

Here, There, & Everywhere

'NATURAL BEAUTY' CONTEST - Thursday, May 31 is the deadline for all K-12 students to enter the poster contest sponsored by Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District. The theme is, "The Illinois Valley: A Collection of Natural Beauty." Cash prizes and public recognition will result for two age levels: kindergarten through fifth-grade, and sixth through 12th. Entries must be hand-drawn or painted on white paper with a minimum size of 8 1/2-by-11 inches, and a maximum of 22-by-28 inches. Submissions must have the entrant's name, address, age and grade level on the back, plus the entrant's phone number and school name. Entries can be taken to the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction, or school offices can phone 592-3731 for options.

NATUROPATHIC PEEK - An open house to celebrate the grand opening of Dr. Margaret Philhower's Naturopathic Medical Clinic in "Downtown Takilma" will be held Saturday, June 2 from 2 to 6 p.m. There will be clinic tours, and organic refreshments; plus free weight, blood pressure, body fat percent, muscle mass, and hydration level testing. The clinic is in the Siskiyou Project building, at 9335 Takilma Road.

FEAT BY FEET - Chris Smith, manager of the SOFCU Community Credit Union office in Cave Junction, plans to walk the full 24 hours during the Saturday, June 2 Walk For Life in Grants Pass. Indications are that he will be the first to take the oval walk for 24 hours to benefit the American Cancer Society. He will be allowed restroom breaks, but will eat and drink while walking. Cheerleaders from Illinois Valley High School also will participate in the fund-raiser, with relays, so that some of them will be walking at all times.

FOUR-LEGGED POKER - Back Country Horsemen, Sourdough Chapter (S.W. Oregon) will hold its annual Poker Ride at Lake Selmac Horse Camp Saturday, June 9 with registration at 10 a.m.; first rider out at 11. Lunch at the horse camp is included in the entry fee. Contact Dick Butler at 597-4383.

LITTLE LEAGUE PLEA - Three All-Star team sponsors at \$400 each are sought for Illinois Valley Little League. Games will start in mid-June. Also, LL is "desperately" in need of umpires, and training will be provided. The organization also issued a reminder that parents need to pay registration fees asap. Phone 592-5393 or contact IVLL, P.O. Box 86, Cave Junction OR 97523.

IT'S CAVE JUNCTION! - Three motorcycles and two horses were spotted parked and tethered, respectively, in front of Art's Red Garter Saloon on Saturday afternoon, May 26. It was a street scene that to some observers typifies the valley spirit of old and new existing side-by-side.

FREE CONCERTS - "Jefferson" will kick off the annual Concerts in the Park series sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, June 14. Concerts will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Jubilee Park, and food will be available. For the June 21 concert, Nicole Navarro will perform. To help sponsor concerts, phone 592-3326.

YOUTHFUL BUCKAROOS - A free vacation Bible school program, "Circle of Friends Ranch," is sponsored by First Baptist Church in Selma. The program, from June 18 to 22, is for children from age 5 through sixth-grade. For pre-registration phone 597-4169.

KAREN BODEVING BOUQUET - "Accounting Technology" magazine highlights the CPA firm of Karen Bodeving in its June issue. Bodeving, a Cave Junction resident whose office is in Grants Pass, is well-known to many in Illinois Valley. She and one of her St. Bernard dogs are on the cover of the magazine. The article describes her process of going paperless and how it has improved her business. Besides her CPA practice, she and her husband raise St. Bernard dogs, and travel extensively to show them.

NOTEPAD - Got roses? If so, I.V. High School would like to get them for the arches under which the Class of 2007 will walk on Tuesday, June 5. Phone 592-2116 ... **A rummage sale** Saturday, June 2 on the Sterling Savings Bank parking lot in Downtown Cave Junction will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be the IVHS International Club's last big fund-raiser before heading to Mexico on June 19 ... **Domestic violence** and its effect on children is the topic for a class on Saturday, June 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at I.V. Family Resource Center. The class is sponsored by I.V. Safe House Alliance ... **Weapons training** classes aimed at helping obtain Concealed Weapon permits have reached enrollments of 60 per month, said instructor Steve Mohr, of Cave Junction ... **Wednesday, June 13** will be the last day in school for public school students in Illinois Valley. The 14th is set as the last day for teachers ... **Blood donations** will be taken Thursday, June 14 from 1 to 6 p.m. at I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River St., Cave Junction. For more information phone the American Red Cross at (800) 448-3543 ... **Siskiyou Community Health Center's** dental facility in Grants Pass has been awarded a \$3,000 grant by the Oregon Dental Foundation ... **Crater Lake National Park's** north entrance road opened at noon Thursday, May 24. It is the earliest opening of that entrance in more than a decade and three weeks ahead of normal, resulting from a combination of below-average snow, a sunny May and "the determined efforts of the National Park Service snow removal crews" ... **Actual physician notations:** *Her father died of a heart attack at age 12. *This patient's father died at age 65, but he has not been seen for quite some time. *So far as I could determine, this female has had no significant ailments in her past life.

LAST WORDS - Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them greatly, and they will show themselves great. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)



JUBILEE PARK WRECK - Jennifer Jo Brown, 42, of Cave Junction was cited by Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants after her vehicle left Junction Avenue at Watkins Street, traveled through a drainage channel and struck a utility pole on Thursday, May 24. The vehicle incurred substantial front-end damage and bounced back into the ditch. American Medical Response (AMR) took her to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass. JCSO listed her blood-alcohol content at 0.299%. Illinois Valley Fire District also responded with AMR and JCSO. (Photo by Michelle Binker/I.V. News')

Memorial Day observance included lowered flags

By order of Gov. Kulongoski, all flags at public institutions were flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon on Monday, May 28 beginning Thursday, May 24 in memory of all Oregonians

who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

"This Memorial Day gave us a chance to reflect on the Oregonians who are serving our country overseas," said Kulongoski.

"As we keep our soldiers serving abroad in our thoughts and prayers, we should also take a moment to honor the countless Oregonians who have served our country with such dedication and courage and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom," he said.

Letters to the Editor

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Control, connected the system in its entirety a couple of months ago. Kevin even supplied a composite landscape rock to cover, insulate and beautify the wellhead.

This is a beautiful system and a great well. The cost would have been more than \$8,000 if the museum had to pay for it.

I believe a nice write-up with photos is in order. I am not in a retail business so it's not so much for me. But as for Clouser Drilling, it really says a lot about the person and his company to donate such a great gift. It is actions like this that really make a community.

'Stealth' tax hike should be stopped
From Ed Feulner
The Heritage Foundation
Washington, D.C.

Whether you filed your taxes early, or whether you joined the last-minute crowd, I ask: Are your taxes too low?

Chances are, you said, "no." But Congress must not agree. Because under the budget resolutions recently passed by the House and Senate, you can expect your taxes to rise -- and by quite a bit. Lawmakers approved bills that would repeal tax relief, increase spending and blithely ignore the biggest fiscal challenge facing our country.

There are the first budget documents produced by Democrats since they regained control of both chambers in November. The bills still need to go through a conference committee to settle on a single piece of legislation to be delivered to President Bush. Still, let's take a closer look at what lawmakers have wrought so far.

Both bills project that tax revenues during the next five years will rise. Fair enough: Revenues have increased during the last five years, as a direct result of the supply-side cuts in tax rates that President Bush advocated -- rates set to start rising soon.

Look closer, though. The numbers used in these bills are almost identical to what the Congressional Budget Office estimates revenues will be if the tax rates are allowed to rise and if the Alternative Minimum Tax

(AMT) isn't fixed. (AMT is expected to take a bite out of the pocketbooks of some 19 million American households this year.)

This amounts to a massive tax increase. Under the Senate bill, the average household's taxes would jump by \$2,641 each year during the next decade.

If this budget passes, it might be smart to plan to hire a food taster in 2010. The death tax, gradually reduced during recent years, goes away completely for that one year. But if lawmakers don't make its repeal permanent, the death tax is set to come back full force in 2011.

Die at the "wrong time," and your family could get hit with a crippling tax bill. The Senate budget also calls for \$18 billion more in nonemergency discretionary spending than the president proposed in his budget. That's almost a 9 percent increase in just one year. It's safe to say that few Americans enjoyed a 9 percent raise last year. The House version aims to boost discretionary spending by an additional \$69 billion during a five-year period.

And then there's that elephant in the room ignored by the House and the Senate: entitlement programs.

Beginning next year, the first Baby Boomers will become eligible for early Social Security benefits. In the decades ahead, some 77 million people will retire to Social Security and Medicare. Yet no money has been set aside to pay for the benefits.

That means the cost of these programs is on pace to leap from 8.7 percent of GDP to 19 percent of GDP by 2050. But to manage that, we'd have to either raise taxes by \$11,651 per household (adjusted for inflation and rising incomes) or eliminate every other government program.

A responsible federal budget would start preparing for this coming storm while there's still time to tame it. But the bills our lawmakers passed are decidedly irresponsible.

President Bush should veto this budget. Then he and Congress can get serious about crafting one that holds down taxes and spending -- and prepares for the future.

The world is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper.

- Bertrand Russell -

SELMA FARMERS' MARKET

SEASON OPENING & FREE VENDORS DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD

SUNDAYS 9 'TIL 1 AT THE SELMA CENTER 18255 REDWOOD HWY.



All skaters, families, friends, & community members are encouraged to come share ideas & learn more about our dream for the skate park in Illinois Valley at the



Skate Park Clean-up & Painting Saturday, June 9, 5 - 7 p.m. in Jubilee Park.

The Shining Stars

Providing natural, alternative medical services:

- ~ Diagnosis & treatment
- ~ Preventative & school sports exams
- ~ Women's health
- ~ Life style recommendations
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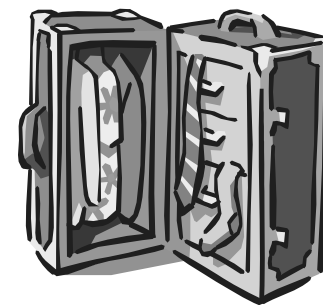
Lutheran Women's Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 2 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

150 Lewis Court (across from I.V. High School)

All proceeds go to benefit local charities.



IVHS Alumni and Friends Reunion Weekend Sponsored Events

Open to all!

Friday, June 29 4 p.m. - annual board meeting, Jubilee Park Pavilion

Saturday, June 30 8 a.m. - 20th annual golf tournament, I.V. Golf Course (\$50 before June 15, \$60 after the 15th)

2 p.m. - tour of the Kerbyville Museum

8 p.m. to Midnight - dance at Junction Inn Timber Room, tunes by The Music Menagerie DJ (\$5 cover charge)

Sunday, July 1 8 a.m. - breakfast by Cave Junction Cares, Jubilee Park (\$3.50-\$4.50), silent auction scholarship fund-raiser begins at 9

Keep watching the "Snooze" for more info!