

Here, There, & Everywhere

FASHIONS & PASSIONS - Grants Pass Christian Women's Club is sponsoring a Fashion Show & Dessert event at the county building in Cave Junction on Thursday, Sept. 6 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Colene Talley from Bear Images Boutique will present clothing, gifts and jewelry. The inspirational speaker will be Nancy Reed, from Union, Ore., known as "Martha Stewart's twin sister." And Medford soloist Barbara Wygal will perform. Tickets at \$5 will be available at the door, and reservations are requested by Thursday, Aug. 30. Phone Gayl Bohey at 592-6452, or Carol Angus at 592-4742.

I.V. VOLUNTEER GOLF - Friday, Aug. 31 is the deadline to sign up for an Illinois Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association open event at I.V. Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 15. The three-person mixed scramble will include door prizes and hole-in-one challenge prizes. To enter, phone Firefighter Joe Brown at 659-8726.

WINEMAKERS WINGDING - A special eight-course dinner will be served Wednesday, Sept. 12, highlighting the wines and food offered in Illinois Valley. The event in the dining room of the historic Chateau at Oregon Caves National Monument, 22 miles east of Cave Junction, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Representatives from valley wineries will present each course and discuss the interaction of the flavors. Reservations are being accepted at \$55 per person. Those who wish to spend the night will receive a \$20 room discount. Reservations are required and can be made by phoning 592-3400.

SWEET & DEER - Rachel Goodman had sliced apples and honey ready for participants in a recent bicycle tour of Takilma organic gardens, organized by Spiral Living Center. But when they arrived, she was so excited she forgot about the snack, and then joined the tour. When she returned home, the plate of apples and honey on her back porch had been consumed by the mostly tame deer who hang around the house. Rachel initially worried about the plastic wrap that had covered the plate, but found it nearby. How the hooved visitors removed the wrap is not yet known.

NOTEPAD - Illinois Valley Boosters Club for IVHS and Lorna Byrne Middle School will elect officers during an open meeting on Monday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. at IVHS ... **Lelo Kerivan** from Bridgeview Winery has taken a spot on the I.V. Chamber board vacated by Vicki Gill ... **Some \$900** in a wallet was turned in last week by a man at the Cave Junction Post Office. The owner was telephoned in Happy Camp, and he rewarded the man's honesty with 100 bucks ... **Following the death** of a deaf Cave Junction resident in connection with a rope swing along the Rogue River, the tree was cut down two days later by persons unknown (See obituaries on page 8) ... **Great Cats** World Park will host a mixer for Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce Friday, Sept. 7. The time will be in next week's *I.V. Noose* ... **Wine, cheese and art** will be featured during a fund-raiser at Bridgeview Winery Sept. 15 to benefit the SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) program at Evergreen Elementary School. Artists who want to donate a work for the auction can phone Nancy Brown at 592-2250 ... **T-shirts**: *I can't wait to procrastinate. *If you can't live without me, why aren't you dead? *Yes, I am the town drunk. *My other T-shirt is dirty.

LAST WORDS - All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day ... is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation. (Samuel Gompers)

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Jim Raffenburg Washington, D.C.-bound for WOPR

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of Legislative Affairs for the Dept. of the Interior. He also wants to meet with her counterpart at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

And he'll get with as many senators and congressman on The Hill as he can.

"We need to make sure that D.C. is on board with The Whopper," he said.

"At hand is this federal issue of county funding through timber receipts," he continued. "It'll be two to six years before funds would begin flowing, so we need the impetus to get that plan OK'd, plus we need to fill the void with funding for in-between," he noted.

Raffenburg said that he is hopeful the WOPR can be implemented and "not be ground to a halt in the courts." He added it's clear that BLM has presented a plan showing scientifically that harvesting can be accomplished while still honoring environmental and habitat concerns.

He feels that the WOPR shows actual scientific evidence "that is not a default." In that case, he said, those opposed to the plan should be able to accept the data.

Secure funding for schools tied to public land-use fees

Congress has been called upon to make the Secure Rural Schools program permanent if Congress allows the secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to increase public land-user fees to fund it.

The Western Counties Alliance (WCA), based in Salt Lake City, said that it represents rural public land counties around the West.

Congress is considering a bill, H.R. 3058, that would give this authority to the two secretaries to fund both the Secure Rural Schools program and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program (PILT) that are so critical to counties. The recommendation came in testimony WCA provided to a congressional subcommittee which recently held hearings on the bill.

A copy of the testimony is available at westerncounties.org/wca/hr3058_testimony.cfm.

"This legislation would reauthorize a retooled Secure Rural Schools program for five years, but at the end of that time there is no provision to remove or lower the fees that Congress is authorizing the secretaries to impose to pay for it and for the PILT program," noted WCA Executive Director Mark Walsh.

"There are very few instances where fees, once imposed or raised, are ever removed or lowered," said Walsh. "If the fees are

All that is necessary is to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable, and bear the intolerable.

- Kathleen Norris -

Landmark court cases could result, should various groups file suits, he feels.

Although encouraged by the WOPR preferred alternative, if it does not come to fruition Raffenburg noted that there is a "fail-safe" plan put forward by the Association of O&C Counties. It involves privatizing half the federal land lying in the 18 O&C counties.

But that plan is on the back burner, he said, pending the outcome of the WOPR revision. A final decision is not anticipated until late during 2008.

Meanwhile, in a related matter, Raffenburg stated that the county has established a Natural Resource Advisory Committee. Its first task is to review the WOPR and draft a document by Nov. 9.

"The long-term goal," said Raffenburg, "is to develop a long-term resource plan for the county; not only federal land, but all land in the county.

"That way, we can determine the effects of federal and private activity on land within Josephine County."

The committee consists of nine members. Besides Raffenburg, to represent a

spectrum of business, civic and environmental interests and concerns, they are Cave Junction resident Don Moore, a member of the county planning commission, Jim Frick, Cameron Krauss, Grant Pencille,

Lowell Gibson, Jack Shipley, Kevin Mars, and county forester Vic Harris.

Raffenburg noted that all except Harris also are members of the county's Long-Term Funding Committee.

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Friday, August 31, 7 p.m., IVHS

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IVCDO Meeting Schedule

Making Things Happen!
September, 2007

Day	Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Mon	9/3	Community Relations	5:30-6:30 PM	IVCDO Office
Wed	9/12	Operational Oversight & Projects & Programs	5:30-6:30 PM	Visitor Center
		Executive Comm.	6:30-7:30 PM	
Thurs	9/20	Workshop / Board Meeting	6:00-9:00 PM	Visitor Center

going to be imposed, the revenue generated should go into a dedicated fund to be used only for these two critical programs in perpetuity."

The Secure Rural Schools program was enacted as a temporary measure in 2000 to help counties affected by the drastic reduction in timber harvesting on federal lands. PILT was passed in 1976 to partially compensate counties, which cannot tax federal land, for the costs of the services they must provide as a result of the federal presence.

It has never been fully funded, Walsh said. In its testimony, WCA also cautioned that Congress must provide guidelines to the secretaries so that any fees imposed will not fall disproportionately on local residents. This means that actions such as increasing grazing, logging and similar fees would be excluded.

"These are two critically important programs to rural public lands counties," Walsh said, "but Congress must not give the secretaries blanket authority.

"It makes no sense to try to pay for these programs on the backs of county taxpayers who are already subsidizing the federal government and all Americans, who are the owners of the public lands, through the property taxes which they already pay.

"The increases should be imposed in a way that allows all Americans to help pay equally for these costs that the presence of public lands imposes on counties."

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of active members decreased, that the time had come to pass the torch to a new entity to bring a new future for golf enthusiasts in the region."

The land on which the course sits is surrounded by current and planned residential and commercial developments. It is at the intersection of Hwy. 199 and Laurel road; and the highway is being widened at this time "to accommodate the growing development activity."