

Here, There, & Everywhere

CONFLICTING INTERESTS - "Colorful Conflict Resolution," a workshop presented by Soul Canyon Training & Development, will be held Wednesday, April 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the IVHS cafeteria. The public is welcome to attend and learn new skills to avoid and handle conflict constructively.

MIXIN' IT UP - Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold its next mixer at Eye Care Group, 335 Cave Hwy. Friday, April 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

STROLL WITH PURPOSE - Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVSHA) is sponsoring a "Take Back the Night" event Thursday, April 12 to foster awareness of domestic violence issues. The walk will begin at 6 p.m. in front of the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction, and proceed to Taylor's Country Store for live music and an open mic. Phone IVSHA for more information: 592-2515.

CRAFT SHOW COMING - A craft show at Illinois Valley Senior Center will be held Friday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday the 14th until 3 p.m. The snack bar will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with hamburgers and Taylor Dogs. There also will be a bake sale of homemade goods, and many tables of crafts.

HOT STUFF! - An "all-you-can-eat" Chili Feed will be held at the Selma Center Saturday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. Three different recipes, including a vegetarian variety, will be available. The cost is \$7.50, which includes homemade breads, salad and dessert.

DIABETES DISCUSSION - "Powerful and proven" lifestyle changes for persons living with Type-II diabetes will be presented in a free information session at the Junction Inn banquet room, Sunday, April 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. Phone 597-4084.

WEED WHACK WAR - A "Weed Identification and Control" class for small acreage land owners is offered by Oregon State University Extension. The class will be held on Tuesday, April 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the OSU Extension Auditorium, 569 Hanley Road, Central Point and costs \$5. Phone 776-7371 to register. Participants are encouraged to bring samples of weeds they would like identified.

NOTEPAD - Coalition for Kids, a Grants Pass nonprofit, is raffling a 2007 Toyota Prius. Only 200 \$200 tickets will be sold. Phone 479-1929 ... **A Spring Gardening Fair** is on tap April 28 & 29 at Josephine County Fairgrounds. Admission is free.

LAST WORDS - Faith and doubt both are needed -- not as antagonists, but working side by side to take us around the unknown curve. - Lillian Smith.

City annexations topic of public hearing set May 14

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
IVN Staff Writer

On Monday, May 14, a public hearing will offer citizens a chance to express their opinions on a proposed annexation of property owned by developer Larry Osborn into city limits.

The two properties, at 25156 Redwood Hwy. and 25210 Redwood Hwy., are in the city's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The adjacent properties cover 1.77 and 1.4 acres, and fall under the county's Rural Commercial (RC) zoning.

"Right now, it's blank land coming into the city," said City Recorder Jim Polk.

According to city documents, Osborn filed papers for the annexation request on Feb. 27, and is asking the city to keep the property zoned for commercial purposes.

Osborn said that he plans to combine the properties with other properties he owns in the area, and would like to develop it "within two years."

"It will be about 7 acres of commercial for the purpose of building a shopping center," Osborn said.

The property at 25156 Redwood Hwy. is 1,200 feet from the nearest existing city water mainline, and 800 feet from the nearest sewer mainline. The other property is 800 feet from the nearest water line and 600 feet from the nearest sewer line.

Polk said that infrastructure improvements would have to be installed prior to any development.

"If he wants to develop

the property, it needs services," Polk said. "He'll need to extend the mains to service it."

Osborn said that any development would not occur until after completion of a proposed widening of Redwood Hwy. He would then have to pay for the extension of the water and sewer lines.

"It would all be done prior to construction of any buildings, for sure," Osborn said. "It would all be done concurrently with the site being made pad-ready."

Osborn said that the commercial development would complement new housing being constructed in town.

"Part of the overall development of any project is what's going to be created on the back end," Osborn said.

"A well-rounded retail demographic would help the whole area and help everyone."

All indications are that Osborn has entered into negotiations with potential tenants for the development. However, at this point, Osborn is tight-lipped about his plans.

"Logic would indicate that you wouldn't propose building something if you didn't have what you considered to be appropriate clients," he said.

The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. at Cave Junction City Hall at 222 Lister Street, next door to First American Title and across from Home Valley Bank.

There are no rules of architecture for a castle in the clouds.

- G. K. Chesterton -



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Space is limited! To register contact:

Spiral Living Center

592-3642 or spiral@frontiernet.net

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ILLINOIS VALLEY SAFE HOUSE ALLIANCE
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Club & Organization News

Spiral Living Center

Tired of eating week-old food? It's possible to learn inexpensive ways to build and use hoop houses to extend the growing season to be able to harvest more food from home gardens.

The Spiral Living Center is offering a workshop, "Extending the Frost-Free Season Using Hoop Houses," on Saturday, April 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course is open to the public, and there is a fee.

Work-trades are possible and child-care can be provided. For more information or to register for classes phone 592-3642 or email spiral@frontiernet.net.

The workshop instructor, Jerry Lapora, has a bachelor of science degree in crop and soil science from Oregon State University at Corvallis. He owns and operates Melonhead Farms with his family, and serves on the

Spiral Living Center board of directors.

Hoop houses allow starting plants such as melons, tomatoes and peppers earlier in the spring, and harvest later in the fall. The class will see examples of frost protection, and learn how to use materials such as clear plastic, Remay, heaters, fans and black plastic mulch. Participants also will construct a hoop house. Hoop house plans, material and retailer lists will be provided.

The Spiral Living Center is working to help Illinois Valley achieve self-sufficiency, by focusing on food production, water collecting and energy.

READ

Illinois Valley branch library's book discussion

group, Reading, Eating And Discussing (READ), will continue to meet despite imminent library closure.

READ has compiled a list of a year's worth of reading to allow participants plenty of time to find copies of the books for themselves. In May READ will discuss Nobel Prize winner Naguib Mahfouz's "Palace Walk." The selection for June's discussion is one of the "Los Angeles Times" 1998 best books of the year, The Foreign Student by Susan Choi.

READ meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the library room at the I.V. Senior Center, 520 East River Street, Cave Junction. The next meeting will be May 2. For more information phone 597-2007.

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