

## Here, There, & Everywhere

**BE A DRIP** - A blood donation drive will be held Thursday, Oct. 4 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Illinois Valley Senior Center by American Red Cross. Anyone at least 17 years old (not 12 as the errant editor wrote last week) can donate. Donors also must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, as long as they're in good health and haven't donated during the previous eight weeks.

**BARTER FAIRE AFFAIR** - Friday, Oct. 5 through Sunday, Oct. 7 are set for the fifth annual Hope Mountain Barter Faire on Page Creek Road off Takilma Road, some 10 miles from Cave Junction. The Dome School fundraiser has family camping available, and there will be bartering and trading as well as music, dance, workshops and a Kids Village. The event will open at 10 a.m. Friday, and close Sunday evening. Day passes and three-day camping passes are available. Children with adults are free. Youth younger than 18 must be with a parent or responsible adult. Food vendors must contact the Faire Committee. For more information or to find out about volunteer opportunities phone the hotline at 592-4458.

**HOME VALLEY 'SAFE'** - Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance and Home Valley Bank will hold an Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce mixer on Friday, Oct. 5. The gathering is set for 5:30 to 7 p.m. There will be light refreshments, and a chance to meet and greet fellow chamber members. Plus, mixer-goers can check out the new safe house facility, as it will relocate to the bank building once the new Home Valley branch on Redwood Hwy. in Downtown Cave Junction is finished.

**SELMA HAPPENING** - A fall flea market and pancake breakfast will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at Selma Center. The breakfast will run from 8:30 to 11 a.m.; the flea mart from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For booth information or other information phone 415-1000 or 597-2522.

**SMART FOLKS SOUGHT** - Evergreen Elementary School's reading program SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) is looking for volunteers. They spend one hour a week reading to a child in kindergarten through third-grade Tuesdays or Wednesdays. No experience is necessary; "simply a desire to spend time reading to a great kid every week." The Sept. 15 fund-raiser at Bridgeview Vineyards Winery raised \$4,500; so there is now room for 15 new kids "and we need 15 new volunteers." Times available: Wednesdays 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., noon to 1 p.m., and 1 to 2 p.m. Phone "Tina" at 592-3383 for Tuesday times as they're almost filled. Or phone Evergreen Elementary at 592-3136. All volunteers pass a background check before reading. Applications are available at getsmartoregon.org or at the school.

**JUNIOR SAVINGS NOTE** - The Junior Savings Program & Education Trust appreciates the community for its recent fund-raiser. Raffle tickets for the Old Glory quilt brought in \$661. The winner is Lorraine Safer, of Selma. "Les" & Pat Leseicki are the organizers and operators of the savings program for valley youngsters. They use Home Valley Bank, and the couple can be reached at 592-2999.

**SPAY/NEUTER TOOTER** - Each fall, kittens born in the spring begin having litters. That's right -- a cat can begin breeding at 4-months, and that's why three Jackson County animal welfare organizations and many veterinary offices in our region have joined to save lives this October by offering discounted spay/neuter certificates during the Tom and Mom campaign. Due to joint funding by SNYP, FOTAS, and JCACC, a cat spay or neuter is only \$25. Certificates are available at Pet Country in Medford and Ashland Grange-Co-ops, and Medford and Grants Pass Mini-Pet Marts. Details are available by phoning 858-3325 or visit spayneuter.org. And there's an ad in this issue (not last week's issue, as the editor goofed).

**CYCLE ANGELS** - On Sunday, Sept. 9, The Rogue Valley Wings, a Grants Pass motorcycle chapter of Gold Wing Touring Association (GTWA), raised funds during its annual Poker Run to benefit Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVSHA). Larry Balloy, chapter director, presented a donation of \$500 to Susie Ellwood, IVSHA representative from Cave Junction. GWTA welcomes all bikes and is conducting a membership drive including one year free. For information phone 479-7815, 660-6517 or 582-1403.

**NOTEPAD** - All about gallows and other fun pastimes will be explored during a free, public Chautauqua program, "Justice In Frontier Oregon," at Selma Center on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m. Western attire is encouraged, but not mandatory. ... **Youth wrestling** signups will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 10 and 11 beginning at 6 p.m. in front of the wrestling room at IVHS. See the ad in this issue ... **I.V. Chamber** of Commerce has changed its meetings to second Wednesdays at noon at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. (Next meeting under the new schedule is set for Oct. 10) ... **Free ultrasound exams** are offered to those between seven and 22 weeks into their pregnancy. Pregnancy Care Center of Grants Pass is offering the free service for nurse-training from Monday, Oct. 15 through Monday Oct. 22. Phone 479-6264 for an appointment ... **Actual headlines:** \*New autos to hit 5 million. \*Defendant's speech ends in long sentence. \*Doctor testifies in horse suit. \*Flaming toilet seat causes evacuation at high school.

**LAST WORDS** - The most powerful factors in the world are clear ideas in the minds of energetic men of good will. (Sir J. Arthur Thomson/Scottish naturalist)

## Letters to the Editor

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working with you to preserve the fundamental economic infrastructure that has served as a cornerstone of your region for decades. Oregon has a long and rich tradition of placing great value on the work ethic and independence of our rural areas and I am equally committed to preserving your right to enjoy economic self-sufficiency."

In contrast to Toler's seeming willingness to write off the forest sector, Kulongoski's letter offers heartening support. He states his readiness to "ensure more dependable and sustainable harvest of timber from our federal lands;" and "to ensure our remaining mills a dependable supply of timber from our federal lands."

Toler worries about "turning back the clock." But a more in-depth look at Josephine County forests (more than 70 percent federally owned) points out a different reality:

If the BLM plan is implemented, 80 percent of total federal ownership will continue to be managed exclusively for ecological and aesthetic purposes including wildlife, clean water and air, and recreation.

Harvest levels would be only 20 percent of the annual growth on federal lands in Josephine County under the BLM Preferred Alternative and the current U.S. Forest Service plan.

Strong regulations and modern forest practices safeguard the ecological values we all cherish.

Toler, in discounting the BLM plan, offers little in the way of alternatives. The safety net disappears just next year, and the new service and tourism economy Toler extols seems far away. He describes an old-fashioned and shortsighted "either/or" paradigm in respect to forest management and economic diversity.

Considering the enormous effort to restore health in over-dense, fire-prone forests, it becomes clear that healthy forests and active management are not only compatible, but inseparable.

Moreover, economists consider "traded-sector" jobs, such as those in forestry, to be particularly valuable because products are largely sold out-of-state, and bring new money into the economy. While health care is also important, it is a "nontraded sector" with most of its consumers local.

Toler believes that reliance on forestry "confuses and distracts" citizens from considering economic alternatives. But, Toler's view itself leads away from diversity. It is no wonder that many county residents are reluctant to pass needed tax measures, knowing that an incredible resource is being overlooked as part of a sustainable economy.

During the years, Oregon has developed a world-class infrastructure around its forest sector: The best forest research program in North America at the OSU College of Forestry at Corvallis; technologically innovative manufacturing capabilities; and leadership in sustainable forest management.

And we have maintained high environmental standards in our forests while remaining the nation's leading lumber producer for nearly 70 years. What a shame it would be to walk away from these hard-won achievements. They provide

our region with unparalleled environmental, social and economic advantage.

**(Editor's Note: The guest opinion by Dave Toler to which Phillippi refers was printed in the Courier on Sept. 19, and subsequently in the Oregonian. It was not submitted to Illinois Valley News.)**

**Kulongoski's pay hikes for managers raise ire from Ken Allen, executive director Oregon Council 75, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees/Portland**

Rank-and-file state employees have been slapped in the face with the news that Gov. Kulongoski has issued top-heavy pay raises for all state managers.

With 33 years of collective bargaining experience, 16 of them at various state "central table" negotiations, I thought I'd heard and seen everything. But we are outraged at this proposed package for state managers. Having just finished months of face-to-face bargaining with the state, we feel like we've been lied to.

Some quick background. We, AFSCME, are the second-largest union of state employees, and we represent several state agencies with unique jobs and job classifications that are difficult to fill under any circumstances. We represent a variety of scientists and other advance degreed people at DEQ, DLCD, the State Lands Division and others.

We represent most Corrections employees in the state, both correctional officers and the others who work inside prison walls. During the past 15 years, there have been pay freezes during seven of those years for state workers, so they've only averaged a raise about every other year.

In late August, after months of negotiating for our members, we signed off on a deal that the state said was the absolute maximum it could afford. As part of that process, we spent weeks comparing data from other states and some Oregon counties and with a special eye on classifications where we know the state has special recruitment and retention problems.

But noteworthy is the fact that DAS (Dept. of Administrative Services) always balks at using cities and other local governments as comparators for us, especially the cities of Portland and Salem that absolutely compete with the state for employees. Yet DAS is

happy to turn right around and use such cities as comparators for justifying its management raises.

Here's another problem: This management package is more than triple than what our agreement was, and the state has unilaterally given this across-the-board increase to every manager. But not every management position is a recruitment and retention problem for the state. Yet every state agency will now have to "eat the costs" of these raises, meaning our members could face layoffs -- or at the least, face

increased workloads as agencies won't be able to "afford" to replace front-line workers.

Finally, this move is short-sighted because it portends a bad future for the state in coming negotiations. How can we trust DAS when it tells us, "This is all we can afford" in the future? Why would we ever settle again before we find out what management is giving themselves?

Our trust has been violated: We've been slapped and lied to -- and we will not forget it.


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Saturday, October 6, 10-2

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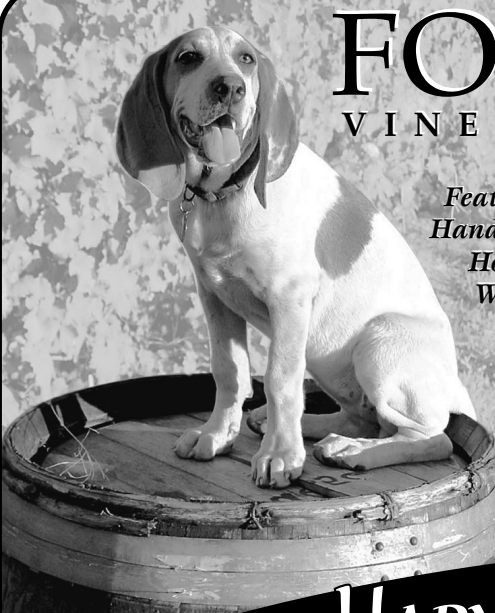
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## Youth Wrestling Sign-ups



Wednesday, October 10  
Thursday, October 11  
6 p.m. both days  
MHS - in front of the wrestling room  
First child - \$40 participation fee  
Each additional child - \$35  
First practice - Thursday the 11th at 6 p.m.

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## Tom and Mom October Campaign '07



Every fall all those kittens that were born in the spring are now having their own litters. Stop the cycle now, get your Tom cats and Mom cats fixed. Save lives by having your cat, your neighbor's cat, or a stray fixed during this exceptional time limited offer!

## Cat spay or neuter only \$25!

Certificates can be purchased at the following locations during October: Pet Country, all Medford Mini Pet Marts, Grants Pass Mini Pet Mart, and Medford and Ashland Grange CO-OPS. Certificates are valid at all participating veterinary offices.

**for more info: visit [www.spayneuter.org](http://www.spayneuter.org) or call 858-3325.**

The 2007 Tom and Mom campaign is a partnership of Spay/Neuter Your Pet, Friends of the Animal Shelter, and Jackson County Animal Care & Control.

**Joining forces to save lives through spay/neuter.**