

## Here, There, & Everywhere

**LBMS FAM FEST** - Family Night, with food, prizes and games, will be held at Lorna Byrne Middle School (LBMS) on Thursday, March 1. A free dinner will be catered by Taylor's Country Store from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Activities will run from 6:30 to 8. There's an ad in this issue.

**ASSET BUILDERS** - Several Illinois Valley residents will be recognized Friday, March 2 for "going above and beyond" to support and encourage youth. Honorees from I.V. include Jann Taylor, David Valenzuela, Rachel Goodman, Les Lesiecki and Marshall Hamilton. Honors will be bestowed by the Josephine County Commission for Children & Families, and the Focus Teen Council during the sixth annual Asset Builders Celebration. The public event will be held at Grants Pass High School beginning at 6 p.m.

**CRIBBAGE, ANYONE?** - Al and Bob Hurt, of Hometown Interiors, are sponsoring a fund-raising open cribbage tournament to benefit Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance. The event, for anyone at least 18, is set for Saturday, March 10 at Hometown Interiors, 139 S. Caves Ave. Signups are being taken there until 9 a.m. the 10th. There is a fee. There will be door prizes, cash prizes, and coffee and doughnuts. There will be no smoking or alcoholic beverages. For more information phone 592-2413.

**CAN YOU DIG IT?** - Riparian Tree-Planting Day scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24 was postponed due to snow. The sponsor, IBIG (Illinois Basin Interest Group) Forestry Action Committee (FAC), has rescheduled the annual volunteer effort. Planting now is planned for Saturday, March 10 at McCaleb Ranch Boy Scout Camp out Illinois River Road; and Saturday, March 17 will be for general planting at various valley venues. Participants should meet at 9 a.m. at the FAC site at the U.S. Forest Service lower compound in Cave Junction.

**'CROCODILE HUNTER' HONORED** - A 6-foot long crate full of materials donated by area residents is on its way from Wildlife Images Rehabilitation and Education Center in Merlin to Beerwah, Australia bound for the Oregon Zoo and the Steve Irwin Memorial. Irwin was an Australian wildlife expert and TV personality, who achieved worldwide fame from the TV program, "The Crocodile Hunter." He and his wife, Terri, who had visited Wildlife Images several times, owned and operated Australia Zoo in Beerwah, Queensland. On Sept. 4, 2006, Irwin was fatally pierced in the chest by a stingray spine at the Great Barrier Reef. In the crate are donated letters, photographs, and a custom-made steel bench honoring the late "Wildlife Warrior." The bench was designed by Wildlife Images staff and manufactured by Memory Garden Benches of Grants Pass. Also included are letters from schoolchildren and other well-wishers, and a "beautiful photograph" of a cougar kitten taken by Dave Siddon, executive director of Wildlife Images. The biggest donation came from Federal Express which volunteered to deliver the 250-pound crate.

**NOTEPAD - Girl Scouts** are selling a variety of tasty treats during the annual cookie sale. Watch for them (cookies and Girl Scouts) around the valley ... **A Spring Gala** will be held to benefit Wildlife Images on Saturday, March 10 at Bear Hotel in Grants Pass. There will be a four-course gourmet meal, and seating is limited. Phone 476-0222 ... **Beer brewing** at home will be taught March 10 at Jackson County Extension Auditorium on Hanley Road in Central Point. Phone 776-7371 to pre-register ... **Bumper stickers:** \*Retired. I was tired yesterday and I'm tired today. \*I used to have a handle on life, but it broke. \*Quoting one is plagiarism. Quoting many is research. \*Wrinkled is not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up. \*Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!

**LAST WORDS** - There is no nonsense so errant that it cannot be made the creed of the vast majority by adequate governmental action. (Bertrand Russell)

**Bake Sale**  
Saturday, March 3  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nifty Gifty Store  
across from Shop Smart on Watkins

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**IVCDO Meeting Schedule**  
*Making Things Happen!*  
March, 2007

Day	Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Mon	3/5	Community Relations	5:30-6:30 p.m.	IVCDO Office
Wed	3/7	Operational Oversight & Projects & Programs Executive Comm.	5:30-6:30 p.m. 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Visitor Center
Thurs	3/15	Annual General Membership Mtg.	6:30-8 p.m.	County Bldg.

## Work on S. Junction Avenue possible ... maybe, perhaps

By **SCOTT JORGENSEN**  
IVN Staff Writer

A resolution requesting \$25,000 from the Oregon Transportation Committee for improvements to South Caves Avenue was approved 5-0 by the Cave Junction City Council during its Monday night, Feb.

26 meeting in city hall.

Under state law, \$500,000 has been withdrawn from state highway funds to be made available for allocation to small cities for road improvements. An additional \$500,000 has been withdrawn from the Oregon Dept. of Transporta-

tion for the same purpose, and the \$1 million is set up in a separate account administered by the Oregon Transportation Committee.

That \$1 million is allotted each year to cities with populations of 5,000 or less to be spent on streets that are not part of the state highway system, but are inadequate for the capacity they serve.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the city has requested the "special city allotment" for repairs on South Caves Avenue between Lister and Watkins streets.

"This is the fourth time

in a row we've gone for it," Mayor Tony Paulson said. "We should have a pretty good chance this year."

Even though the city's previous three requests have been denied, City Recorder Jim Polk said that Cave Junction is at the top of the list of cities eligible for the funds.

"We were the number-one nonselection last year," Polk said.

Councilor Lynne Atteberry made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Councilor Margaret Miller seconded the motion. The council then passed the resolution.

## Guv pitches proposal to make higher ed available for more

Gov. Kulongoski has urged the Legislature to enact his proposal before the Senate to reform the Oregon Opportunity Grant program to a new model called the "Shared Responsibility Model" to make post-secondary education "truly affordable" for every student in Oregon.

"With rising tuition, fees and living expenses, the transition from high school to college now looms as an economic cavern for the children of many of our working families -- even those with incomes that place them solidly in the middle class," he said.

"This is a pioneering bill," he claimed, "that will broaden the path to hope and opportunity for tens of thousands of Oregonians -- and help us gain ground in the global economy."

Testifying before the Senate Education Committee, Kulongoski urged passage of the Shared Responsibility Model (SB 334) that would distribute the costs of

attending college between the government, students and their families.

The state's contribution would be determined on a sliding scale based on family income. Students would be expected to personally contribute what they could earn working full time during the summer and part time during the school year.

"We may have fallen far behind other states in providing affordable access to higher education for our citizens, but we are on the verge of leaping ahead of them all with a proposal that will make higher education in Oregon truly affordable for every Oregonian in every walk of life," Kulongoski told the committee.

His proposal would be phased in during the next two biennia, increasing the average Oregon Opportunity Grant by nearly \$900; to \$2,103 in 2008-09. An estimated 42,000 students would be eligible for the program when implemented.

## Letters

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ble health care for all Oregon's children." It's true.

Consequently, Oregon legislators should study the details, get the facts on their unanswered questions and find a stable funding source. Does the state really want to force children off the plan in two years, due to lack of revenues and huge enrollment numbers?

If not, legislators need to get it right the first time when implementing this program.

### 'Does the LNG Pipeline Project make sense?'

From **Dean Byers**  
chairman, Douglas County Democrats

In November 2006, Oregonians approved Ballot Measure 39, protecting citizens against private companies using eminent domain to take their land for profit. Now Williams Gas Co. wants to do just that, proposing a huge terminal at Coos Bay and a 223-mile long, 36-inch diameter pipeline across Southwestern Oregon to take natural gas to California.

All to make money for a consortium of three companies: Williams Pacific Connector Gas Co., PG&E, and Fort Chicago Gas Co. California needs the gas; Southwestern Oregon doesn't.

The pipeline would cross approximately 150 miles of private land from Coos Bay to south of Klamath Falls near the Cali-

fornia border, using eminent domain to forcibly take privately owned land for the benefit of a private company.

Isn't this exactly what Ballot Measure 39 prohibits? This is a local issue, about people's rights to not have their lands taken away from them so "big business" can make a profit.

Another issue regards Ballot Measure 37. How could a land owner ever get fair value for developing his land with a 75-foot "scar" across it on which nothing can ever be built, even a road? The pipeline would cross five pristine rivers and hundreds of streams, creating a 75-foot-wide clear-cut corridor.

Massive erosion, watershed damage and lowered property values would be its legacy.

Coos Bay says it needs increased energy for economic development. Why not use biodiesel from Oregon farmers and biomass from our forests to produce electricity? Or tie in to the wave energy project at OSU for which there's already state funding?

As for jobs, we're talking about 30 to 40 management-level jobs in North Bend, and exactly six of these would go to local people. Six jobs. There are also the construction jobs for building the terminal and the pipeline, but these will last only as long as the construction does, and again, no guarantees of how many, if any, local workers would be hired.

An old story. We need to be smarter.

During its Central Committee meeting on Jan. 25, the Democratic Party of Douglas County voted overwhelming to stand in opposition to the LNG pipeline project. We need to let our elected officials know how we feel.

**Tawana Grabarz**  
March 7, 1967

Your life of courage, faith, & service is a blessing to us all.

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**Saturday, March 3**  
**7 'til 10 p.m.**

**Kerby Belt Lodge**

**BREAKFAST**

Saturday, March 10, 8 to 11 a.m.  
I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River St.

**Eggs-Bacon**  
**Taylor's Sausage**  
**Hash Browns**  
**Biscuits & Gravy**  
**Juice-Coffee-Tea**

**Proceeds support youth activities & scholarships**

**Lorna Byrne Middle School Family Night**

**Thursday, March 1**  
**5:30 to 8 p.m.**

**'Planning for the future'**

**Canceled**

**Dinner Prizes Games**

**5:30 Dinner & introductions**  
**Dinner catered by Taylor's**  
**6:30-8 Activities**