

Here, There, & Everywhere

GOT 'OUTSTANDING'? - Nominations for the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce annual recognition program will be accepted until Friday, Jan. 26. Written recommendations for Business and Citizen of the Year should be sent to P.O. Box 312 in Cave Junction. Nominations should include complete information as to why a business or person should be considered for honors based on their 2006 efforts and achievements. (Also see item after the next one).

IBIG OPEN HOUSE - IBIG Forestry Action Committee (FAC) Tree Planting Project will host an open house Saturday, Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Butler Bldg. at the lower compound of the U.S. Forest Service in Cave Junction to celebrate the project's 15th year. There will be fun crafts for the kids (and the young at heart), film footage of salmon at the Illinois River Falls by Bob Cornett, and artistic displays of various FAC projects. Information also will be available about the Volunteer Day on Feb. 24, and for land owners, who would like to see if they qualify for free trees. Throughout the day, finger food and refreshments will be available. "Come see all the exciting things the FAC is accomplishing," said Suzanne Vautier, Tree Program coordinator. For more information, phone 592-4098.

CHAMBER DEADLINE - Sheriff Gil Gilbertson and the board of county commissioners -- Chairman Jim Raffenburg, Vice Chairman Dave Toler and Commissioner Dwight Ellis -- will attend the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce public dinner-dance Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Junction Inn. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 2 to sign up, at \$20 per person, for the dinner (prime rib, chicken or vegetarian). The event will include live music, plus announcement of the Citizen and Business of the Year for 2006. There will be a no-host bar

Due to Dulcie Moore, chamber office manager, being injured in a car crash, reservations are being accepted in person at the "Illinois Valley News" office, Northwest Hairlines, and Ted Crocker Financial Services. Additionally, members should mail their reservation forms ASAP with a check.

IN THE CARDS - Rusk Ranch (Wayne and Shirley Rusk), members of Illinois Valley Merchants Association, announce a community event they are planning to hold once monthly: Pinochle Club. The evenings will begin Saturday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner followed by pinochle, or other card games of choice. The Glass Rail Outfit at Rusk Ranch is sponsoring this event. It's located at 27742 Redwood Hwy.: follow the signs. For more information, phone Shirley Rusk at 592-4658.

GUARD GAINS GREEN - The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced a grant to the state of Louisiana for approximately \$2.7 million to cover the costs of reimbursing Oregon National Guard (ONG) for services provided in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Louisiana must now reimburse ONG for this amount. Among members of Oregon's congressional delegation instrumental in obtaining the funds were Ron Wyden and Peter DeFazio. Because of the federal government's belated response to Katrina, they said, Louisiana Gov. Blanco requested ONG to assist in the relief effort. It exceeded expectations by deploying more than 2,100 soldiers and their equipment to New Orleans in less than three days.

AMPHITHEATER AMPLIFIED - A proposed amphitheater in the city of Grants Pass received a financial boost when Pacific Power recently provided \$8,000. The money will be used toward general development of the project to be built in Reinhart Volunteer Park (formerly known as the All Sports Park). The proposed amphitheater would be the new home of the Concerts In The Park series. The permanent structure would not only host the annual concert series, but many other performing arts events and projects throughout the year.

DON'T EGG-ON SENIORS - We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "senior special" was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$1.99. "Sounds good," said my wife, "but I don't want the eggs." The waitress said, "Then I'll have to charge you \$2.49 because you're ordering a la carte." "You mean I'll have to pay for not taking the eggs? my wife asked incredulously. With an answer of "yes," my wife ordered the special. "How do you want your eggs?" "Raw and in the shell," my wife replied. She took the two eggs home. Moral: Don't mess with senior citizens. We've been around a long time.

NOTEPAD - Senior Parent Night will be held Wednesday night, Jan. 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 in the IVHS cafeteria ... **The American Red Cross** Southern Oregon Chapter provided emergency assistance to the men whose Takilma home was destroyed by fire on Saturday, Jan. 13 ... **I.V. Senior Center** is planning a bus trip to Winnemucca, Nev. from Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 12 to 14. Details are available by phoning 592-6888 ... **A new cat** at the home of Natalie Kaplan, granddaughter of a certain couple who own the "Noose," got the full-name treatment that can only come from a 4-year-old. The cat's name is Ginger Carley Muffin Face ... **Overheard:** "There's a creature becoming extinct in our valley." "Oh yeah, what is it?" "The ant." "The ant!?" "Yes, the *deodor*-ant."

LAST WORDS - Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please. (Mark Twain)

Smokejumper museum project remains up in the air

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Plans to turn the former Siskiyou Smokejumper Base into a museum at Illinois Valley Airport have yet to be finalized by the Josephine County Airport Advisory Committee.

During its Thursday, Jan. 18 meeting at Grants Pass Airport in Merlin, the commission debated whether or not to move forward with a proposal from the Siskiyou Smokejumper Base Museum Project (SSBMP).

Bob Bleadon, former committee chairman, expressed support for the concept.

"I can't think of a finer project than to start this museum," said Bleadon, a resident of Selma.

Committee member Kurt Krauss said that as a longtime local resident, he would like to see the former base's facilities improved and put to good use.

"I love that place, and I'd love see it brought up to where it was 30 years ago," Krauss said.

He acknowledged that fixing the facilities may be somewhat costly, but said that any such investment would be worthwhile.

"Regardless of that, I would like to see it succeed," Krauss said.

Asked about a potential timeline for the project, SSBMP member Roger Brandt said that he didn't want to promote the site before it is ready to accommodate visitors. However, Brandt said that he is confident that it would not take too long to get the museum up and running.

"I think we can get something set up pretty quickly," Brandt said.

He said that volunteers already are available to help staff the museum, and that admission fees paid by visitors could hopefully pay for its operating costs.

Bleadon moved to accept SSBMP's current proposal and submit it to the Josephine County Board of Commissioners. However, that motion never received a second and was not passed.

Commission member Luz Moore, of Cave Junction, asked Brandt if SSBMP had funds available to lease existing airport buildings for the museum. Brandt explained SSBMP's offer to fix the facilities in exchange for a lower lease.

Krauss said he supported such a concept.

Messerli-Hopkins planning marriage in spring 2008



Joy Messerli and Scott Hopkins

Cal and Debbie Messerli, of Cave Junction, announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Joy Marie Messerli, to U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Scott Allen Hopkins.

Hopkins is the son of John and Teri Stiwinter, of

Selma. He is stationed at Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus, Miss.

The bride-to-be is a student at Corban College in Salem.

Both are graduates of Illinois Valley High School. A spring 2008 wedding is planned.

Walden pitchin' for O&C box

Congressman Greg Walden (R-Ore.) is delivering a series of 18 speeches to the House of Representatives to explain the dire consequences facing counties in Oregon's Second Congressional District should funding for the Secure Rural Roads and Community-Self Determination Act not be renewed.

His talk about Josephine County, which stands to lose nearly \$17 million, was given Monday, Jan. 22.

The act expired in September 2006, without

prompt reauthorization and funding, approximately 4,400 school districts in 615 counties in 39 states will have essential federal funding severed, Walden said.

Walden and Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) introduced H.R. 17 on Jan. 4, the first day of the 110th Congress, a bill which would reauthorize the Act for seven years.

The funding represents a century-old commitment from the federal government to people who live near national forests.

"I'm not opposed to seeing people do something," Krauss said. "I don't see the downside of it."

Moore said that the proposal's business plan is "not really clear." Brandt described the plan as a "starting point," and said that SSBMP is "willing to do whatever it takes to tighten it up."

Moore then agreed to meet with SSBMP members to flesh out the proposal's business plan. Krauss also offered his assistance.

"Maybe we can get this all worked out," said commission Chairman Bill Get-

tle, of Grants Pass.

In other matters, the advisory board:

*Announced that it still has two vacancies, following the resignations of members Ken Lembloom and Mike Mitchell.

*Heard from Airports Manager Alex Grossi that designs for taxiway relocation at Grants Pass Airport have been completed and are awaiting approval from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. at Illinois Valley Airport.

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