

Here, There, & Everywhere

CONCERTED EFFORT - The 3 Rivers Chorale, directed by Dave Marston, began its winter session on Monday, Jan. 7. There is a tuition fee; and auditions for new singers will be held around 9 p.m. after practice that begins at 7 on Mondays. Concerts will be given in Cave Junction and Grants Pass on March 15. "If you like to sing challenging music and can read music come join us," said Marston. For detailed information phone "Rachel" at 476-6243 or visit www.3riverschorale.com.

SCHOLARSHIP HELP - Saturday, Jan. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. is set for a FAFSA and scholarship application working session. Assistance will be available from financial aid advisors at the RCC Learning Center in Kerby.

VALLEY ECUMENISM - An all-congregations evening service will be held Sunday, Jan. 13 at 6 at Valley Evangelical Free Church on Laurel Road at N. Old Stage Road. Pastor Les Knapp will lead the service, which will include Communion. The evening theme is from Psalm 133, which reads in part, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!"

LIBRARY MUSIC - A concert to benefit Josephine Community Libraries (JCL) is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. at Rogue Theater in Downtown Grants Pass. The concert will feature two of the region's most popular bands, *Funktional Fusion*, with special guest, *MTV*. JCL is working to reopen the county libraries, closed for nearly seven months due to lack of funding. Tickets are available at Home Valley Bank branches, and the Grants Pass *Daily Courier* office. Concert co-sponsors are Home Valley Bank, Hart Insurance, Dutch Brothers, *Daily Courier*, and Rogue Theater. Visit josephinelibrary.org for more info.

CARE-GIVERS WORKSHOP - Lovejoy Hospice is offering "Taking Care of You: Powerful Tools for Care-giving." It's a six-week workshop for family care-givers of older adults. It will run Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4 p.m. from Jan. 23 through Feb. 27. Preregistration is required by phoning Carol Terry at 471-2863.

FUELING AROUND - Oregon AAA joined others last week announcing that the price of crude oil rose to \$100 per barrel. Nationally, that raised the average price of gasoline to \$3.05 per gallon; and to an average \$3.08 in Oregon, said AAA. (Which reminds the editor of John D. Rockefeller, who was in oil and considered crude, but later became refined.) Some in Illinois Valley are circulating a list showing the price of gasoline in U.S. dollars worldwide. Prices range from \$6.82 in Oslo to 12-cents in Caracas. The price is 91-cents in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; \$6.25 in Hong Kong; \$5.96 in London; \$2.22 in Mexico City. Other folks are noting that, based on prices for bottled water and various other liquid products, the price per gallon is astronomical compared with gasoline.

ORANGE THUMB - Up to \$1,500 worth of Fiskars garden tools and \$800 worth of plants are offered in Project Orange Thumb with an entry deadline of Feb. 15. The garden contest is open to garden clubs, senior centers, schools and other community organizations. For details on the grant program visit www.fiskars.com.

NOTEPAD - I.V. Wrestling Club will serve snacks during an Illinois Valley vs. Rogue River dual wrestling tourney Wednesday, Jan. 9 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at IVHS ... **A Baby Bottle** fund-raiser to benefit Pregnancy Center of Illinois Valley is under way. Churches have been given bottles to fill with coins and currency. Or phone 592-6058 ... **Top phrase** of 2007: "Don't taz me, bro!" (Uttered by U of Florida student Andrew Meyer in September '07 when he scuffled with officers during a talk by Sen. John Kerry.) Subsequently, Meyer was not charged, and he apologized for his dooficity ... **Healing and hope** are among themes for guest presentations by the Rev. Ricky & Pastor Sally Edwards from Saturday, Jan. 12 through Thursday, Jan. 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at First Love Christian Fellowship ... **A Chocolate Class** "just for fun" will be held Thursday, Feb. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Central Point by OSU Extension. Phone 776-7371 to register ... **T-shirts:** *I see a light at the end of the tunnel. I hope it's the bathroom! *I can't hear you. Old age has some benefits. *Danger: Mouth operates faster than brain. *Forget a therapist. You need an exorcist.

LAST WORDS - World Peace must develop from inner peace. Peace is not the absence of violence. Peace is the manifestation of human compassion. (His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama)

Club & Organization Notes

Illinois Valley Ron Paul 2008 MeetUp

A brainstorming and planning meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m. in the "Back Room" at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. (formerly Pizza Deli) 249 N. Redwood Hwy. in Cave Junction.

This meeting is for anyone who wants to actively work to get Ron Paul elected as U.S. president in 2008.

Signs, T-shirts, DVDs, fliers, and pamphlets will be available.

Zonta Club

Josephine County non-profit organizations can apply for funds that will be available at the end of 2008. Applications can be obtained at Logan Designs, Frost Office Supply, or Caveman Travel; or phone Francie Michelin at 476-8676.

The deadline to submit applications is Friday, Jan. 18.

The Grants Pass Zonta Club distributed the proceeds from its 2007 Extreme Dream Raffle to three nonprofit groups. Illinois Valley Safe House received \$5,000 for its capital campaign to purchase property for a safe house in Cave Junction.

Rogue Valley Boys & Girls Club received \$5,000 for

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our tradition, our community, rational economic development, respect, and this spectacular place we live.

It really doesn't make any sense to bring huge jets here and lose the potential of what "here" could be, or could have been. The "why" most of us are here.

If people don't talk to our county commissioners we will all live with the effects of big jets in our neighborhoods, and lose real jobs and valuable community assets in the process. This train is leaving the station, and it is serious.

Barlow aggregate data From Ken Stern Cave Junction

In the Jan. 2 letter to the editor from Robert Thomas, "Unintentional consequences," there was much speculation that painted a dire picture if Barlow/Copeland doesn't get to turn I.V. Ranch on Holland Loop into a strip mine.

I would like to point out that all the information provided by STRIVE (Save The Illinois Valley Rural Environment), including the number of truckloads per day (150 two-way) and number of years (10), came straight out of the Barlow/Copeland conditional-use permit application. STRIVE is not trying to halt all aggregate mining in Josephine County, only that which adversely affects the farms, ranches, vineyards and neighborhoods.

Accusations against Barlow/Copeland include dumping roofing tile down by the river at Barlow Bar, digging an illegal pit that captured the fish, and trying to get I.V. Ranch approved for mining by questionable methods. If true, these are hardly the acts of a responsible business.

As for Copeland's adding to our local work force, people can go to the north end of the city of Cave Junction and take a look at where the Copeland construction equipment and their drivers working on the LID (local improvement district) came from, and draw their own conclusions.

'Sustainability' defined From Andrea King Selma

Sustainability is a word bandied about for eco-cachet as if it has no meaning. Included below are three definitions from three organizations. Defining "sustainable" is important because it bears on how the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages public land.

On the cover and first inside page of BLM's Summary of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) BLM quotes the Oregon and California Lands Act of 1937; explains the principles of the

its Smart Program which teaches girls to make good life choice decisions. And Family Friends was given \$2,000 for its program of parenting classes.

Illinois Valley Diabetes Support Group

There will be no January meeting due to uncertain weather conditions.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. at I.V. Senior Center.

Letters to the Editor

Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976; and supports the revision of its Resource Management Plan of 1995 (RMP), reporting that each is based on principles of "sustained yield" or "sustained flow."

"Sustained yield - The yield that a forest can produce continuously at a given intensity of management." (BLM RMP).

"Sustained yield is the achievement and maintenance in perpetuity of a high-level annual or periodic output of the various renewable resources of the public lands consistent with multiple use." (43 U.S. Code (USC) section 1702[h]). Multiple use ... takes into account the long-term needs of future generations ... with consideration being given to the relative values of the resources and not necessarily to the combination of uses that will give the greatest economic return or the greatest unit output." (43 USC section 1702[c]).

"Sustainable forest management is the stewardship and use of forests and forest lands in a way, and at a rate, that maintains their biodiversity, productivity, regeneration capacity, vitality and their potential to fulfill, now and in the future, relevant ecological, economic, and social functions, at local, national, and global levels, and that does not cause damage to other ecosystems." (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations).

Does BLM have a record of managing forest lands sustainably? Does the WOPR bring real alternatives to BLM's land management practices?

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." (Albert Einstein).

To support BLM's WOPR is to ravage Oregon's last stands of forest based on dead-end economic claims couched in double-speak. Sustainability, on the other hand, is good for our health.

Planning commission meet From Jill Gruenberg Cave Junction

The community needs to be reminded of an important meeting that concerns our future. Copeland from Grants Pass, which owns Barlow Sand & Gravel, wants to dig an 11-acre hole next to Illinois River to mine aggregate (rock.).

Some might or might not think this is a good idea. Those concerned can attend a hearing by the Josephine County Planning Commission on Monday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. in the county building in Cave Junction.

It is quite unusual for the planning commission to move its meeting from Grants Pass. It is doing this at the request of I.V. residents who have been traveling to Grants Pass to attend previous hearings. It is important that everyone show up for the meeting in Cave Junction.

Numbers can make a difference. Remember the prison issue?

It is my belief that Copeland already started digging a 4-acre hole to mine aggregate, across Illinois River

from the proposed 11-acre hole. This is at Little Elm Ranch (the old Martin Dairy) off Rockydale Road. Copeland is calling it a pond for wildlife habitat.

I further contend that the county commissioners OK'd this without any hearings or community input. How many other holes are being dug?

'Cheap aggregate for?' From Douglas Trowbridge Cave Junction

In the Dec. 2 *I.V. News* there was a letter to the editor by someone from Grants Pass. He complained about STRIVE and efforts by our neighborhood to stop the proposed mining by Barlow/Copeland on the farm called I.V. Ranch.

Most of my neighbors who live here on Holland Loop are opposed to the mining as it would drastically change our peaceful farm oriented neighborhood. We have a stake in this area; one can only speculate about what motivates someone to write in from Grants Pass and tell us what activities we should allow in our neighborhood.

I was amused by the Chicken Little-Sky Will Fall scenario proposed. To predict such dire consequences as businesses folding if an existing farm isn't converted into a mine is ludicrous. I'm surprised he didn't factor in the cost of a new truck in his estimate of what a cubic yard of concrete would cost if Barlow/Copeland doesn't get their way.

I.V. Ranch has never been mined for rock, despite claims to the contrary, and

claiming the entire economic future of the area hinges on it being reclassified into an aggregate site is ridiculous.

Doesn't Barlow/Copeland really want the cheap local aggregate for their personal projects in Cave Junction that were awarded on contract for a set price? We hear the mining activity across the river over on Little Elm Ranch and feel sorry for the people who have to live in closer proximity to it.

One neighbor showed me the permit application that said this "agricultural sump" would provide enough aggregate for local contracts for the next 18 months.

Water quality concerns were discussed during one of the neighborhood meetings held last year. Barlow/Copeland said they would have an "oil spill kit" on hand in case some of the mining equipment had an accident. Now add in that they admit they are going to mine the aggregate under water, stirring up who knows what.

I'm fortunate that I have a well up on the hill, but what about the people in town?

Barlow/Copeland knew that I.V. Ranch was a farm when they bought it. Turning it into a mine is a huge change from its traditional use. If these people are conscientious about the ecology they will continue to honor the farming tradition of our neighborhood.

There are plenty of other places with suitable aggregate that wouldn't affect the nearby farms, orchards, and vineyards.



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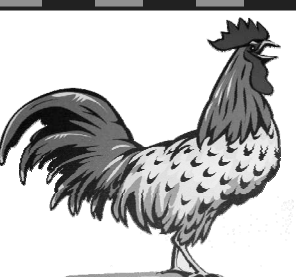
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&
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