



Selma residents Orville & Mary Camp enjoy their naturally forested property, and are advocates of letting Nature be in charge. Story on page 8. (Photo provided)

Kerby Evening of Art set for Friday, July 27

Locals and visitors alike can enjoy another community evening out as Kerby adds a new offering to Illinois Valley's art events with its first Evening of Art in Kerby on Friday, July 27.

Sample food, drink, art and conversation along the way as you explore the seven special spots that will be open from 5 to 8 p.m.

Starting at the south end of town, Hampton's Rock Shop, in a newly renovated historic building, holds a rock-lover's dream collection of stone and gems, petroglyphs, stone carvings and more, including Gabrielle's jewelry.

Across the street, RCC's Learning Center in what was the site of an early valley school, is home to the Southern Oregon Guild Gallery and Artists' Center. Fine art photographer Bill Ott's new show, "Archaic Art: Ancient Art Forms of Western North America," just opened.

Ott's beautiful photographs, many digitally restored, bring those inaccessible rock art works by ancient peoples across the centuries, giving us food for imagining their worlds.

Works in other media – woodcraft, ceramics, doll making, jewelry, fiber arts, and a variety of flat art techniques – also are displayed.

A short distance north on Hwy. 199, the Kerbyville Museum will be open for folks to examine an extensive collection of historical artifacts and photos from different eras of the region.

A bit more up the road are Kauffman Wood Products' offices, The Dove Tail Joint, and It's a Burl.

Besides their well-crafted rustic pole furniture, Kauffman's will have music by Bruce Hanson, and wine from Bridgeview Vineyards. At The Dove Tail Joint next door, you might talk Jerry Work into discussing the state-of-the-art equipment he uses to design and make his fine Craftsman-style furniture, or ask him and Sharon about the history of their restored Masonic building.

Across the street, in addition to the amazing architecture and beautiful burl woodwork at It's a Burl, Harvey and Joy Shinerock are inviting folks to participate in a potluck as well as an open jam with *The Burlyard Bunch*.

Finally, just up the road at the north end of town, Kerbyville Farm and Yanase Jewelers will be open. Karen and Michael Yanase invite you to view Michael's beautiful custom jewelry designs.

Dale and Barbara DeVorss at Kerbyville Farm are offering barbecued food, fresh pastries and fresh produce. They also are featuring Art by Amy, music by "singer and pianist extraordinaire" Larry Cavalier, and door prizes.

Whether you walk the route or drive, Kerby's Evening of Art offers a big serving of history, fun and food along with the rich array of contemporary creations by southern Oregon artists and artisans. Parking can be found at the RCC Learning Center, at Kerbyville Farm, and at other locations along the highway.

- Joyce Abrams
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I.V. Little Leaguers near state title

A feisty Illinois Valley Boys Senior League team --the first fielded in the valley -- is headed for a first-place state Little League championship. The team gained All-Star ranking to advance to state championship games in Keizer by beating Rogue River in double elimination.

At state, the I.V. team beat Gresham 9-7, and Tigard 15-5. Dylan Albertson, Cory Glasgow and Andrew Augstadt were standouts. In the Saturday, July 21 game, I.V. beat its opponent 9-8. Standouts were Cody Albertson, Glasgow, Justin Douglas and Antonio Escalante.

With a guaranteed second place, the team is aiming for first. It was to play Tuesday night, July 24.

JoCo gets meth cash

A grant of \$40,840 to battle the methamphetamine scourge in Josephine County has been received, said Sheriff Gil Gilbertson.

Based on a 2005 report, the Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) during 2004 seized 25 meth labs. Officers also yanked out 7,891 marijuana plants, and nearly 200,000 grams of other illegal drugs.

Overall, the haul has a street value of \$19.4 million.

Regarding the continuing fight against meth, Gilbertson said, "It has become one of the most serious issues facing families, neighborhoods and law enforcement.

"The addiction, associated crime and violence have become an epidemic," the sheriff said.

"The intent of the grant is to help reduce the manufacture and distribution of meth," he added. "We will procure some equipment and use overtime hours to assist in combating this epidemic."

The one-time grant is from the Oregon Emergency Board Meth Enforcement Grant Program. A total \$400,000 was granted to 11 agencies. Only Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, which received \$50,159, received a higher amount than JCSO.

Other nearby agencies receiving funds include Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Medford Police Dept., and Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

Mondale finds Selma just right

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
IVN Staff Writer

Earlier in life, Mort Mondale traveled throughout the United States.

But when it came time to settle down once and for all, he chose to do so in the Illinois Valley community of Selma.



Mort Mondale

Mondale grew up in Elmore, Minn., and graduated from Fairmont High School. He spent his college years at Hamline University in St. Paul, and then earned graduate credits from Mankato State College at Mankato, Minn.; and the University of Minnesota.

For 16 years, he taught music throughout Minnesota, from tiny towns to St. Paul's suburbs.

Mondale's passion for education eventually led him to a position with the National Education Association. He spent 18 years as a professional development specialist and field training organizer for NEA, and worked throughout the

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PLINKIN' AND PLUNKIN' filled the air at Lake Selmac Saturday, July 21 during the fourth annual Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. The successful fund-raiser included performances by (top) *The Mighty Lonesomes*, and (left) *Jefferson* in a pleasant summer setting (below). (Photos by Illinois Valley News)



Residents hot regarding fire rating

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
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City of Cave Junction residents Heidi Kleve and Phillip Salfen live along a quiet cul-de-sac on Wells Drive.

First-time home owners, they moved into their house in October 2004, and have had no reasons to complain about their living situation.

But on July 11 this year, the couple received a letter informing them that their residence had been rated as "extreme" for fire danger. Kleve thought that was odd, given the lot's landscape.

"There is absolutely no vegetation on our property whatsoever," Kleve said.

Kleve and Salfen were among 19,000 Josephine County property owners to receive those letters, which originated from the county's Forest Land-Urban Interface Classification Committee.

The letters invited property owners to attend a Wednesday night, July 18 public hearing at the Flower Bldg. at the Josephine County Fairgrounds. Kleve made the trip to Grants Pass that day in an attempt to obtain more information.

But she was hardly alone.

Traffic backed up on Redwood Hwy. as an overflow crowd attempted to enter the building. Officers from Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety blocked the fairgrounds entry after offi-

due to a recent bout with laryngitis. Instead, committee member Tom Link was tasked with explaining the classifications, and he frequently was interrupted by irate citizens.

Criteria for the classifi-



Phillip Salfen & Heidi Kleve (Photo by Scott Jorgensen)

cials began turning people away at the door.

Residents fortunate enough to park and make it inside the building were given a synopsis of the committee's findings. But few seemed happy with what they learned.

Brian Ballou, an information officer with Oregon Dept. of Forestry, was unable to address the crowd

cations were based on history of fires, topography and vegetation. They were conducted by areas, not individual lots.

The committee was formed in compliance with the Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act of 1997. The bill passed through the Oregon Senate 23-1, and the state

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