

Here, There, & Everywhere

FISH FRY BENEFIT - A fish-fry to benefit Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVHSA), sponsored by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2. It will be at the church, behind Cave Junction Swimming Pool, on Lewis Court, across from I.V. High School. Donations will be accepted. Bertha Miller has requested a "nose" count, so RSVPs can be made to 592-4147. "This will be a great opportunity to show support of the Safe House Alliance's work and appreciation for Good Shepherd's and Bertha & Jerry Miller's thoughtfulness," said Chris Mallette IVHSA executive director.

CLOCK TALK - At 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, those still awake can turn their clocks back one hour, marking the end of daylight-saving time (DST). Those who are asleep at 2 a.m. can either change their clocks when they hit the hay, or wait until Sunday when they arise. Otherwise, they'll be "off" one hour. The federal law that established "daylight time" in the United States does not require any area to observe DST. But if a state chooses to observe it, it must follow the starting and ending dates set by the law. From 1986 to 2006 it was the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October. But starting this year, it is observed from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November, adding approximately a month to so-called daylight-saving time.

RUMMAGE IS LEGION - A rummage sale for its scholarship fund for I.V. High School students and to help veterans in need will be held by American Legion Auxiliary Post 70 Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3. The fundraiser will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at 2110 Caves Hwy.

RED CROSS RESPONSE - Early on the evening of Monday, Oct. 22, two volunteers were dispatched from the Medford-based Southern Oregon Chapter of the American Red Cross to drive the emergency response vehicle to Southern California and assist in fire relief operations there. The volunteers had just returned Saturday from a TOPOFF drill in Portland. Also, people can check on the safety of relatives and friends living in Southern California by visiting the Safe & Well List at www.redcross.org.

COUGAR ALERT - A concerned Selma resident wants it known that it appears cougars are hunting in the vicinity of Crooks Creek Road. The resident wants to be sure that parents are aware that their children waiting for school buses could be in danger.

MUSHROOM MANIA - As it's mushroom-picking season, the Wild Rivers Ranger District office in CJ was a busy place on Monday, Oct. 29. Pickers are much in evidence throughout the valley, and do provide a boost to the economy, what with buying groceries and gasoline.

NOTEPAD - A chamber mixer for Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday, Nov. 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. by Southern Oregon Guild in the RCC Kerby Belt Bldg. There will be art displays and light refreshments ... **Nuts to you** is the unofficial theme (says Editor Bob) for a fund-raiser for Laureate Beta Beta. Check the ad in this issue, and go nuts ... **Public school holidays** are coming. Friday, Nov. 2 is a clerical day, so there will be no classes. And there will be no classes Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8 and 9, preceding Monday, Nov. 12, another holiday because of Veterans Day ... **A chamber auction** is planned for Friday, Nov. 16 at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in CJ. There will be wine-and-beer tasting ... **Oregon graduation requirements** for high school seniors have changed. Oregon Dept. of Ed has posted the changes at www.getreadyoregon.org ... **Actual headlines:** *Private food service feeds thousands, grosses millions. *State's illegal aliens cut in half by new law. *Judge acts to reopen theater.

LAST WORDS - All major religious traditions carry basically the same message; that love, compassion and forgiveness are the important things and they should be part of our daily lives. (Dalai Lama)

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, Oct. 31
Morning fog with howling ghouls later
High--63 Low--29

Thursday, Nov. 1
Sunny but cool
High--61, Low--28.

Friday, Nov. 2
Abundant sun
High--61, Low--28

Saturday, Nov. 3
Sunny early with clouds later
High--65, Low--30

Sunday, Nov. 4
Sun with some clouds
High--60, Low--31

Monday, Nov. 5
Overcast with chance of evening snow
High--56, Low--34

Tuesday, Nov. 6
Some clouds
High--49, Low--32

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson.

*Fri., Oct. 19	60 - 45 2.83
*Sat., Oct. 20	53 - 37 0.51
*Sun., Oct. 21	58 - 35
*Mon., Oct. 22	63 - 36
*Tue., Oct. 23	67 - 41
*Wed., Oct. 24	65 - 39
*Thurs., Oct. 25	54 - 42

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in Cave Junction at Natural Designs Farm.

*Fri., Oct. 19	60 - 45 0.19
*Sat., Oct. 20	52 - 37 0.31
*Sun., Oct. 21	60 - 38
*Mon., Oct. 22	69 - 37
*Tue., Oct. 23	68 - 39
*Wed., Oct. 24	70 - 40 0.01
*Thurs., Oct. 25	55 - 43

I've never been one to bet on the weather.
- Paul Getty -

Rotary Club of GP puts teeth into SCHC's dental facility

A \$3,000 grant awarded to the Rotary Club of Grants Pass has been given to the Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC) Dental Facility.

The announcement was made by Rotary Club of Grants Pass President Carl Wilson, The Greater Grants Pass Rotary's President Jim Fortner and Fred Borngasser, Grants Pass Rotary Community Service chairman. They joined on behalf of SCHC's Dental Prevention Services "which meets the needs of children in Josephine County who are in low-income families, or uninsured or underserved."

The Rotarians stated that, "Using the Wellness On Wheels (W.O.W.), a 31-foot motor home converted

into a mobile-care unit, the dental facility has been able to reach schools in the county that have difficulty accessing dental care. With the increases in gasoline prices and dental supplies, the use of the W.O.W. became prohibitive.

"The grant will help expand services and increase availability of dental prevention to children in outlying areas of Josephine County."

SCHC Dental Facility said that it will be able to provide dental screening, dental exams, fluoride varnishes and dental education to elementary, middle and high school children three days a week. It will provide a hygienist, dental assistant and a volunteer dentist to

under-served regions of the county.

Said Aubra Johnson, SCHC Dental Facility director, "With the help of this grant we are able to take the dental services to the children. As recently as 2005, dental caries remained the leading infectious disease among the county's children and adolescents. For too many low-income and dentally uninsured families, dental care is a luxury they cannot afford.

"Most of the time it is severe dental pain that causes the parents to seek care. Our program's goal is to prevent untreated dental decay.

"We are a not-for-profit Federally Qualified Community Health Center, and

are able to use a sliding fee scale for the uninsured. The W.O.W. and the grants make all this possible."

W.O.W. is a community project owned by Pathways To Care Network (PCN). It is a not-for-profit community collaboration of health-care providers whose primary goal is to increase access to health care.

"W.O.W. has been made available to the community," said PCN, "by significant support from the local Rotary clubs, as well as Zonta, the Four-Way Foundation and many individual businesses."

By leasing the W.O.W. to community members it is able to be self-sustaining and stay operational, PCN concluded.

Letters to the Editor

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gun ownership rights, and it tilts in the same direction, but that is for another day.

Man with a van claims gas pain From Bob McCarver O'Brien

I bought \$32.50 worth of petrol in Cave Junction on Saturday, Oct. 20, much as I have done for the 10 years I have lived in my home.

At a restaurant a friend gave me another \$10 so I went to another station and put the \$10 in my tank. That was a total of \$42 in gas. Then I saw my gauge said less than a quarter tank. That did not make sense. I have owned this van for five years, and I have always been able to rely on it to be correct.

I had to hurry home for an interview so I called the first station and told the manager of my concerns. He said to come down, and when I did, he said the owner wouldn't give me more than \$10 in gas, unless I got my car guy to provide a receipt stating that my gauge is OK.

I did that, and brought it to the owner, who said that he was not going to do anything to correct the matter and that I was to (expletive) leave and never come back. I was dumbfounded.

So I told him I would ask him once more nicely to give me money or gas. He became rude and walked toward me as if to attack me. I said, "Don't hit me or it won't be good. I then got a sign, and legally picketed the business.

In search of the truth regarding Measure 49 From Tim Norman Cave Junction

Can anyone explain what Measure 49 is really about? The media tell us it is a "wolf in sheep's clothing," but fail to explain why.

This is a multimillion dollar ad campaign, by the way. Spending so much money on an ad campaign that doesn't tell us anything seems pretty stupid, doesn't it? Not to big land developers. Where else do you sup-

pose the millions of dollars for the "No on 49" campaign came from?

It is to their benefit that you don't know what Measure 49 is really all about. I got really tired of the constant barrage of misinformation on the networks, so I looked it up for myself. What I found was that M49 repeals Measure 37, which was, in my opinion, the real "wolf in sheep's clothing." It was made to look like a private land owner could build multiple structures on their own property without government intervention. I thought we could do this anyway.

It was possible (highly likely) that I didn't know all there was to know about this regulation. I voted for M37 as the majority of us did. What wasn't understood is that M37 opened the door for subdivisions and strip malls.

At this point I need to explain that the reason I moved to this valley 20 years ago was I wanted to live in a little town among the trees. Where life was simple and the priorities were different than that of the outside world. Money wasn't the sole purpose in life because nobody had any. We were OK with that.

As I said before, priorities were different. There are those who look to buy up property in huge chunks, which was easy here because things were cheap, just to subdivide it all up and make a fortune; then move to Florida. These are the only people who stand to lose money if M49 passes.

This letter isn't intended to sway opinion. Its intent is to suggest that everyone do their own critical thinking. The TV ads are just the result of the highest bidder for that spot. It is not gospel. It is the opinion of the people who have that kind of money, which I'm sorry to say isn't for the best interests of everyone. Read the Voters Pamphlet yourself. The information is all there. Make your own opinion.

And those who want to see Cave Junction turn into another Los Gatos, Calif.

Domestic violence link To work place noted From Commissioner Dan Gardner, Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries (BOLI), Portland

We in Oregon recently have been riveted by a story about a teacher in Medford carrying a concealed weapon in her classroom.

To date the debate has raged on about the rights of gun owners to carry a licensed and permitted weapon on school grounds. I would like us to refocus the question.

This teacher has begun carrying a concealed weapon because, as a victim of domestic violence, she fears for her life. We know that domestic violence does not stay home when a victim goes to work.

Why is that? For starters, the workplace is likely to be the one place a batterer knows to find the victim.

Beyond that, victims report an inability to concentrate on their work; they report being preoccupied with the abuse. They report that many times the place they are most likely to disclose their abuse is at work.

Seventy percent of victims of domestic violence in Oregon are employed at the time of the abuse. And 89 percent of batterers are employed at the time they perpetrate their crime.

So if you think domestic violence is not an issue for the state's labor commissioner, think again.

I am launching a program here at BOLI that addresses the rights and responsibilities of employers. My goal is to train employers to recognize the signs of abuse, to know who to contact in a crisis, and to understand what their responsibilities are under the law.

Workplace safety should be a high priority for all employers -- and we at BOLI will do everything we can to bring the needed information to employers about this important topic.

When we have victims of violence and sexual assault right here in Oregon who are afraid to go to work, who resort to carrying a concealed weapon, then we need to stop and take a serious look at what we are doing for those victims.

Do employers have a policy on domestic violence in the workplace? Do they have a safety mitigation plan? Have they reached out and gotten training for them and their employees?

Training and materials are available by phoning (971) 673-0782 for the BOLI Technical Assistance for Employers hotline or get online at www.oregon.gov/boli to find out more about what employers can do to help victims of domestic violence in their workplaces.

Hidden Valley High School Class of 2008 presents

THE WIZARD OF OZ

set to the music of

PINK FLOYD's "Dark Side of the Moon"

Friday, November 9, 6:30 & 9:30
Rogue Theatre, Grants Pass
Tickets \$10, available at Blue Moon, Larry's Music,
& Hidden Valley High / Late Show \$\$ with Student ID

Come HOME to Whispering Pines Retirement Village

- Room and board in one great price.
- Three home-cooked meals served in our dining room overlooking the lovely valley below.
- Indoor pool, Jacuzzi, exercise room, paved walking trail.
- Close to town, hospital & Hwy. 199.
- 24 hour on-site staff and emergency call buttons in each room.
- Loving family atmosphere.

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Community Bible Church & Academy

Holiday Craft Faire

Saturday, Nov. 3rd - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
113 S. Caves Ave., Cave Junction
Enter at Lister Ave. door.

Featured items: Local & student crafters, holiday items, gifts, jewelry, original wall art, greeting cards, cook books, crocheted items, candy, baked goods, and much more!

Complimentary beverages will be served

