



SENIOR CENTER SWEATERS - Members of Illinois Valley Senior Center are using exercise equipment donated by Asante Health Systems. Selma resident Jacqui Farless, a massage therapist and yoga teacher, is providing instruction on warm-up techniques and use of the equipment. She will at the center Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. until mid-April. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')

Two options posted for rural fire help

By **SCOTT JORGENSEN**
IVN Staff Writer

Members of Josephine County's Rural Fire Protection Committee met with the Board of County Commissioners in Grants Pass on Wednesday, Feb. 14 to present an initial report on their recommendations.

Commissioners formed the 11-member committee last year to examine options for fire protection for rural areas of the county not in a fire district. Final recommendations are to be presented to the commissioners before the end of March.

However, during its Thursday, Feb. 1 meeting, the committee voted to meet with the commissioners and provide a progress update.

"We need to make sure this ship is on the right course," said committee member Brett Fillis.

The committee formed three subcommittees devoted to establishing boundaries, standards and rates. Of those three areas, Fillis said that rates are the "biggest area left for discussion." Recommendations for boundaries and standards are nearly complete, Fillis told the commissioners.

Since starting in late November, the committee has narrowed its list of rural fire protection options from nine to two. The remaining options are a fire district with one franchise provider and a fire district with taxation.

Fillis presented commissioners a list of pros and cons for both options, adding that the committee is inclined to recommend a fire district with one franchise provider.

"This has the greatest chance of success for anything happening," Fillis said.

Under such a system, a fire district would have to be formed. Its first board of directors would have to be appointed, with subsequent boards voted in by residents of the district.

Fillis told county commissioners that rural ambulance services currently operate under a single franchise system.

Committee member Brian Robinson said that having a fire board would ultimately make things easier for the commissioners.

"It removes the burden from you," Robinson said. "I know the (board of commissioners) has a lot on its plate."

Vice Chairman Dave Toler of the county board asked if a franchise provider agreement would ensure participation in the fire district. Fillis said that it wouldn't, but that the district would be able to operate with the current level of residents who subscribe to rural fire protection services.

Robinson said that citizens would feel a sense of ownership with a fire district, which would increase participation.

Fillis said that most fire districts in the state use taxing districts, and that only

one or two use franchise agreements.

Committee chairman Fes Lellis said that taxing districts are the only way to ensure universal participation in a fire district. He then asked the commissioners for direction on where the committee should focus its future efforts.

Chairman Jim Raffenburg said that the board would discuss the matter internally, and would have an answer by the end of the month. Ellis expressed his support for the franchise option, but said that he still is concerned regarding the ability to regulate rates under such a system.

However, county Commissioner Dwight Ellis said he is pleased with the committee's work, and confident that a workable solution could be reached.

"I think the people are ready for us to take some action on this," Ellis said.

The committee's Thursday, Feb. 15 meeting was canceled in order to allow the commissioners to consider the preliminary report. Its next meeting tentatively is scheduled for Thursday, March 1 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 157 of the Josephine County Courthouse.

Obituaries

Gary Lea

Kerby resident Gary Edgar Lea, 74, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007 at his home.

A family memorial is planned for a later date. Arrangements are pending through Hull & Hull Funeral Directors.

Mr. Lea was born Nov. 17, 1932, in Seminole, Okla. During the Korean War, he

served in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier "Richoto." Afterward, he worked for four years as a field man for an oil company.

From 1960 to 1976 Mr. Lea was a city police officer in Santa Monica. He retired from police work when he was wounded in the line of duty. He then worked as an insurance adjuster for several years be-

fore moving to Kerby in 1990.

He enjoyed riding motorcycles, cooking, fishing, collecting, and his cats and family.

Mr. Lea is survived by his daughter, Terrie McPherson of Selma; a son, Scott Lea, of Cave Junction; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Oliver Bennett

Oliver Nelson Bennett, 61, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at his Kerby residence.

Arrangements are pending at Illinois Valley Funeral Home.

Mary Ellen Tracy

Mary Ellen Tracy, 58, of Cave Junction, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford.

Stephens Family Chapel in Grants Pass is in charge of arrangements.

Church Happenings

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cave Junction

By **Patty Hyland**
The church is looking forward to the ministry of Evangelist Darrin Bartell, of Amazing Facts, who will lead his beginning meeting Friday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. at Redwood Hwy. and Lister Street in Downtown Cave Junction.

Recording artists Dahn and Joni Haining will start the program with some of their popular Gospel music. The public is cordially invited to all the meetings.

The title of the evangelist's first meeting is, "Unlocking the Mysteries of Revelation." The Saturday night topic is, "A Thief in the Night." Monday at 7 p.m. the topic is, "How to Have Confidence Amid Chaos."

Other dates and topics, all at 7 p.m.:

*Tuesday, Feb 27, "Spiritualism Exposed! Death's Mystery Solved."

*Thursday, March 1, "Beyond 2000 -- The Next Millennium."

*Friday, March 2, "God's Love Revealed In Hell-Fire."

*Saturday, March 3 "The Issue That Divides the World."

There will be free Bibles and other special gifts each night. "You will not want to miss a single topic." There also will be a free Children's Program each evening.

Game Night is always fun at the church, and all are invited. It began at 6 p.m. Satur-

day, Feb. 17, and will continue. Fun and fellowship are featured.

Phone 592-3218 for more information on any program.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

When the appearance of Jesus was changed at the Transfiguration, with Peter, James and John present, the voice of God said from a cloud, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!"

It was a retreat of sorts, so that Jesus could be away from the crowds. But the point was to prepare Him for what was coming: His crucifixion, death and resurrection.

Youth group meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m.; Lenten service is at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Senior Nutrition Menu

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Meals are served in the CJ County Bldg.
592-2126, 474-5440

FRIDAY, FEB. 23
CHICKEN DIVAN BAKE
Herbed carrots
Green beans
Honey bran bread
Pineapple pistachio fluff

MONDAY, FEB. 26
BEEF POTATO BAKE
Winter blend vegetables
Seasoned carrots
Multigrain bread
Tapioca pudding

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28
BAKED HAM W/
PINEAPPLE SAUCE
Candied yams
Broccoli cuts
Potato wheat bread
Molasses cookie

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

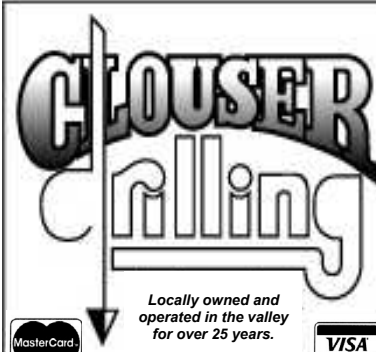
ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
25904 N. Redwood Hwy.
Sunday Services:
1st three Sundays 11 a.m.
Fourth Sunday 5 p.m.
592-2006

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

Water Wells Pump Sales Installation Service
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1470 Caves Highway
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Places of Worship

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 a.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 - 2:30 p.m.
Bible Study - Thursday 6 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.

ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS
Bible Study & Fellowship
987 1/2 Caves Hwy.
2 p.m. Sunday
7:30 p.m. Thursday
592-4716
Individual Bible Studies
available
Pastor Wendell Owens

