

Here, There, & Everywhere

WOMEN’S SUPPORT - Facilitated by Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance, a women’s domestic violence support group will begin meeting Friday, July 6 and continue on subsequent Fridays. The group, for which there is no fee, will meet from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is open “to all women who want to work on past trauma and domestic violence issues in a safe, nurturing environment.” To RSVP, contact Iris Loewen at 592-4147.

GOT LOCO POWER? - Illinois Valley Lions Club is looking for a riding lawnmower with a hydrostatic automatic transmission and at least 18 hp from which to use as a locomotive as its popular Engine 97. The locomotive, used at numerous community events to provide free rides, was wrecked recently when it fell off its trailer. The rest of the train is OK. The club would like a “donation or a deal.” Phone Steve Lyons at 592-3181 (Century 21 Harris & Taylor).

IVSHA QUILT RAFFLE - Valley quilters, led by Barbara Ferguson and Carol Dickson, sewed an “Opportunity Quilt” to benefit the capital campaign for Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVSHA). The quilt consists of blocks made to look like random houses, with everything from a barn, tee-pee and even a doghouse, surrounded by chickens, horses, dogs and flowers. The quilt is displayed at Picket Fence Fabrics at Caves Hwy. and S. Old Stage Road, and will be raffled Oct. 13 during an IVSHA-sponsored talk by Denise Brown, sister to the late Nicole Brown-Simpson, at Grants Pass Performing Arts Center. Raffle tickets are available at Picket Fence Fabrics, or by phoning Carol Dickson at 592-8521.

NO LYIN’/A LION - Valley resident Jacob Hertler and his family spent a scary night recently near Ferris Street along Illinois River, thanks to a noisy cougar. “It made that weird noise all night long, and I saw its shining eyes,” said Hertler. The “big cat” was not scared, being unfazed by barking dogs and Hertler yelling at it. He notified Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, as it was within 100 feet of a home and circling.

PICTURE PERFECT PARKS - Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept. (OPRD) reminds amateur photographers that they have a month left to enter its 2008 calendar contest, Go Click! The deadline is Aug. 1. Photos of parks in Eastern Oregon are lacking. Images can be from previous years, but must be from an Oregon state park. Winning photos will be announced and displayed during the Oregon State Fair in Salem Aug. 24 through Sept. 3. The 12 winners will be in the ‘08 OPRD calendar. For contest rules visit www.oregonstateparks.org or phone (800) 551-6949.

ADVERTISING GONE MAD - A new supermarket, according to Vicki Kaplan, of Carlsbad, Calif., has an automatic water-mister to keep produce fresh. She continues, “Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the scent of fresh rain. When you approach the milk coolers, you hear cows mooing and experience the aroma of fresh hay. When you approach the egg case, you hear hens clucking, and the air is filled with the pleasing tang of bacon and eggs frying. The produce department features the fragrance of fresh buttered corn.” But she notes, “I no longer buy toilet paper at that store.”

NOTEPAD - “**So blessed**” is how Kelly Demuth feels about the valley community response to helping her and her family after being burned out of their rented home in Selma on June 16 ... “**America’s Tradition: Hometown USA**” is the theme for this year’s Labor Day parade and festivities sponsored by Illinois Valley Lions Club. It also announced that longtime valley resident Bill Woodbury will be grand marshal for the Labor Day parade ... **Miguel Kime** has a new button, “In Goodness We Trust” ... “**The B Wishes Band**” will perform original Rock at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 for the Grants Pass Concerts in the Park series at Riverside Park ... **Dave Daniel**, former two-term Josephine County sheriff, sought the vacated post of Curry County sheriff, but could not be chosen as he doesn’t have established residence there. Curry commissioners chose Capt. Allan Boice, who has been acting Curry sheriff ... **T-shirts:** My camouflage store went belly-up because no one could find it ... I used to jog 5 miles a day. Then I found a short cut ... Don’t wait! Procrastinate! ... I get my exercise by whining & complaining.

LAST WORDS - Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime. (Aristotle)

Country Breakfast I.V. Senior Center 520 E. River St. Saturday, July 7 8 to 11 a.m.

* Biscuits & Gravy * Pancakes
* Eggs * Bacon * Sausage
* Coffee, Milk, Juice

Adults - \$5
Children 12
& under - \$2.50



Letters

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prate levels. We believe this is a step toward having a full-fledged day-care and preschool facility in Illinois Valley.

We hope to be able to secure grants that will enable us to offer reduced rates to help single mothers and financially challenged families to get back on their feet.

Just like an expectant mother gathering baby clothes and supplies, we need funds to start this new day-care center. We are asking businesses to consider a tax-deductible donation that will be an investment in the lives of families and the future of our community. The sooner the start-up funds are raised, the quicker the center will begin providing services.

For additional information, phone Cindy O’Hara at 597-2625, or the writer at 592-6058. Or send e-mail to HelpingHandsDayCare@gmail.com.

Paris Hilton comments ‘valued’ at how much!?

From Terry Ashmore Sunland, Calif.

The June 13 letter in *I.V. News* from Iris Shaw of Selma came to mind during a recent morning when the bombardment of Paris Hilton news coverage included the latest: Paris is to be paid \$1 million by our largest local station (KNBC) for the rights to the first interview with her the minute she’s released from prison.

What can she possibly say worth hearing?

Even if she could articulate an apology (the only words she should offer) it would sound contrived. And NBC should offer to contribute the money to intervention programs rather than reward Paris for wrongdoing.

But the young people who emulate her every move are so brainwashed by the media that they long to hear only more about outrageously inappropriate behavior. The saga of Paris barely passes for news, and allows lesser journalists temporary control of the airwaves. Most of us prefer to read the news so that we can turn the pages and control our own information input.

Paris Hilton’s “15 minutes of fame” are almost concluded -- unless she drinks and drives again, which is what this should really be about.

‘Slashed and stunned’ About tire incident From Sherri Ladd Cave Junction

I have lived in this valley for 30 years, and have worked at many businesses here. For the past several years, I have been a teacher at Head Start here.

I love this valley, its rivers and the hometown feeling. It hurts me to see and hear about vandalism in our town, and I’ve experienced my share of angry feelings about this issue.

Whenever I am out on a walk, I bring at least one bag of trash back to my car filled with items that I have picked up from along the river or on the paths or streets.

On Friday, June 22 my sister (visiting from Portland) and I rode bikes to the end of Schumacher Street where the new development is being created. We left our bikes there and walked to the Pomeroy Dam area. There were many young people we passed along the way -- all of whom were coming and going from the river where they swam.

My sister and I commented on what good fortune it is to live in an area with such a beautiful place while growing up.

There is a gate at Vineyard Place and Schumacher Street to prevent cars from going through. But you can

walk on the streets or in the fields where we were. There were not any “No Trespassing” signs posted. So that I wouldn’t forget it when we left, I hung my first bag of trash on the gate by my car, which my daughter had driven over.

We walked along the river for about 45 minutes; then returned to our bikes and my car. We had another bagful of trash including some broken glass we found. We had noticed that one of the houses had its windows broken and talked about the senselessness of vandalism.

Upon returning to my car we noticed first one, then two, then saw that all four of my tires had been slashed. I was stunned. We called a relative who lives near by for help. Amazingly enough, he explained to me that the person who slashed my tires had actually been to his house only moments before and had stated that he was responsible.

The man identified himself as a manager for a contractor and shared that he was angry about recent vandalism in the area. He then left his business card with my relative and told him to feel free to tell the owner of the white car that he was the one who slashed the tires.

This was not done by senseless vandals, but by a vengeful person doing business in our town. I was stunned again. I called the name on the business card and spoke with this person and shared that I understood his frustration with vandals, but also stressed that he had taken his anger out on an innocent person.

I was treated to an earful about his problems, and he seemed to believe that it was his right to slash my tires. Slashing my tires was an act of purposeful vandalism resulting from misplaced and unchecked anger by an adult.

A simple note of warning or even a simple attempt to find me (picking up trash) would have been sufficient. I would have respected his request.

Which should I be more worried about: senseless acts of vandalism or local contractors who believe that they are above the law and can solve their problems with intimidation and violent retaliation, regardless of investigation into the facts?

Attention! Family, friends & acquaintances of Roger A. Newton

Surprise 50th birthday celebration

Jubilee Park Pavilion, Saturday, July 7, 2 - 6 p.m.

Potluck: Bring a favorite dish & beverage (No alcohol)

For more information, or to RSVP phone Dolly at 415-0416

THANK YOU!

We want to thank our daughters, Cheryl and Kathy, for the wonderful 60th anniversary party.

Also our grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and our many friends and neighbors who helped us celebrate, and for the many lovely cards and gifts.

Special thanks to Dale and Sharon Hopper and “Claude” for the great entertainment.

We love you all,
Loren and Eunice Mailes

**Yard and Bake Sale
Nifty & Gifty Thrift
will be open
July 7
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Immanuel United Methodist
Church
200 W. Watkins, C.J.**

Happy 80th Birthday. Pop!
You’re quite a FIRECRACKER.
Thanks for all you’ve done.



Love,

Rusty, Steve, Terri,

Laurie, Sally,

Shane, Miranda,

Alex, Cory, Hayley,

Kayla, Taylor, & Jeremiah



Support the I.V. Lions -- Buy a Harley raffle ticket!
Available at Taylor’s Sausage and Century 21.
Phone 592-2252 or 287-0290

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The Lorna Byrne Middle School students and staff who recently went to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National History Day 2006 competition would like to sincerely thank these community members, businesses, families and groups whose financial contributions made this exciting trip possible:

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