

Clinic opening awaiting water, sewer connections

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Construction on the new Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC) in the city of Cave Junction has been completed for months, but the building cannot yet be opened.

However, all that is expected to change once infrastructure for the project is put into place.

Work is currently under way by Copeland Construction to install water and sewer lines to the facility. Those improvements are being funded by a community development block grant, and the city is working with SCHC to implement it.

Because of the work, some traffic delays are occurring.



(Photo by Scott Jorgensen, 'Illinois Valley News')

SCHC Cave Junction Regional Director Sheila Mason said that she expects the center to be open relatively soon.

"My understanding is

that as soon as the water and sewer are hooked up, we'll be able to occupy the building," Mason said.

She added that the center may be operational by the end of January. Interviews are already being conducted for physician and midlevel practitioner positions, but SCHC Chief Operating Executive Susan Scheufele said that some positions will remain vacant for the time being.

"We won't be able to do some hiring until we're actually in the facility," Scheufele said. "Right now, we haven't got any place to put them."

Mason said that the center's waiting room and offices are "pretty well together," and that some equipment already has been moved into the building.

"The furniture is in, and we've been slowly taking things over there," Mason reported.

Mason said that when the center opens at the north end of town, Illinois Valley residents will have access to high-quality health care.

"As a n t e Health System partnered with us," she said, "and they're going to take over the lab and our X-ray, and open it so the whole public can use it. Right now, we're restricted to only doing our patients' lab and X-rays," Mason said. "It will be a wonderful benefit for a lot of patients, whether they're ours or not."

She added that the new facilities also will reduce the amount of time that patients wait to receive treatment.

"The other part is, the facility is going to be large, which allows us to see patients faster," Mason said. "One of the reasons it takes some time is we don't have enough space (in the current location) to move in the most efficient manner."

Scheufele said that she looks forward to having a grand opening soon.

"Obviously, we want to be in there as soon as we can get in there," Scheufele said. "And hopefully, there won't be all the horrible, adverse weather conditions, so things can move forward smoothly."

Siskiyou Pass on I-5 affected by snow, so be ready: ODOT

Impatient drivers could face a major challenge as a mix of winter storms and holiday traffic possibly lead to lengthy delays on Siskiyou Pass between Ashland and Yreka, Calif.

The Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) strongly urges drivers to come prepared when traveling on Interstate 5. Under chain requirements on Siskiyou Pass, one-to-two-hour delays are not uncommon during the high-volume travel periods this time of year.

"We're seeing lowering snow levels, which will cause delays on the Siskiyou into Northern California to Redding," said ODOT District Manager John Vial. "We're at the

mercy of the weather, and conditions can change quickly. If you can delay your trip until later, you may be better off."

Drivers are advised to fill their fuel tank and take other precautions such as having tire chains, food and water before traveling over Siskiyou Pass.

"If you're prepared, you'll stay warm and safe in your vehicle until you get over Siskiyou Pass," Vial said.

"Don't take chances; prepare for the worst."

For road conditions in Oregon, phone 511 or (800) 977-ODOT (6368). Outside Oregon, dial (503) 588-2941. Reports are available 24 hours a day.

Obituary

Mildred Crain

A private service was held for Mildred Crain, 96, of Cave Junction, who died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006 at her residence in Cave Junction.

The family guest book and condolences are available at www.stephensfc.com.

Mrs. Crain was born on Jan. 21, 1910 to John & Laura Clinton in Hochatown, Okla. She married Nobel Crain, who preceded her in death. They lived together in Crescent City, Calif. from 1942 until she moved to Cave Junction in 1976. She worked briefly at Crescent Plywood & Blue Roof Café.

She enjoyed sewing, gardening, cooking and spending

time with her family and grandchildren.

Survivors include four daughters, Frances Chambers, of Bothell, Wash., Betty Thompson, of Medford, Shirley Saunders, of Smith River, Calif., and Marie Orr, of Cave Junction; a son, Don Crain, of Arcata, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and seven great-great grandchildren.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by a sister, Esther Lee; a brother, Sylvester (Buck) Clinton; and a grandson.

Arrangements were directed by Stephens Family Chapel in Grants Pass.

Church News

St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church

Jan. 7 celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. The Gospel reading is from Matthew, Chapter 2, describing the visit of the Magi, whom Herod asked to bring him word when they found the child Jesus.

When they saw the child with Mary they prostrated themselves and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went home by another way.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cave Junction

Our Christmas pageant titled "By The Fireside" was the highlight of the Sabbath service Saturday, Dec. 23.

The choir sang 20 lovely Christmas hymns, and there were several solos in-between acts of the play. After the worship service, the children took a red stocking from the Christmas tree in the foyer and removed the gifts inside and replaced the stocking on the tree with their offering for Jesus in the stocking.

The congregation, includ-

ing many visitors, was ushered into the beautifully decorated fellowship hall for a delicious Christmas dinner. The elder in charge announced that the roof on the church was paid in full.

He also announced Communion and a special Baptism for Saturday, Dec. 30. The pastor's sermon title was "Lord, Wash Me Clean!" There was special music by the Edelian Family.

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With December being a month full of holidays, you might enjoy knowing what the SOLIS system has to offer for the season. Typing in "Christmas" under the various formats (books, DVD, music CD, etc.) yields well over 2,000 titles. "Juvenile Christmas" books alone number 984, "Christmas decorations" another 281.

"Hanukkah" produces 116 entries (in all formats), while "Jewish holidays" offers a total of 43. "Kwanza," however, is a bit limited in it's offerings, numbering only 3.

Whether the quantity is great or small, hopefully all can find just what they need for their December holidays.

Places of Worship

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA
18285 Redwood Hwy.
P.O. Box 279, Selma, OR 97538 - 597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
Sunday evening: 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
P.O. Box 645
5181 Holland Loop
Non-Denominational
Pastor Frank Salerni
Children's Church-10:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m.
Youth Group Leaders Lance & Judy Baker
Women's Prayer Thursday 9:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Meeting 1st & 3rd Saturday - 8 a.m.
Corner Dick George/Holland Loop

BAHA'I FAITH
Phone 592-5234

ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
25904 N. Redwood Hwy.
Sunday Services:
1st three Sundays 11 a.m.
Fourth Sunday 5 p.m.
592-2006

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Avenue
592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH
407 W. River Street, CJ
592-3658
Father Harry Holwell
Parochial Vicar
Masses - Sunday
Daylight Saving - 9 a.m.
Standard Time - 10 a.m.
Daily Mass Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m.
First Saturday - 10 a.m.
Holy Days - 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday - 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
113 S. Caves Avenue, CJ
Evangelical & Non-Denominational
Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Prayer & Praise - 6 p.m.
Jr. Church, Infant & Toddler Nursery Provided
Youth Awana - K to 6th grade
Wednesday - 6:15 to 8 p.m.
Pastor Dave Gordon
Community Christian Academy
Preschool to 12th grade

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
265 S. Old Stage Road
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Sat. Church Service 11 a.m. Sat.
Prayer & Praise 7 p.m. Tues.
Pastor Vern Hyland
Church 592-3218
Everyone Welcome
Madrone Adventist School 592-3330
Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy Whitchurch 592-6604

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins Ph. 592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Child-care for small children
Web Page: <http://UMCImmanuel.org>

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street & Lewis Court
Pastor Don Torala
Sunday Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10 p.m.
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.
Church Phone: 592-2290



FIRST LOVE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
New Horizons in God's Kingdom
139 Caves Ave. Front door 592-4775
Worship Schedule
Sunday Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery 10:45 a.m.
Wed. Service 7 p.m.
Thurs. "First Love Kitchen" Free Hot Meal 11:30 a.m.
Sat. "Free Bread" 11 a.m.
Phone for Bible College Classes
Pastors:
Bob & Virginia Kurko

ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
2110 Caves Hwy.
Stanley W. Smith, Pastor
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study - Thursday 6 p.m.
Family Night - Thursday 6 to 7:30 p.m. - A Southern Baptist Ministry
Phone: 592-3029

VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Les Knapp
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study Mon. 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Studies Thursday 6 p.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
592-6160

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
207 Junction Avenue, CJ
Priesthood, Relief Soc. 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Sacrament Meet - 10:50 a.m.
Bishop Charles Rigby
1st Counselor Dennis Swift
2nd Counselor Walt Farmer

ILLINOIS VALLEY PRAISE CENTER
28569 Redwood Hwy.
Cave Junction
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.
Thursday evening - 7 p.m.
Home Bible Study/Youth Group
Non-Denominational Bible Teaching Church
Pastor Doug Wilson
592-4872

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10300 Takilma Road
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study/Prayer Time 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10 BEEF PARISIENNE
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Bran wheat bread
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