



Carol Butcher & Lewis Swisher (Photo by Scott Jorgensen, Illinois Valley News)

Crystal Kaleidoscope rockin’ at 1 year

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Last summer, Louis Swisher and Carol Butcher opened Crystal Kaleidoscope at 18435 Redwood Hwy. in Selma.

And this summer, they’re hosting a drawing and giving away \$1,000 in prizes to celebrate the business’ one-year anniversary.

Swisher said that the drawing, which will feature 40 prizes, is to thank Illinois Valley residents for their support during the past 12 months.

“The feedback we’ve gotten from tourists and locals has been very positive,” Swisher said.

He and Butcher have operated three stores in locations including Santa Cruz, Calif., and Gardnerville, Nev.

“Every time we open one, we learn something different,” Swisher said.

He prides himself on the store’s merchandise, noting that all the stones, beads and jewelry in stock

are hand-picked for quality and value.

“That’s how I’ve done it for 25 years,” Swisher said.

Crystal Kaleidoscope carries more than 600 styles of stone beads. The store is constantly adding new stones, beads and jewelry.

Other inventory includes light-reflective stones, plasma lights, disco lights, crystal grow kits, and educational toys and books for children.

“There’s something for everybody that comes through the door,” Swisher said. “We want everybody to leave with a smile on their face.”

An entire section of the store is appropriately devoted to kaleidoscopes, with more than 100 in stock.

“It’s probably the largest kaleidoscope collection in Oregon,” Swisher said.

A rough rock yard was added in February, with large decorative rocks for collectors and cutters. A “crystal cave” inside the

store is nearly completed, and is already proving to be quite an attraction.

“It’s a darkroom for stone lamps, light boxes and crystals that light up,” Swisher said.

Entries for the anniversary drawing will be accepted until Aug. 30, with the drawing held the following day. Anyone 18 years or older will be automatically entered into the drawing for free just by visiting the store, and additional entries will be made for anyone who makes a purchase of \$10 or more.

Prizes include glass paperweights and purple amethyst.

Swisher said that the drawing is merely a way of expressing appreciation for the store’s loyal customers.

“Moving to the Illinois Valley last year was one of the best decisions we ever made,” Swisher said. “The people here are wonderful.”

For more information on Crystal Kaleidoscope, phone 597-4300.

Quilt raffle to aid Jr. Savings Program

Now in its 16th year, the grass-roots Junior Savings Program has been utilized by some 500 Illinois Valley students who have gained insights about saving and managing money.

The program is the brainchild of Cave Junction residents Les & Pat Leseicki, who use Home Valley Bank as their partner.

More than \$12,000 has been saved in increments of 25-cents. More than \$1,200 was spent on incentives.

“Slow but steady growth is being experienced, and we are now taking on a new challenge,” said Les. “This is to collect money allowing us to give low-interest education loans (3 percent) to those students who actively participate for six or more years in the program.

“These loans will be designed for hard-working students making grades of C or C+ enabling them to attend community college or trade school.

“St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church Quilt



Club has given us a good start by making an Old Glory Quilt on exhibit in Home Valley Bank in Cave Junction. The drawing will be held Sept. 3.”

Tickets can be purchased at Home Valley, Peggy Housel at Dr. Housel’s dental office, and the state liquor store.

The Leseickis, longtime valley residents who formerly operated House of Pendleton in Cave Junction, said they hope that the community will support this project and others in the future. Those who would like to help them achieve their new challenge can contact them at 592-2999.

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Kerbyville Farm is participating in the
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Friday, July 27, 5 to 8 p.m.

Featured Artist:
Amy Hart

with her first showing of
Creatures & Dragons

Drawing
every 15 minutes
for great prizes!

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Forest Restoration
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Sponsored by
Wild Rivers Ranger District,
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9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Friday, July 27
Illinois Valley High School

The objective of this public meeting is to allow community
members to gather, and with mutual respect, share ideas
about restoring the forests of Wild Rivers Ranger District
and building a even better forest for the future.

“Wild Rivers Ranger District is a special place with special
people” said Joel King, District Ranger for Wild Rivers
Ranger District. “I look forward to working with the com-
munity as a partner in making the public forest more
resilient.”

Bring your favorite food for a community potluck lunch!