

## Here, There, & Everywhere

**WITCHES & FAIRIES** - A free presentation, "The Witch's Garden: The Hidden Meaning of Fairy Tales," will be given Saturday, Oct. 20 (an incorrect date was in the last issue). The Oregon Chautauqua program will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Illinois Valley Senior Center, and be hosted by I.V. Friends of the Library. Folklorist Curtis Yehnert will give the public talk. Those who want to wear fairy tale attire are welcome to do so. Oregon Chautauqua programs are offered through the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS** - October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVSHA) notes that each year 18 people die in Oregon as a result of domestic violence. It added, "These victims include men, women and children. Domestic violence affects us all. Whether you are a survivor, family member, friend or co-worker; you can make a difference. Get involved. For more information on how to help phone 592-2515."

IVSHA also announced that it will sponsor a Fire-side Vigil Friday, Oct. 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Illinois Valley Resource Center, 535 E. River St. in Cave Junction. There will be music, refreshments and a time of sharing.

**HOSPICE HAPPENING** - The Oregon Hospice Association (OHA) will present its 2007 Professional Practices Exchange at Lovejoy Hospice in Grants Pass on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 18 and 19. Attracting up to 100 visitors from around the world, the conference goal is to generate new ideas and productive feelings and energize participants through the experience.

**YULE BASKET PLAN** - Ever wanted to help a worthy cause, but felt that you couldn't "afford" to help? Every year the Illinois Valley Christmas Basket Program serves more than 700 families, and helps put toys under Christmas trees for children. Said leaders, "Every year, all IVHS seniors help this program by filling food baskets and candy bags, and distributing toys. With high gasoline prices, and everything else it seems, we fear we will not have enough time or resources to serve our families and children. This year we are conducting a six-month coin drive that will end Nov. 20. Every little bit helps. Bring all your pennies and other coins to Illinois Valley Christmas Basket Program at 535 E. River St. in Cave Junction Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m." For more information phone 592-4149, Ext. 223 or 225.

**NOTEPAD - Free clean clothing**, including shoes, will be available Saturday, Oct. 20 at Takilma Bible Church, 10343 Takilma Road, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ... **JoCo commissioners** will not be available for their quarterly town hall meeting in CJ on Monday, Oct. 22 ... **Sis-Q-Meadows Camp** out Airport Drive is the site Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20, for an Aglow International Autumn Conference ... **Actual headlines:** \*Stiff opposition expected to casketless funeral plan. \*Many antiques at women's meeting. \*Collegians turning to vegetables. \*Scientist will have president's ear.

**LAST WORDS** - It has long been an axiom of mine that the little things are infinitely the most important. (Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)

## Letters to the Editor

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Makes one wonder what they have going on in the forest and why they are so anxious to keep everyone else out.

There hasn't been any real law enforcement in the valley for years except for the officers who know how to write citations for failing to maintain your lane of traffic on narrow country roads, or parking on city lots after hours when business is shut down, or for vehicle maintenance and of course speeding. The law is the law 24/seven we are being told.

More than 20 years ago the Fish & Game Dept. in its infinite wisdom closed the Illinois River for taking fish. When questioned, it's spokesman claim to need the fish in Illinois River to stock a river someplace else. It's not all that safe to walk in the woods anymore nor park your vehicle some place out of town because of the vandalism.

We elected a brand-new sheriff who said he would help us clean out the bad guys, and the first thing he did was take his nice new uniform to Salem and, according to reports, tried to get the state legislators to set aside the vote of the people that protects their property from excessive taxes long enough for him to get his \$10 or \$12 million a year whether we liked it or not.

And I don't remember a vote of the people that authorized anyone or any group to speak for the valley residents while they block our roads, hang out in trees and under bridges in their efforts to close down logging in the forests. So who are these people and where do they come from that they want to change the whole valley to fit their lifestyle?

I have said before that if you don't like what you see here why don't you just keep going until you find something you like better instead of bringing your theories and prejudices here in your efforts to change everything?

I have seen clear-cuts and replanted areas and believe that trees can be harvested without harm to the forest. I have personally spent a lot of money clearing brush and have planted hundreds of trees on my place in an effort to bring back a forest where a fire in the '60s burnt it all off. I now have trees growing where there was only brush, and eventually there will be a forest.

I believe there is no such thing as an "Old-Growth" forest; there are only trees that have been lucky enough not to have been burned in a Nature-caused fire that will sooner or later burn them as well. What do you suppose happened when a forest fire started a couple of hundred years ago and burned until the rains came. How many acres do you suppose got burned when there was no

one to put it out?

And still we have trees today, thousands and thousands of them, and there will be trees when we are all gone. Boise Cascade for one owns miles and miles of forest land, and it cuts and plants trees. I haven't heard of anyone bothering that company, so why can't the folks in this valley harvest and plant trees as well?

What was it Chicken Little said? -- "The sky is falling, the sky is falling."

**Tree planting, weed control help available**  
**From Suzanne Vautier**  
**Forestry Action Committee**  
**Cave Junction**

The hot, dry summer weather is over for another year, and the winter rains have started. The difference between the summer dry season and winter rains is quite dramatic in our area, and it greatly affects plants in the region.

Successful tree planting and weed management require an understanding of the differences of the seasons, and tailoring strategies to them. For instance, with the changes come a need for change in strategies for weed control.

As the rains soften the soil, it becomes easier to dig up the roots of noxious weeds such as Scotch Broom and knapweed. Because the soil is softer and it is easier to get more of the roots, digging up weeds in the rainy season can be more effective. The Forestry Action Committee (FAC) still can be phoned at 592-4098 to borrow tools for weed removal.

For those who have had 6mm black plastic over knapweed for the entire summer, it is now time to remove it. The bare ground will need to be planted, and as the rains become more regular, it is time to plant where the knapweed once stood. The rain will water the plants during the winter, giving them a good head start.

Native grasses are good ground covers for restoration projects. Native trees and shrubs are also good choices. Suggestions on weed control, or help choosing what plant species to plant after eliminating weeds are available from FAC.

The rainy season is also time for tree planting, so watch for information on FAC's Tree Planting Project, which will start its 16th year in November. Land owners who have participated in the past soon will receive the FAC Questionnaire. It will be appreciated if land owners will fill them out as best as they can and return them.

The questionnaire really helps FAC tailor its project to the needs of Illinois Valley residents. And mailing it will ensure that land owners are on the list for receiving free trees this year.

Land owners who have riparian areas (seasonal or

perennial) and who would like to receive free native trees, but do not receive a questionnaire, can phone FAC; leave their name and number; and state that they want to be on the list for trees. FAC will get back with them as soon as possible.

The annual IBIG (Illinois Valley Basin Interest Group) Volunteer Tree Planting Day is scheduled for March 1.

FAC appreciates all the folks who have been working on managing their weeds, and all who have planting trees with FAC during the past 15 years. Together we can do a lot.

**Twin Tower theory; government cover**  
**From William Schneider**  
**Cave Junction**

This passage from Michael C. Rupert's "Crossing the Rubicon" explains a lot.

(Page 54): "After the assassination of JFK, Allen Dulles, staff director and lead investigator of the Warren Commission, was asked how he could have offered the Warren Report, full of inconsistencies, to the American people with a straight face. He is reported to have said, 'The American people don't read'."

I am truly concerned and at times not just a little pissed at some of the general American public for their ignorance until I remember how uninformed I had been in my ignorant support of Bush's Iraq invasion. God forgive me.

I know what flip-flop means. I also was unaware of the free-fall issue, Bombs in the Basement, Building 7 World Trade Center free-falling into its basement footprint.

What I am learning right now is that extent to which the major media are controlled by the government in that such a world-changing event is so unmentioned in lieu of continual mounting proof charging government conspiracy and complicity in the civil war attack on the United States on 9/11/01.

This evidence should be and should have been all

along, front page news. I am dropping subscriptions to *Time* and *U.S. News and World Report* for their total failure in the lack of in-depth coverage to the mountains of science that points to the government's obvious involvement and the complete and utter failure of the government to substantiate its story with science and expert witnesses other than the pathetic pancake theory and the 9/11 "omission" report.

A commission jammed with conflict of interest, biased to the nines.

The most obvious question and telling answer to the Twin Towers 10-second free-fall into its basement footprint is, how? If 110 stories of steel and concrete pancaked, it would take at least a second for each floor to hit the next, break all the steel connections in the acreage of square feet connected to the 47 steel columns that were the center of the construction.

The columns which, by the way, miraculously disappeared in the *Popular Mechanics* report. And could not be found towering 110 stories over the rubble. Instead we find a neat, tidy 10-second (not 110 seconds, being nearly two minutes) free-fall of 110 stories of concrete and steel all piled into approximately eight to 10 stories of the basement. Questions anybody?

Some people will fight to the death defending their right to be ignorant. I have to ask, when is it no longer a right if others are suffering due to the ignorance? Don't we have a moral obligation to become more educated if our ignorance causes grief? Do we really want to support that which murders our families while spewing family values? Is that ignorant, or stupid, or evil?

I see the fortunately rapidly dwindling number of people whose relationship with their government is akin to a small child crying, "Mommy, Mommy, make the bad men go away!" The only answer I could give is, "My dear child, Mommy is the bad men."

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FREE Carnival Booths

Games & Prizes, Face Painting, Life-size Puppets, & Balloons

Saturday, October 20, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Bridgeview Community Church  
5181 Holland Loop 592-3923

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## Clothes

**Give-Away!**

Saturday,  
October 20, 9 to 5

Takilma Bible Church  
10343 Takilma Rd.

### Football & Cheerleading Wanted!

Those interested in starting a Pop Warner Association in the valley, please come to our informational meeting at the Selma Community Center, Saturday, October 20 at 3 p.m.

The program will be outlined & questions answered. With enough interest, teams can be organized in the Valley.

Contact Cricket at 761-8308.

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