

Here, There, & Everywhere

IRON HORSE COURSE - A thundering herd (of motorcycles) will converge at Lake Selmac for the 15th annual Iron Horse Bike Rally. The gathering will be held Friday through Sunday, June 22 through 24. The public can attend, and there is a special coupon in this issue.

AVALANCHE RANCH BRANCH - Community Bible Church in Cave Junction is sponsoring Avalanche Ranch Vacation Bible School offering "a wild ride through God's Word." The program, for children age 3 through fifth-grade, will be conducted Monday through Friday, June 25 through 29. See the ad in this issue for details.

HIGH SCHOOLER DRIVING - Scholarships are available for a high school driver training course at I.V. High School; registration deadline is Wednesday, June 27. The training, sponsored by Rogue Community College, will run from July 9 through 24 from 9 a.m. to noon daily. The course is available for a discounted tuition of \$217 for current high school or GED students under 18 who have a learner's permit, but not a driver's license. A \$100 refund on tuition is possible for those who successfully complete the course. RCC also will offer a free two-hour class, "Partnering With Parents & Guardians for Safe Driving," on July 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. The courses are made possible through the IVHS 21st Century Grant Program. Contact Jennifer Marsden at 226-6368 for more information. To register, phone RCC at 956-7116.

CRUISIN' TIME - Cave Junction Lions Club will hold a rollin' steel cruise with a dance and barbecue Friday, June 29 as a prelude to its annual Antique & Classic Car Show on Saturday, June 30. The June 29 events will be on the Sterling Savings Bank parking lot in Downtown CJ with live music by "Jump Start." The car show, including a breakfast and lunch, will be held at Jubilee Park. Watch for details.

REUNIONMANIA - Alumni of Illinois Valley High School and Kerby Union High School will descend on Cave Junction for Reunion '07. The annual get-together is set for Friday, June 29 through Sunday, July 1 with numerous events. This year's program is for the classes of 1952, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92 and '97. Events will include "Hold 'Em (Texas) or Fold 'Em" play June 29, sponsored as a fund-raiser by the IVHS Wrestling Club. Phone 597-2325 for details. The 20th annual golf tournament will be held June 30 at I.V. Golf Course. For details, phone 592-3151, 218-2261 or 592-2914.

SPECIAL FRIEND BLEND - Coalition for Kids is looking for volunteers willing to spend 45 minutes a week with a child who will be their special friend at Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction. The Special Friends program allows children to direct the playtime during each session, and has a proven, positive effect. For more information phone Marla Kasdorf at 479-1929. To sign up as a volunteer, phone Jody Conrad at 592-3136.

NOTEPAD - Saturday, June 30 is set for the free Illinois Valley Country Fair on the parking lots at Sterling Savings Bank and the county building. Vendor space is available. Check the I.V. Family Coalition ad in this issue ... **Bridgeview Vineyards** Winery, through the courtesy of Bob & Lelo Kerivan, will be the setting for a Sept. 22 fundraiser for I.V. Chamber of Commerce. "Jefferson," which opened the chamber Concerts in the Park series last week, will perform ... **At Shop Smart** Food Warehouse, IVHS wrestling team members will bag groceries Friday afternoon June 29; and football players will do the same Saturday, June 30 ... **Congressman Greg Walden** will hold a town hall meeting Tuesday, July 3 at Anne Basker Auditorium in Grants Pass ... **One pastor** in the valley, whose congregation rents space, offered this: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that we have enough money to build our own church. The bad news is that it's still in your pockets" ... **"The Frankie Hernandez"** Band will perform Tuesday, June 26 at 7 p.m. for the first Grants Pass Chamber concert this year in Riverside Park. Patriotic music will be played Tuesday, July 3 by the RCC Community Band.

LAST WORDS - The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it always to be kept alive. (President Thomas Jefferson)

Family escapes early morning house fire in Selma

Two young children and their parents escaped uninjured from a major structure fire in Selma, but lost all their belongings.

The fire, reported at 5:48 a.m. Saturday, June 16, was at a two-story rented home at 2301 Reeves Creek Road. The heavy-beam home and deck, and two parked cars were fully involved in flames as Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) responded.

The dwelling was rented by Dan Demuth, 29, and his wife, Kelly, 28. They and their children, Maya, 5, and Josiah, 2, got out safely. The family moved from Maui some two months ago, according to Kelly Demuth.

She added that they had given notice to the owners of the home, and are in the process of renting a home in Takilma. The name of the Reeves Creek property owner

was not available.

"We're lucky and blessed that we have a place to go to," she said.

The large home, owned by two Portland residents, had a real market value of nearly \$307,000, said the county assessor. A value of the home contents was unavailable for this issue.

IVFD responded with 16 firefighters, four tenders, a rescue rig, an air operations truck, and three engines, including one from Rural/Metro Fire Dept. Oregon Dept. of Forestry also sent an engine in case the fire spread to adjacent wildland. And American Medical Response had an ambulance on-scene.

No injuries to firefighters were reported.

Although the Rural/Metro unit was not used, its manpower came in handy, said IVFD Deputy Chief Jeff

Gavlik. Including investigation and overhaul, after the fire was extinguished, some I.V. volunteers and staff were on-scene nearly eight hours.

It's indicated that the cause of the blaze was a candle placed atop cardboard boxes in the attached garage, said Gavlik. That information was given him by Dan Demuth. He was downstairs, his wife said, when he heard crackling.

He opened the door, and saw flames. The family then grabbed a few items and left. They went to the bottom of the long drive to the house, where friends and neighbors stood by with them. The alarm was phoned by neighbors, as the family phone apparently was inoperative due to fire damage.

IVFD laid approximately 100 yards of 3-inch hose from the tenders on Reeves Creek

to an engine near the home to fight the intense flames.

"It was so scary," said Kelly.

She said that they lost their clothing, art work, furnishings and other personal belongings. Friends and neighbors provided for immediate needs at the scene, including some clothing, and the family currently is staying with friends in Cave Junction.

Kelly said that she plans to contact American Red Cross to see what other help is available. Since the fire, the family has been given a table and chairs and children's books. And it looks as though a bed is coming, she said.

Those who wish to make donations can do so by bringing items, checks or cash to the I.V. News office.

Driver cited for intoxication after Kerby wreck requiring extrication

A transient man driving a 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix was cited on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, fourth-degree assault, and second-degree criminal mischief following a two-vehicle collision in Kerby.

Oregon State Police added that the man, identified as Ambrose H. Weaver, 57, had a blood alcohol content of .262. He and his passenger, Kerby resident Trina F. McCarty, 46, were taken by American Medical Response to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

Indications were that they were treated and released. Weaver was cited by

OSP, but not jailed.

The pair had to be extricated by Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) from the car, which ended up on its top in blackberry bushes on the west side of Hwy. 199 near Pugetville Road.

Traffic was delayed for some time after the 2:15 p.m. wreck. Vehicles eventually were diverted to Hathaway Drive to avoid the scene, and the 199 was reopened later.

Those in the other vehicle, a 1989 Chevrolet pickup truck, were treated at the scene. They were identified as the driver, Vestal G. Skaggs, 57; and his passenger, Eugene Michael, 53, both of Crescent City, Calif.

OSP gave the following account of the crash:

Weaver was northbound at a high rate of speed when he lost control and overcorrected. The car spun out of control across the lane for southbound traffic, where it collided with the pickup truck before rolling off the shoulder.

IVFD was battling a brush fire in Selma when the alarm was sounded for the collision. Some firefighters left that scene and went to the crash for extrication and other duties related to the collision.

The wildfire near Fort Hay Ranch was stopped after burning 2.1 acres of grass and brush, said Deputy Chief Jeff Gavlik.

Free tours at Oregon Caves Saturday, June 23

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be redeemed for a badge.

Cave tours last 90 minutes, and it's recommended that visitors bring a light jacket or sweater because of the average 44-degree temperature inside "The Marble Halls of Oregon."

Good walking shoes also are suggested, especially for those who want to hike on one of the four loop trails at the monument. Visitors in wheelchairs can access only the first room of the cave; and children shorter than 42 inches cannot be part of the general cave tour.

It's OK to take cameras into the cave, but not backpacks or large purses, said the park service.

Because of the large number of visitors anticipated, it's advised that sightseers walk from the parking lot to the visitor center to sign up for cave tours.

Lunches and dinners are available at the restaurant and coffee shop in Oregon Caves Chateau, a National Historic Landmark.

And noted Matthew Klozik, acting chief of interpretation at the monument:

"There have been many changes at Oregon Caves during the past 10 years. Staff and volunteers completed the largest restoration project of any cave in the United States. More than 1,300 tons of rubble was removed; the trail route was reconstructed; and new lighting installed.

"During the 1990s, fossils were discovered in the cave, and the monument is recognized for having the most complete jaguar fossil and the largest collection of salamander fossils in the nation; and the oldest grizzly bear fossil in North America.

"Some of these fossils are located along the tour route. Other recent research has confirmed that the cave contains a large community of endemic cave-adapted life."

For more information phone 592-2100, Ext. 262, or visit nps.gov/orca.

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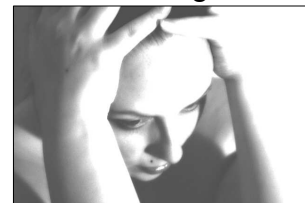
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Club & Organization Notes

Siskiyou Project

Every June, Oregon Wild sponsors a Wilderness Week of special outdoor-oriented activities in celebration of Oregon's wild places. Once again, Siskiyou Project will help lead two activities focused on the Siskiyou Wild Rivers region.

Saturday, June 23, there will be a Wild Rogue hike of 5 to 7 miles with "moderate difficulty." Car pools will leave the

Gooseberries Natural Foods parking lot in Grants Pass at 10 a.m. and meet at the Graves Creek Boat Ramp at 10:45. Time and meeting place may change so phone 488-5789 or 476-6648 for confirmation and more detail.

Sunday, July 1, there will be a Kalmiopsis Wildlands hike. The round-trip is 8½ miles with a total elevation gain of 1,312 feet. Meet at the

Event Center at 7:45 a.m. in Gold Beach or at Coastal Cardiology, 412 Alder St. in Brookings, at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Al Collinet, 412-8444; or Bob Dale, 476-6648.

Laureate Beta Beta

Members attended their last meeting of the sorority year on Monday, June 4 in the home of Dorothy Stohman. Meetings will resume in August.

Newly installed officers for the 2007-2008 sorority year are President Kathy Simmons, Vice President Virginia Gilliam, Corresponding Secretary Kathy McLennon, Recording Secretary Dorothy Stohman, Treasurer Ethel Pose, and Extension Officer Jean McHie.

For more information about the organization and the chapter, contact Virginia Gilliam at 592-2293.

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The 15th annual Iron Horse Bike Rally is back

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 22, 23, 24

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at Lake Selmac.

We'd like to thank you for all of the great support the past 15 years!

See you there!!

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