

# Here, There, & Everywhere

**VOLUME BUSINESS** - Selma Community Center Library will hold an open house Saturday, Nov. 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and attendees should enter by Coyote Coffee. The library is open to the public at no charge; “trade-ins” are encouraged.

**JAIL BAKE** - A bake sale will be held Thursday and Friday, Nov. 2-3 in front of the Cave Junction Post Office by First Love Christian Fellowship to raise funds for its prison ministry. There will be candy, cakes and pies made sugarless with Xylitol. Also, orders will be taken to obtain holiday pies: spicy pumpkin, regular pumpkin, sweet potato or apple. Phone 592-4775 for more information.

**IVSHA AFGHAN** - Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVSHA) will benefit from a raffle for an afghan made by Lola Reynolds using the colors of Curves. She made the afghan in honor of Domestic Violence Month. Tickets are available at Curves, 360 Caves Hwy. The drawing will be held Nov. 17.

**FLU BLUE** - After last week’s issue had gone to press, we received notice from the JoCo Public Health Division that flu clinics scheduled for Tuesdays, Oct. 24 and 31, were canceled due to lack of vaccine. An additional 3,000 doses are on order for early November. Check the flu hotline at 474-5337 for new clinic dates and further information.

**FOOD MOOD** - Those who take 5 pounds of non-perishable food to The Tool Box in Grants Pass will be entered in a drawing for up to one year of free auto repair service for a ’93 or new vehicle. The prize is valued at \$2,000. The business at 1661 N.E. Sixth St. is conducting the contest to benefit the Josephine County Food Bank, said Gayle Daniel, manager.

**NOTEPAD - A Christmas Fair**, open to the public, will be held at I.V. Senior Center Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the snack bar open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ... **An All-Congregations** service is planned for Sunday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. at Valley Evangelical Church with music by Chris & Phyllis Tempest ... **An I.V. Chamber** of Commerce mixer will be held Friday, Nov. 10 at Crocker Financial Services ... **Turkey bingo** is set for Saturday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at the county building. The fund-raiser for I.V. Safe House Alliance is sponsored by Cave Junction Lions Club ... **Toy Run** plans are in the offing by the I.V. Bikers -- at least, that’s what Stinky said. The 24th annual event will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Junction Inn. Phone 287-0290 for more information ... **T-shirts:** Great is the guilt of an unnecessary war/John Adams ... Do something with your life. Get me a beer ... One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors/Plato.

**LAST WORDS** - \*An optimist may see a light where there is none, but why must the pessimist always run to blow it out? (Rene Descartes)

\*I’ve never seen a monument to a pessimist. (Paul Harvey)

\*For myself, I am an optimist -- it does not seem to be much use being anything else. (Winston Churchill)

OPEN

HOUSE

Selma Community Center

Library

Saturday, November 4th  
2 - 5 p.m.

Enter by Coyote Coffee

Refreshments Served

A Mike Hohm Production

DR ROSS

Rhythm & Blues

Revue with

MWANZA FURAH

and Other Special Guests

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Selma Community Center

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NOV. 4TH • SATURDAY

8PM - MIDNIGHT

INFORMATION 592-3060

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# Letters to the Editor

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support biomassing of forests to achieve energy wants that can only degrade forest and community health.

The “Illinois Valley News” Sept. 27 articles: “R&R biomass co-generation project high-tech job,” and “Projects aimed at bettering forest ecology,” are not, in my opinion, based on sound science.

Healthy forest ecology, for instance, depends upon retaining the species that created these forests, and environments that will sustain them. Proponents of current biomass projects are proposing to use public forest resources from “stewardship projects that involve small-diameter trees, primarily the result of thinning efforts,” that convert forests into tree stand plantations. This destroys species and their environments.

We disagree with the statement: “Stewardship projects for more healthy forests depend on an infrastructure to efficiently remove and process biomass.” This means converting biologically and ecologically healthy, highly productive natural forests, into unhealthy, low-producing tree stand plantations.

We also disagree with the statement: “Such work makes forests healthier, safer and more attractive.” Forest resources that will be biomassed are part of and should remain part of the natural recycling that sustains countless numbers of species and forest health. Dead trees and plants: a) sustain the living; b) may sustain more life after death than when they lived, and do so for as long a period of time; c) create topsoil which sustains far more species in it than above it; and topsoil species provide the needs of new green plant and tree growth.

The second article reports: “---timber stands, have become overcrowded with small trees.” This may be true for their tree stands, but not natural forests. This wrongly presumes that Nature didn’t do it right for millions of years. “Moreover, as the Biscuit Fire reconfirmed, we cannot harness weather-driven fire behavior (Odion 2003).” We are concerned that biomass proponents are attempting to use people’s misunderstanding of fire as a vehicle for resource extraction in areas where protection of biological resources should be a high priority.

“The best approach to protecting biodiversity is generally to prevent human impacts (Odion 2003).” Protecting biodiversity will not endanger people in the area, whereas any false sense of security created by promoting biomass projects as fire hazard reduction could.

It has been well established that treating the home-ignition zone as described by Cohen (2002) as “few tens of meters around a home, not hundreds of meters or beyond,” can almost eliminate the possibility of homes burning in wildfires. Cohen states, “Home ignitions and thus the Wildland-Urban Interface fire-loss problem principally depend on home ignitability.”

When biomassing of the forest occurs, it destroys the web of life, resulting in deforestation, and increases high fire hazard conditions and commits to huge con-

tinuing taxpayer subsidies.

Forest health has been compromised for the last century and has resulted in a biological, social, economical and environmental disaster. If the last remaining islands of natural old-growth forests introduce intrusive stewardship biomass removal projects, such as being proposed, we will be supporting the final irrevocable conversion of forests into tree plantations. We will be closing the door forever to the possibility of forest restoration in our valley.

The Deer Creek Association does not support forest biomassing in principle. To do so would be in conflict with our mission: “To promote and protect environments and species that sustain the web of life.”

**Biscuit post-fire logging view**  
**From Justin Rohde**  
**Cave Junction**

I am writing in response to Biscuit logging media reports, to say that post-fire logging should be more about common sense, not political giveaways to special interests, as in the case of Biscuit logging and Walden’s post-fire logging bill HR 4200.

The government Accountability Office (GAO) has confirmed that logging after the Biscuit fire wasted taxpayer money and failed to deliver promised fire safety and restoration work. Delays in the project, often blamed on conservations, were actually caused in part by a dramatic downsizing of local Forest Service staff, says the report. The Sessions report, paid for by special logging interests, also caused delays. A post-fire logging bill would mandate bad decision making in the same way the Biscuit logging project.

In this place where I live, called the Siskiyou Wild Rivers, there is no place for logging ancient trees, and post-fire logging has destroyed much of the scenic character of the areas where they logged. My only hope is that people will see through the lies and double-speak to keep post-fire logging out of pristine forests where it clearly does not belong, come visit the Biscuit and see for yourselves.

**People can make American Dream**  
**From Sue Lily**  
**Cave Junction**

Ever since Virginia and Massachusetts hashed out the location for the American capital city 200+ years ago, fairness has been basic to our democracy.

For the last six years, however, this balance has been missing, and we are seeing the bad effects of one-party government. Republicans are the first to shout “Communism” or “Socialism” when Democrats promote social programs like public schools, Social Security, environmental regulations and national health care, and yet they have now established one-party governance.

They have redirected our taxes and natural resources to wealthy corporations like Halliburton through their self-imposed war in Iraq. Tens of thousands of our soldiers and their families have made courageous sacrifices, yet more than 100,000 American civilians die each year due simply to lack of access to basic health care.

Our votes this Novem-

ber can return balance to American politics on every level. We can send Democrats to Washington to restore the Bill of Rights and regain congressional oversight of national programs; and we can send Democrats to Salem to support our state health and education programs; plus we can send Dave Toler to Grants Pass to balance the two Republican commissioners and help transition Josephine governance to fair and efficient management.

A country governed by the People and for the People is the true American Dream.

**Negative campaigning called a ‘No-No’**  
**From Harry E. Abrams**  
**Cave Junction**

In my way of thinking, if you feel you cannot win on your own merits, then you shouldn’t be in the race.

If your main campaign speech is to run the other person down, then you don’t have much to offer.

I remember the campaign in ‘64 of how negative speeches by LBJ cost Barry Goldwater the presidency, and that was a big mistake proven by history. So I hope that doesn’t happen here. The stakes are not quite as big here, but just as important to this country.

**They oppose bond levy, library tax district**  
**From Marilyn Arnold**  
**O’Brien**

Our property tax bill this year is approximately 3 percent higher than last year, because of the laws already in place. Nearly \$1,000 of our payment will go to the public school system, and RCC is getting \$120 from us too.

The money they receive already funds libraries in each school, which are heavily used by all the students, according to some of my friends who work at the different campuses.

My daughter just graduated from IVHS, and it was a requirement that she incorporate Internet research for almost every report she did during the last three years. I’m glad she was instructed to do so.

Between the IVHS library and the computers there, she only had to do a small portion of her homework on our home computer. It was not necessary to use the CJ library or the larger one in Grants Pass.

My husband and I feel that supporting future levies or districts for law enforcement in our county is desperately needed. We’re hoping that our mayor and city council members can figure out a master plan for a thorough, permanent blanket of coverage for Cave Junction and the surrounding communities.

It’s no secret that the CJ library is rarely used, even when open. And did you know that its windows had

to be permanently closed because of all the crime it’s suffered during the years? People write a lot about how a good library will deter crime with education, but it sure isn’t happening in CJ.

We have seen things change for the better with more deputies on patrol, and let’s not forget to thank those wonderful volunteers who do their big part to deter vandalism and theft every night around Downtown CJ. Their combined efforts have made noticeable differences.

A final thought: If Jackson County can propose a five-year tax levy for 66-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value and adequately fund all 15 of its libraries, why does Josephine county need 55-cents per \$1,000 on a permanent basis, to fund only four libraries? (I am taking these statistics from articles published during the past two months in local newspapers).

Jackson County will pull its levy altogether, if O&C monies aren’t withdrawn by the government. But, the one that’s up for vote in Josephine County is forever, regardless of what happens with the O&C funding to Oregon.

We will vote “No” on the Library Tax District and the RCC bond as well.

**Undersheriff Anderson refutes opponent**  
**From Bryan Anderson**  
**Grants Pass**

I would like to address some statements my opponent’s campaign has recently made that are false.

These statements attack the professionalism of your sheriff’s office and the integrity of the men and women who put their lives on the line 24/7 to protect you and your property.

As undersheriff I am responsible for carrying out the policy set by the sheriff and in accordance with the budget allocated by the Board of County Commissioners. I am responsible for the allocation of resources our deputies need to carry out their duty to the citizens of Josephine County.

I am running for sheriff because I want to assume the responsibility of setting policy and working with the county commissioners to better serve citizens. I have conducted my campaign with the professionalism of a law enforcement officer and with the respect to my fellow deputies and the residents of Josephine County.

Some voters have asked me to why I don’t respond with a “hit piece” against my opponent. My response has been and will continue to be that I will not bring shame and dishonor to the deputies of the sheriff’s office, nor the citizens of Josephine County by engaging in negative campaigning. Everyone deserves better than that.

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