

## Here, There, & Everywhere

**BOOK BONANZA** - Donations of books, tapes and CDs are requested for a "Celebrate Children" benefit sale to help support reading programs at Evergreen Elementary School. The event at the school on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will include a bake sale. Donations can be taken to the office through Friday, May 18.

**BRUNCH/BINGO BENEFIT** - A breakfast plus bingo games to benefit Masonic Youth Charities will be held Saturday, May 19 at Illinois Valley Senior Center on E. River Street by Belt Masonic Lodge. The brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. will feature Taylor's sausage, eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, and beverages. Bingo will be played from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**CAMPIN' CLEAN** - Volunteers to help spiffy up the Caves Creek, Chinquopin and Grayback campgrounds for SOLV's Down by the Riverside event can sign up for Saturday, May 19. Phone volunteer coordinators Jack & Janet Walker at 597-2410.

**SELMA GROWIN' GROUND** - Selma Farmers Market will hold a special one-day plant and starts sale on Sunday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the pole building just north of Ray's Food Place on Hwy. 199. Gardeners can sell, buy or trade. Booth space is available by phoning Linda Meier at 597-2522. A vendor meeting will be held at 1 p.m.

**ABOUT TROUT** - Lake Selmac will be stocked with approximately 4,400 legal-size rainbow trout this week. The fish are from the Cole M. Rivers Hatchery on the Rogue River operated by the Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife.

**FOR 'GRANDMA AGGIE'** - A benefit dinner for Agnes Baker Pilgrim (Grandmother Aggie) will be held at Dome School on Saturday, May 26. The gourmet meal will begin at 6 p.m., and homemade desserts will be sold after. Admission will be on a sliding scale. Entertainment beginning at 8:30 p.m. will be provided by Darryl Cherney with his band, "The Patriot Act." Pilgrim, of the Takilma Tribe, is a tireless protector of Mother Earth, and travels extensively as a member of the Council of Thirteen Grandmothers. The council is a global alliance for prayer, education and healing. The fund-raiser will help offset her many expenses. Raffle donations can be left at Changes Art Gallery in Downtown CJ or phone Suzanne Vautier at 592-3939.

**HEAVEN SCENT** - Donations of diapers through Fathers' Day on June 17 began with Mothers' Day, notes Illinois Valley Pregnancy Center. Donations are to encourage those who have chosen life for their babies. Phone 592-6058, or visit the center at 481 S. Junction Ave.

**NOTEPAD** - Last chance to let the "Noose" know if you use the TV listings falls on Monday, May 28. See the form with this week's listings ... **Car show** vendors for the June 30 annual event in Jubilee Park are sought by Cave Junction Lions Club. Phone Cori Allen at 592-6391 ... **A "Relay for Life"** American Cancer Society benefit dinner will be held Saturday, May 26 at IVHS by Cougar cheerleaders. The spaghetti dinner will begin at 6 p.m., and there will be cheerleading and gymnast performances. Watch next week's "Noose" for details ... **A poker ride** and scavenger hunt will be held June 9 by Back Country Horsemen beginning at the Lake Selmac horse camp. Phone 597-4383 for details ... **IV. Pregnancy Center** will hold a "Walk For Life" on Saturday, May 19 on the IVHS track. Sponsors are sought ... **Actual quotes:** \*This is still the greatest country in the world if we will just steel our wills and lose our minds. (William J. Clinton) \*I know how hard it is to put food on your family. (George W. Bush)

**LAST WORDS** - Don't waste yourself in rejection, nor bark against the bad, but chant the beauty of the good. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

### Youth dead in river road accident

A boy, 17, was found dead at the scene of an upside-down vehicle near milepost 16 of Illinois River Road Saturday, May 12, at approximately 7:30 a.m.

Josephine County Sheriff's Office added that the vehicle was near the river edge, and that alcohol is believed to be a factor.

Other data are pending.

## Letters

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## JOINT fund

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Narcotics Unit employees. A federal grant pays for 1.5 of the employees, according to the documents.

The '06 press release states that federal funding pays for helicopter flight time, surveillance camera and other equipment.

However, under the county's Service Level 1 budget, District Attorney Stephen Campbell's office would be able to prosecute only the most severe crimes against persons. As such, the D.A.'s office may not have the resources to prosecute drug crimes or participate in JOMET, said Sheriff Gil Gilbertson.

"If we go to Level 1, my guess is they probably won't be able to be part of JOMET this year," Gilbertson said. "It's going to depend on the D.A. He'll have to be part of it. If he can't, we're really spinning our wheels and won't be able to do anything."

He said that he plans to address the issue with Campbell sometime this week.

County budget documents state that if JCSO pulls out of the JOMET program, "future grant monies will go to other counties and future revenue from forfeitures will stop." Gilbertson said that those funds initially would revert to the federal government before redistribution.

"We would have to give it back to them, or they wouldn't give it to us in the beginning," he said.

One option may be to prosecute massive drug crimes in federal courts, Gilbertson said, where penalties tend to be more severe.

"It might be that we would have federal prosecutors involved too, but I don't know that yet," Gilbertson said. "It's a possibility."

Final determinations on the immediate future of JOMET have yet to be made, he said, though some preparations for anti-drug efforts already are under way.

"Right now, we're putting a plan together and a budget together, and looking at recruiting," he said. "But a decision will have to be made here real soon whether or not to proceed."

### Delays noted on Caves Hwy.

On Thursday, May 17, motorists can expect short delays for up to 15 minutes between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Hwy. 46 (Caves Hwy.) because the U.S. Forest Service will be felling dead and diseased hazard trees in the Grayback Campground and associated recreation sites.

## County Fair Board fiscal sustainability

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mation of a nonprofit foundation for the sake of pursuing grants. Commission Chairman Jim Raffenburg said that he would encourage such a move as long as the foundation is run separately from the fair board and takes on a supporting role.

"If they want to get a foundation, a separate nonprofit, that would be wonderful," Raffenburg said. "But

I'm not sure we can do it under legal statute."

Under Oregon law, fair boards have more autonomy than any other county advisory board. But laws also are in place to create separations between governing bodies and nonprofit organizations, Raffenburg said.

The process to establish a foundation is "time-consuming," McBee said, which would further compli-

cate those efforts.

But McBee remains optimistic that the county's residents and service organizations, combined with the scheduled fund-raisers, will be enough to bring the fairgrounds back to financial solvency.

"The community will not let this place go," McBee said. "Its roots run pretty deep here." For more on the fund-raisers, phone 476-3215.

## Fire District passes \$1.3 million fiscal budget

Following a presentation by Deputy Chief Jeff Gavlik, a budget of \$1.3 million was approved 5-0 by directors of Illinois Valley Fire District on Thursday night, May 10 at administrative headquarters.

Chief Harry Rich was absent due to a death in his family in California.

The budget, for the 2007-08 fiscal year that will begin July 1, was approved following a public hearing. No comments were received.

The budget includes \$501,488 in personal services (wages); \$346,795 in material and services; \$47,000 in capital outlay including \$20,000 in a reserve fund; \$88,991 in debt service; and \$182,984 in bonded indebtedness. The general fund consists of \$1,020,430 of the total \$1,390,399.

As part of the approved budget, the tax rate of \$1.87 per \$1,000 assessed valuation also is included.

In another matter, the board was advised that the district this week will switch its telephone service to US Cellular from Frontier Communications. Some Maintenance Battalion Chief Kris Sherman stated that an increased coverage area is behind the switch.

Directors also were told that they will be able to sign

up with the new vendor.

The board also was told that Illinois Valley Garden Club is planning a memorial garden in honor of the late Firefighter Al Killam, of

O'Brien Station 3. He was the oldest active firefighter in Oregon. The board noted its appreciation.

Killam was a Firefighter of the Year award recipient.

## Creekside Barbeque

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