

Here, There, & Everywhere

TALK IT OUT - “Colorful Communications” is the title of a workshop for all students on Thursday, April 19 from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. The free workshop, to “learn how to effectively communicate with anyone at any time,” will be held in the Illinois Valley High School cafeteria. On Thursday, April 26, “What’s Your Vision?” will be the topic. The presentations are co-sponsored by the IVHS 21st Century Program and I.V. Community Development Organization. For more information or to register phone Jennifer Marsden at 226-6368.

EARTH DAY RHYTHM - A celebration of “our beautiful and amazing forests” will be held Saturday, April 21 in the Takilma Community Bldg., sponsored by Takilma Watershed Committee. A gourmet vegan dinner with beverages and desserts will be served at 6 p.m., and there will be a silent art auction. At 7 p.m. music will be performed by David Rovies, Patrick Dodd, Jeremy Wagner of “Sugarbeets,” and Sally Ann Cowan of “Kudana.” For more information phone 592-6775, 592-4619 or 597-4259.

COMMISSION MISSION - At least one member of the Josephine County Board of Commissioners will attend a meeting open to citizens Monday, April 23. Anyone can attend the gathering at 6:30 p.m. in the county building in Downtown Cave Junction. The CJ City Council will meet in workshop session at 6 p.m. with commissioners; then conduct their meeting in city hall at 7 p.m.

LBMS VOLUME DEAL - A Scholastic Book Fair for children and adults is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25 through May 1 at Lorna Byrne Middle School. The community can attend to share the celebration of books and reading. Students who remain readers, encouraged by events such as the book fair, are more likely to be lifelong learners with larger vocabularies and a greater knowledge of the world with higher academic achievement. A special family event will be held on Family Night, Tuesday, May 1 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

SELMA VENDORS NEEDED - June 3 will mark the official opening of this season’s Selma Farmers Market, which will be held Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Opening day will be free for vendors, and membership information is available from Linda Meier at 597-2522. Membership is open to vendors of locally grown produce and eggs, handcrafted goods, art and homemade baked goods and other edibles.

NOTEPAD - “**Soup For Souls**,” a benefit for Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance, will be held Saturday, April 21 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at I.V. Senior Center. Soup and bread, plus an auction, will be among features ... “**Wings of Love**” will perform Southern Gospel-style music in a free concert Sunday, April 22 at Community Bible Church in Cave Junction beginning at 6 p.m. ... “**Taste of Africa**” is the theme for the final Family Night at Lorna Byrne Middle School on Tuesday, May 1 with food by Kate Dwyer Catering. Watch for details next issue ... **A grad night benefit** for the I.V. High School Class of 2007 will be held Saturday, May 5 at the school. Phil Aria will cater the dinner. Tickets are available at IVHS, Bi-Rite Auto Parts, and The Time Capsule, which will provide a fashion show. Watch for details next issue ... **A motorcycle rally**, “Run For Wildlife,” is planned for Labor Day weekend by Wildlife Images Rehabilitation & Education Center. Details will be announced ... **I.V. Lions Club**, which will conduct its annual Labor Day Weekend Festival in CJ, including a parade on Sept. 3, has a limited number of raffle tickets for a 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle. Phone Steve Lyons at 592-3181 ... “**Silver Ring Thing**” is the title of a free abstinence event for middle and high schoolers on Wednesday, May 9 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Grants Pass High School. The event is sponsored by Grants Pass Pregnancy Care Center.

LAST WORDS - Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much. (Oscar Wilde)

Letters

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deputy. I have contacted Sheriff Gil Gilbertson directly four times to see where my report stood, and each time I have been asked how I was satisfied with how the case was going. After two months I left a message for Undersheriff Don Fasching (who to his credit has been trying to start my report back up after four months) and Gilbertson saying that I have still not heard from a deputy.

The sheriff assured me he would have Hubbard contact me and instruct him to report to him after doing so. After informing Fasching last week about my letter to the editor, while he was dining with his wife, Hubbard has tried to contact me while at work, but it was 11 p.m. and I was gone.

I was given the message that now my case will be assigned to a day-shift deputy, after four months.

It is very discouraging to read “Illinois Valley News” and see that the boy responsible for breaking my windshield has been in the Police Blotter at least three times, that I have seen, since my report for other criminal acts. We are showing delinquents that there are no consequences for their actions; this is why we have such a high vandalism rate in Josephine County.

And what about the “CJ cam?” Did it not catch them vandalizing on the camera?

In February, due to vandalism to my car a third time in four months, I had to donate it to salvage. It broke down and every window in it was smashed -- what a safe car for my two children

‘No compromise’ seen forthcoming on Measure 37

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suggested a regional land-use plan, which would leave such decisions up to local officials. Smith said she would prefer that approach to having those matters decided at the state level.

Interim Group Suggested

“That would give back control to many of these counties who know firsthand what the land is capable of growing,” she said.

Smith also has suggested that an interim committee be formed following the legislative session to address “the issues that caused Measure 37.”

Rep. Peter Buckley (D-Ashland) said he supports the proposed framework as a reasonable compromise.

“The proposal that has been made, I think, is the kind of right-down-the-middle-path proposal that a vast majority of Oregonians will back,” Buckley said.

Buckley said that members of the Legislature are being pressured by interest groups and citizens who all feel strongly about the issues involved.

“We’ve gotten a lot of very interesting input from supporters of Measure 37 who want it left alone, and a lot from people who are now seeing the impacts of it where they live and who are putting pressure on us to make changes on it to make sure it doesn’t simply wipe land-use laws off the

books,” Buckley said.

Macpherson said that special-interest groups are largely responsible for recent political bickering around the proposed framework.

“When the framework was announced, outside interest groups then tried to blow it up,” Macpherson said. “They’re making some headway right now, perhaps. It’s unfortunate.”

In their April 13 press release, House Republicans reiterated their opposition to the proposed framework, but said they would participate in future negotiations — but only under certain conditions.

Written Proposals Sought

“If there are new efforts to forge a bipartisan agreement, we will gladly participate in those, but only if all proposals are put in writing before we meet,” the release noted.

Buckley said that several tentative agreements have been reached on the issues surrounding Measure 37, but that politics have prevented implementation.

“It’s questionable as to the sincerity behind the negotiations given the fact that we were so often told we had an agreement, only to find that we didn’t,” Buckley said. “It’s been a frustrating process. The term I’ve used is that the goalposts keep moving.”

Several legislative remedies proposed by the

Land-Use Fairness Committee are scheduled for public hearings and possible work sessions this week. Macpherson said it’s all part of an “evolving process” aimed at finding a workable solution to the state’s land-use issues.

‘A Major Problem’

“It’s a major problem for the state that needs to be solved,” he said. “Unfortunately, interest groups are trying to prevent a solution. But members of the committee have worked very hard to work out a compromise that we think balances all considerations.

“We just need to go forward from here to finish the job.”

Smith said she’s still willing to meet with her Democratic colleagues to discuss the issue, and is “hopefully optimistic that we can still arrive at a bipartisan solution.”

“The mission, to start with,” she said, “was to stop the litigation and clarify Measure 37. I think if we address the issue the way the Legislature should have, we can get there and make land use not so complicated and not such a burden on property owners.”

Rep. Ron Maurer (R-Grants Pass) said he is less optimistic on the chances of a compromise.

“I don’t see a compromise being accomplished,” Maurer said. “I’m seeing that Measure 37 is the first of a number of issues that I seriously doubt there will be compromises on.”

However, Maurer said there is still plenty of time for the Legislature to work through the differences and come to a consensus.

“It’s not done until it’s done,” Maurer said. “There will always be room to compromise.”



**Lorna Byrne Middle School
Family Night**

'Taste of Africa'

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**African dinner catered by Kate Dwyer
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