

Here, There, & Everywhere

TURKEY NUMBERS - Cave Junction Lions Club will conduct its third annual Turkey Bingo time Saturday, Nov. 10 in the county building in Cave Junction beginning at 6 p.m. Doors will open at 5. There will be door prizes, raffles and refreshments. Each winner of 14 games (25-cents per card) will receive a certificate for a turkey. The final game will be a blackout, and the winner will receive an entire Thanksgiving dinner.

PRaise & THANKSGIVING - An All-Congregations Evening Service will be held Sunday, Nov. 11 at 6. The speaker will be Pastor Mark McLean, of Fountain of Life Assembly of God Church. The theme of the service is from Psalms 100:4-5. It reads in part, "Enter His gates with Thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give Thanks to Him."

FUN, FREE FOR ALL - The 20th annual auction by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday, Nov. 16 at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in Cave Junction. There will be wine-and-beer tasting starting at 6 p.m., plus the usual enjoyable, amusing time with Jim Frick, of Century 21 Harris & Taylor Real Estate, as auctioneer. Anna Swett, of Anna's Attic, will serve as clerk for the auction, which will begin at 7. Many I.V. and Grants Pass-area merchants and organizations donate items for the auction, and there will be plenty of bargains. There is no admission charge, and anyone can attend without obligation to bid. The beverage tasting will be provided courtesy of Wild River, Foris Vineyards, and Bridgeview Vineyards Winery.

Donations of auction items are sought by Thursday, Nov. 15. Phone 592-3326 or take items to Northwest Hairlines on Lister Street across from the CJ Post Office.

NOTEPAD - A Christmas Bazaar with 36 booths will be held at Illinois Valley Senior Center on E. River Street Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be available ... **Five days off** for public school students will result, as Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8 and 9 are designated for no classes, and Monday, Nov. 12 is another holiday because of Veterans Day. Plus, students and staff will get off four days for Thanksgiving ... **CJ City Council** will meet Tuesday, Nov. 13 instead of Monday the 12th, as city employees will be off work the 12th for Veterans Day ... **Illinois Valley News** will be distributed on Tuesday, Nov. 20, instead of Wednesday the 21st because of the Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 22. The deadline for all items remains at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 ... **Summer tourists** at I.V. Visitor Center decreased from 14,137 during summer 2006 vs. 10,604 this year, notes I.V. Chamber of Commerce ... **Monica Burtley**, of Grants Pass, placed first in the National Rifle Association's 2007 Youth Wildlife Art Contest. It's her second consecutive award ... **Actual headlines:** *Man held after shooting bee. *President plans swell deficit. *Caribbean Islands drifting to Left. *Thugs eat, then rob proprietor.

LAST WORDS - The only place where success comes before work is a dictionary (Vidal Sassoon)

Cave Junction Lions Club 6th Annual

Turkey BINGO

Only 25¢ per card!

Saturday, November 10, 6 p.m.
Doors open at 5 at the County Building, Redwood Hwy. & Lister St., CJ.



Fun for All Ages
Door Prize - Raffles
Refreshments

Win your Thanksgiving bird
14 regular games
One black-out game for an entire Thanksgiving dinner

Call Cori, 592-6391, for information

John 3:16
Come hear the Word at
Bridgeview Community Church



Christmas Bazaar

I.V. Senior Center 520 East River St.

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 9 & 10
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- ✦ **36 Booths**
- ✦ **Bake Sale**
- ✦ **Lunches can be purchased**

For info, call Casey Thomas at 592-4487

Letters to the Editor

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and comment. This decision will affect our children and grandchildren and bring little money to local communities and not much more to county coffers for at least five years. There is no long-term plan. Like the playground bully, when BLM management can't win the game, it changes the rules.

WOPR will not protect our homes from fire, but it will extract remaining old-growth forests and "clear-cut" BLM land in order to make money for the timber corporations (who don't pay their share of taxes) and to pay for Raffenburg's campaign-promise-breaking salary and Washington jaunts.

Thinning is a ruse. Our desperate Northwest counties are held hostage by arrogant, manipulative shysters: Bush, BLM management and corporations. Their plan will not save us. Only we can save ourselves by stopping WOPR, ending corporate welfare and paying our own way.

Commentary about digging up ground
From Larry Herman
Cave Junction

Copeland Sand and Gravel: Destroying the Earth; destroying the valley; destroying our lives the old-fashion way -- one truckload at a time.

Timber realities need Recognition, she feels
From Dorothea
Hover-Kramer
Cave Junction

It is time to wake up to the realities: One county commissioner appreciates our surroundings and opposes the massive tripling of logging that the BLM Western Oregon Plan Revision proposes; another says our county financial problems will be solved if we support logging.

In an effort to confuse and distract us he states that we should return to the harvest levels of the '80s although not so many trees remain. It is certainly not a black-and-white issues of trees or taxes. Yes, we need trees to support the local economies and the influx of new residents to broaden our tax base.

We also need services such as police and fire protection to continue to attract business and growth of our area. It is quite unlikely that the county would get the substantial funding it needs from federal agency BLM's projects which have never been financially successful except for timber industry pockets.

A realistic view at our financial situation was offered to us by the commissioners. Cutting trees is at best a temporary and short-sighted solution. We must transition into the 21st century and face the reality of

other forms of taxation so that everyone will benefit.

We must establish self-sufficiency and stop depending on O&C funds. We must have a plan that is realistic for selective logging of some trees to provide adequate fire protection, local income, and well-planned, implemented replanting. Other pristine old-growth areas must be left for future generations, tourism, and quality of life for each of us.

People need to know that Illinois Valley is especially targeted for BLM's WOPR because we have some of the remaining old-growth. Right now while the public comment period is still available until Dec. 9, we each have a voice to speak to the county commissioners, BLM, and make copies to send our congressional representatives.

If the trees fall and we have resulting significant climate change and economic depression in the valley, it will be too late.

WOPR's chipmunks, bunnies and birds
From Roger Brandt
Cave Junction

Some may think that this is crazy, but does anyone think a motel is a chipmunk? Does anyone think that gas stations are rabbits and stores are birds, raccoons and skunks?

If this is what can be seen, then those with that view can join BLM in the belief of "timber industry dominance," the fantasy that only the timber industry is allowed to make a profit from our O&C lands.

The notion of "timber dominance" comes from a court case that decided timber production could be dominant over preservation of wildlife habitat. The court case never said that timber was dominant over humans and businesses.

We should all chip in and get some clinical help for BLM so that it can start seeing us as businesses and people rather than chipmunks, bunnies and birds. We have just as much right as the timber industry to enjoy and make a living from our O&C lands.

Past Cougar thinks IVHS grid team great
From Mike Modrich
Cave Junction

A voice from the past would like to say congrats to Illinois Valley High School and its football team for the tremendous year they have given us all.

As an alumnus, previous Cougar basketball coach and fan I realize the amount of energy, time and effort that goes into a single season. Coach Bob Thornhill and his staff have paid their dues many times over competing in the always-tough Skyline Conference.

I recall a Booster Club meeting from long ago in which the football coaches at the time said IVHS will never be able to compete in this conference and that an independent schedule was the only way to make things fair. I remember this meeting well, mostly due to the fact that my decision to take over the basketball program would hinge on this vote.

The administration and Booster Club agreed to give us a shot at competing -- and look at IVHS now. Not just winning the Skyline title, but being ranked one of the top four teams in the state.

My years as a coach at IVHS were trying, but also

exciting, as I am sure that Thornhill will recall in his after-coaching life. The football season will end for the players soon, as they move into wrestling or basketball, but as this great year ends, the next even-better one starts.

There's no rest for the wicked so Thornhill should not rest on his success of this year, but take a couple days and jump back in preparing for the next great season. Go Cougars.

He wonders about prices of gasoline
From Gary Luerding
O'Brien

I've lived in Cave Junction for more than 30 years and have never seen such a disparity in the price of gasoline between the Chevron station here in town and others in the area.

For the most part, the Chevron brand always has been the most expensive, but it's now bordering on the absurd. At this writing the 76 station in CJ is \$3.09 and the one in Selma is \$3.04. Even O'Brien advertises its prices at \$3.19 and it is just a few miles from California.

But the CJ Chevron is charging \$3.34 per gallon for regular gas. I won't even comment on the other grades. I write this because I've been a Chevron customer for more years than I care to remember, but I'm at the point where I plan to cut up my credit card into tiny pieces and mail them to Chevron's corporate offices with a copy of this letter as explanation.

If the high price of gas were reasonably uniform throughout our area I wouldn't complain (at least not much). But driving to Grants Pass I find the Chevron stations on the north and south side of town are selling regular gas at \$3.09 per gallon. (I just filled my tank this morning).

At any rate, I would certainly like an explanation as to why there is such a substantial gap in prices between CJ and Grants Pass

I hope that the justification isn't because of the trucking charges between California and here. That excuse doesn't ring true because gas at the Hiouchi Chevron station is significantly more than even the one in CJ.

But, even if the cost of transporting gas over the mountain raises the price that appreciably, why on Earth doesn't CJ Chevron use the same vendor as

those Chevron stations in Grants Pass? Certainly the additional 30 miles wouldn't tack on an extra 25-cents per gallon. (Difference in GP Chevrans and the one here in CJ).

Obama for president? No way, says observer
From Stan Smith
Cave Junction

Recently, Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill., New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) and Ruth Harkin, wife of U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) stood during the playing of the National Anthem during a public gathering.

A photo shows Barack Hussein Obama (that's his real name) standing, but lacking respect. An article with the photo states that he refused to not only place his hand over his heart during the Pledge of Allegiance, but refused to recite it.

How can a man like this expect to be our next commander-in-chief? I find this scary.

For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. (Romans 14:11-12, NKV version.)"

Regarding Tony Paulson, mayor of Cave Junction
From Sharon Elston
Cave Junction

The U.S. government theoretically functions by representation -- a government of, for, and by the people. When our city's officials fail to represent the will of the people, they are not acting as concerned members of the community, but are merely mouthpieces for the rules established by the state.

Mayor Paulson should stand up. We escaped the talons of a topless bar in town by the skin of our teeth, and the issue may yet raise its ugly head again. Now the city's water supply is being threatened by a mining operation immediately upstream. Mining turbulence stirs up organic compounds which, when combined with disinfectant measures, create carcinogenic trihalomethanes.

The health of those who consume this water, who include our precious children, needs to be protected.

I appreciate Paulson for sitting in the hot seat. But instead of being the fall guy, how about him being the stand-up guy for the city of Cave Junction?



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