, no social group, no single creed which opens the door of eternity? Rather, it is the dedication of one's self to finding and doing that which, for that person, is the will of the Creator, together with active and living faith in the mercy of a loving and understanding God, which results in the development of

a soul of eternal value.

If this is correct, then is it not the role of religious leaders to hold up the challenge, to inspire the dedication, to support the efforts and facilitate the progress of those who choose to become faith-children of the universal father/mother of all?

And cannot this better be done by expanding, rather than by limiting, the ways in which mankind can perceive and relate to God? What better way to fulfill the vision of Isaiah and work toward the goal of Jesus to help "set the spiritual captives free" of burdensome theological bondage. We are all the children of God, all of us.

Forest Edge Farm



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Fall Hat-making
Workshop Times

Space is limited. Call now to let us know you want to be included. Price is \$85 & a potluck dish through 2006.
Call 592-6078 or Email llamuz@forestedgefarm.com



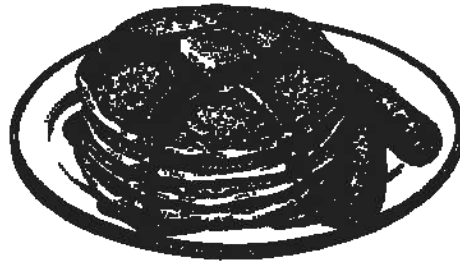
I love you all too much,
it's just one of
my problems.
- Herve Villechaize -

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

More Power Breakfast

Sat., Sun., Mon., Sept. 2, 3, 4 - 7 to 11 a.m.
at the I.V. Lions Labor Day Celebration
in Jubilee Park

Biscuits & Gravy - Scrambled Eggs
Sausage - Pancakes - Juice - Coffee
\$5 per person



Breakfast by Kerby Belt Lodge 18



SPORTS PHYSICALS

FOR: Youth grades 7 through 12

WHEN: Mon. Tue, Wed and Friday beginning August 21st.

WHERE: Lorna Byrne Middle School Student Health Center (at the front of the school)

COST: \$15.00 from August 21 - September 8
After that \$35.00

CALL: Siskiyou Community Health Center to make your appointment.
592-4111 or 592-6978

Appointments are a must!!!

Students under the age of 15 must be accompanied by or have written permission from a parent or legal guardian.