

Here, There, & Everywhere

GOOD VILE NEWS - In one of those happy stories that occur during the Christmas holidays, one of Cave Junction's own street people was reunited with a family member. Charlie Vile, known for his bicycle and bushy beard, contacted his sister, Stacey (Vile) Pedersen, of Brevard, N.C. She had written *Illinois Valley News*: "I found my brother! Because of your publication of my brother's letter (*I.V. News*, Sept. 26), I can see that he is still alive and well. I would love for him to call me collect; it has been so many years since I talked to him. Merry Christmas, Charlie, I love you and miss you." The note was signed, "Your little sis." Charlie subsequently phoned his sister. And the rest of the story is pending.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY - A meeting of Illinois Valley Friends of the Library is planned for Monday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the county building in Cave Junction. Organizer Linda Naydol is looking for some help with finger food and contacting potential attendees. She can be reached at 592-3289.

BLUES BENEFIT - Women's Crisis Support Team is sponsoring "Women Sing the Blues" to benefit its work, some of which aids Illinois Valley. Janiva Magness, winner for the past two years of the Blues Music Award for Contemporary Female Artists, is the featured performer. Tickets for the Jan. 26 show at the Grants Pass Performing Arts Center are available at Evergreen Federal Bank.

HISTORICAL TRIVIA - In George Washington's days, cameras were not in widespread use. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of Washington show him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by artists were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be depicted. Arms and legs are "limbs," so painting them cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "OK, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

NOTEPAD - King's Chinese Cuisine will be closed from Monday, Dec. 31 through Jan. 10 due to a family emergency requiring a trip to Hong Kong ... **Illinois Valley Booster Club** has rescheduled its January meeting to Wednesday, Jan. 9 (instead of Jan. 2 because classes don't resume until the 7th). The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at IVHS ... **Three Rivers School** District classes will resume Monday, Jan. 7 following the break that began after classes Dec. 21 ... **"Introduction to Organic Gardening,"** a free class, will be taught Wednesday, Jan. 30 at the OSU Extension Auditorium in Grants Pass. To register, phone 476-6613 ... **Crater Lake** National Park Trust in Ashland has been awarded \$30,000 by the Oregon Community Foundation "to strengthen fund-raising capacity and expand educational programs" ... **T-shirts:** *My laptop has more memory than I do. *I'm not indifferent. I just don't care. *It's lonely being right all the time. *I didn't imply you were old. I just asked if you ever met Lincoln.

LAST WORDS - The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object. (Thomas Jefferson)

Country Breakfast

I.V. Senior Center

520 E. River St.

Saturday, Jan. 5

8 to 11 a.m.

* Biscuits & Gravy * Pancakes

* Eggs * Bacon * Sausage

* Coffee, Milk, Juice

Adults - \$5

Children 12

& under - \$2.50

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Breezes & clouds with freezing rain later

High--44 Low--31

Thursday, Jan. 3

Morning clouds with snow and rain late

High--37 Low--28

Friday, Jan. 4

Rain & snow then snow & rain

High--40 Low--35

Saturday, Jan. 5

Snow and rain followed by snow

High--39 Low--32

Sunday, Jan. 6

No break yet!

High--37 Low--29

Monday, Jan. 7

Did we mention snow and rain?

High--40 Low--38

Tuesday, Jan. 8

You guessed it! Rain and snow.

High--38 Low--29

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

*Fri.,	Dec. 21:	37 - 30
*Sat.,	Dec. 22:	40 - 33 0.24
*Sun.,	Dec. 23:	54 - 40 0.63
*Mon.,	Dec. 24:	43 - 31 0.08
*Tue.,	Dec. 25:	42 - 28 0.16
*Wed.,	Dec. 26:	39 - 29 0.04
*Thurs.,	Dec. 27:	40 - 29 0.20

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

*Fri.,	Dec. 21:	37 - 30 0.01
*Sat.,	Dec. 22:	41 - 32 0.21
*Sun.,	Dec. 23:	56 - 40 0.41
*Mon.,	Dec. 24:	45 - 31 0.05
*Tue.,	Dec. 25:	42 - 29 0.08
*Wed.,	Dec. 26:	42 - 28 0.04
*Thurs.,	Dec. 27:	40 - 29 0.38

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Sheriff's office recognizes top members of 2007

Josephine County Sheriff's Office has recognized eight individuals for special merit during 2007.

Sheriff Gil Gilbertson instituted the program, and plans to recognize outstanding individuals each year.

"During 2007 we set the mark to a higher standard of professionalism," said Gilbertson. "A sincere 'thank you' is warranted for the many hours of dedicated service for successful achieve-



Those recognized by Sheriff Gil Gilbertson are (top, from left) Ray Webb, Craig Ricker, John Justima, Josh White; (Below, from left) Kari Lee, Jo Monard, Mike Lorenzen and Sylvia Demel. (Photos provided by Josephine County Sheriff's Office)



Deputy Craig Ricker.
*Operations Deputy, Cpl. John Justima.
*Investigator, Det. Josh White.
*Operations Support, Technician Kari Lee.
*Corrections Support, Technician Jo Monard.
*Reserve Deputy, Reserve Sgt. Mike Lorenzen.
*Volunteer, Sylvia Demel.

"Teamwork is the concept of people working together with a common goal," said the sheriff. "We wish to foster and recognize the efforts of those who contribute the most to creating a successful team."

"Those honored were selected by their peers and administrative staff," he said, "for their reliability, communications, sharing, flexibility, problem-solving, respect, support and commitment to a team effort."

Letters

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last 75 years clearly show relocations many times, no matter what man tries to do to prevent it.

Even if a flood overran Barlow/Copeland's aggregate site, Cave Junction city water providers currently have technology to filter annual river flooding with all the sediment and other pathogens common to every winter season the valley has experienced.

What if STRIVE and others were able to convince the government and the people that Barlow/Copeland and Copeland in Grants Pass were denied new aggregate resources? One unintended consequence valley residents might experience is that these businesses would go out of business.

Since there are few sites where qualified aggregate is available, and Measure 49 and the state are loath to "grant" new mining and home applications, public and private aggregate users would have to rely on LTM in Medford until its aggregate runs out.

One ODOT representative said that maintenance of existing and new roads and bridges would come to a halt because only few aggregates meet structural specifications. He said he realized that he would lose his job if this happened. Josephine County roads would suffer the same fate, leading to degraded roads, and later, closure of public highways and roads.

Concrete suppliers and contractors will go out of business, leading to other business closures or contraction. County and sales tax bases will decline and property taxes could plummet.

Another unintended consequence is that private land owners and developers who want to repair or upgrade

property will have to buy pre-batched bagged concrete and mix it with rented concrete mixers. Currently, batched and delivered concrete by local suppliers costs approximately \$94 a cubic yard.

A 90-pound, 3/4 cubic foot bag of premix dry concrete costs approximately \$6; so, 36 bags would have to be delivered on site (add \$35 delivery charge) to mix one yard on site, at a cost of \$216. Then, the owner would have to rent a mixer (add \$50) or contractor would mix, pour and finish the slab or footing (add \$300). One yard of concrete would cost more than \$600, or a 639 percent increase in cost. And, the taxman will happily assess our new taxes accordingly.

With O&C funds gone, business decline and stagnant private land development resulting from Measure 49, look for added taxes and higher prices for all other products and services if aggregate development and sources are denied. One wonders what the life of Illinois Valley and other southern Oregon citizens would be like as serfs in feudal times if aggregate producers run out or were denied access to new sand and gravel.

Just look at what "environmentalists" did to timber industry jobs and product availability.

Barlow/Copeland must be and are concerned with our environment, and have shown a willingness to be flexible and sensitive to local property owners. Barlow/Copeland is a valued asset to our community. All I.V. residents and government agencies should consider the preceding and other unintended consequences before throwing the proverbial aggregate baby out with the water.

ments by those recognized."

He announced the following awards:

*Deputy of the Year, Cpl. Ray Webb.
*Corrections Deputy,

Huge Inventory Reduction Sale

Wednesday, December 26 - Tuesday, January 15

Darn Near Everything

Collectibles-Antiques-Gifts

592-5255

24553 Redwood Hwy. Kerby OR

Kathy Blakely

Starting or Growing a Business in Illinois Valley?

Need money?

Micro Business-Loan Funding Always Available!

*Start-up, existing, home-based or other business enterprises

***\$200 minimum to \$25,000 maximum**

*Apply at the **IVCDO office** (next to Caves Pharmacy)

***Questions? Phone 592-4440**

TREASURES AVAILABLE!

Photos taken during Santa's visit December 15 at the Josephine County Building are ready. Call 592-4118 (IVMA) or 592-3373 (Blalock Insurance) to claim them.

You'll want them after the kids are grown for sure!

Helping Hands Day Care

Limited openings for all ages

7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Mondays-Fridays

Now accepting DHS Day Care Assistance

Contact Cindy at 592-4923 or Helpinghandsdaycare@gmail.com

Josephine Community

Libraries

WANT YOUR LIBRARY BACK?

BE THERE

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP!

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

6:30 PM.

COUNTY BUILDING

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I.V. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MEETING



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