

## Here, There, & Everywhere

**CRACKIN' CRABS** - All-you-can-eat Dungeness crab will be featured Saturday, Feb. 2 when Kerby Belt Lodge 18 presents its sixth annual Crab Feed. The meal will be held at the Kerby Belt Bldg. with two seatings. Tickets will not be available at the door; they can be obtained from Yanase Jewelers in Kerby, or Redwood Service Center in Cave Junction, across from River Valley Restaurant. See the ad in this issue.

**GROUNDHOG BENEFIT** - Saturday, Feb. 2, Groundhog Day, will mark a special benefit for Jacqui Van Tassel, who is undergoing treatment for cancer. A bazaar will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; followed by a spaghetti feed with live music by *Pacific Auracle* from 5 to 7 p.m. The events will be held in the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction. See the ad on this page.

**GOT MEAL TICKETS?** - Monday, Feb. 4 is the deadline for reservations for the annual Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce awards dinner and dance Saturday evening, Feb. 9. The gala gathering, with music by *Jefferson*, will be held at the Junction Inn's Boswell Room. Menu offerings are prime rib, chicken, or vegetarian plate. Anyone can attend. Besides a State of the Chamber address by President Don Moore, the 2007 Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year will be announced. Tickets are available at the chamber office in I.V. Visitor Center; for more information phone 592-3326.

**GRAD NIGHT GATHERING** - A meeting of the 2008 Grad Night Party Committee will be held Monday, Feb. 4 at the I.V. High School cafeteria beginning at 5:30 p.m. Senior students and their parents are encouraged to attend. For more information phone Mary Paul at IVHS, 592-2116; or Sara Ball at Bi-Rite Auto Parts, 592-3691.

**FLOAT YOUR BOAT** - A Boat Exam Day will be hosted by Josephine County Marine Patrol Saturday, Feb. 9 at Aura River Center, 209 Merlin Road. Hours will be 9 a.m. to noon, said Marine Deputy Ernie Fields, of Josephine County Sheriff's Office. "Bring your boat with all required equipment and paperwork," he said. "All 2008 boating literature and regulations will be available." For additional information phone Fields at 474-5125.

**ROLL OF HONOR** - An opportunity is offered to World War II veterans who want to submit their names for inclusion on the Roll of Honor at the New Orleans WWII Museum. Valley resident Celia Lettis will be at Illinois Valley Senior Center (IVSC) Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to noon with the required forms. For those whose schedule doesn't fit those dates, forms can be picked up at IVSC by Friday, Feb. 15.

**LIBRARIES BOOSTED** - The inaugural fund-raising concert at Rogue Theatre in Grants Pass, to benefit Josephine Community Libraries Inc. on Saturday, Jan. 19, netted more than \$9,600; bringing the total amount raised to nearly \$60,000. The concert was co-sponsored by The *Daily Courier*, Hart Insurance, Home Valley Bank, Dutch Brothers, and Rogue Theatre. Because of them, every penny of every ticket sold went directly to fund the reopening and operation of the libraries in Cave Junction, Grants Pass, Williams, and Wolf Creek.

**NOTEPAD - IVHS cheerleaders** will serve Saturday, Feb. 2 during the monthly breakfast at I.V. Senior Center. See the ad in this issue ... **Winter Gala**, to benefit art education programs in the valley, will be held Sunday, Feb. 24 at Deer Creek Center by Illinois River Valley Arts Council. Phone 592-4444 for more info ... **25-cent bingo** games will be held at I.V. Senior Center Saturday, Feb. 9. (Ad in this issue) ... **"Tai Chi for Better Balance"** is the title of a free class for those 60 and older. A 12-week class will begin Wednesday, Feb. 13. Phone OSU Extension at 476-6613 to register ... **Tax forms** (Oregon and federal) are available free at the county treasurer's office in the courthouse in Grants Pass. The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ... **Oregon Community Foundation** has given \$20,000 to Southern Oregon Land Conservancy in Ashland "to augment resources for programs by increasing staffing" ... **T-shirts:** \*I'm not bossy. I just know what you should be doing. \*Instant Human. Just add coffee. \*I am sooo not listening. \*I want to retire, but I have to get a job first.

**LAST WORDS** - "So this morning, as I look into your eyes and into the eyes of all of my brothers in Alabama and all over America and over the world, I say to you: 'I love you. I would rather die than hate you.'" (The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.; Nov. 17, 1957, in Montgomery's Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, concluding the learned discourse now known as the "Loving Your Enemies" sermon.

## CJ can pay for lost grant; efforts to regain continuing

By **WALLY AIKEN**  
For **IVN**

In the wake of the city having to pay for a grant of \$441,666, snowy weather may have contributed to an unexpectedly light turnout of some 17 persons at Monday night's council meeting in Cave Junction City Hall.

Amid what one person termed the "hubbub" surrounding the city's loss of a state grant for expenditures toward extending infrastructure to the new Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC), city officials spent little time publicly discussing the situation.

The cost to develop the water and sewer connections was to be reimbursed through a grant from the Oregon Economic & Community Development Dept. (OECDD). It has been withdrawn due to "repeated failure" by the city to clear findings in conflict with grant requirements.

The city has absorbed the grant loss through its Water/Sewer Development Fund, but had included the grant in its budget.

Among the few members of the public to speak on the topic, O'Brien resident Daniel Dalegowski asked what strategy the city might employ with respect to the grant. Mayor Tony Paulsen replied, "We are going to aggressively pursue making concessions and try to get the

award still honored.

"We have some aggressive avenues that we think are positive ... we don't know if they're legal," he said, prompting general laughter, "but we know they're positive."

He added that the city actively is seeking documents from SCHC and Copeland Sand & Gravel that were required by the state but, according to OECDD, were never provided by City Recorder Jim Polk, who administered the grant.

"Siskiyou's (SCHC) had some problems getting the information to us," said the mayor. "Copeland's had some problems getting the information to us. And we had problems, apparently, getting the information out.

"We're going to correct them all and actively pursue this. We're not sitting on our butts saying 'Oh well!'"

The comments came after the council returned from an hour-long executive (closed to the public) session, but Paulson declined to comment on any personnel action that may have been discussed. And the council took no action related to the closed session after reconvening into regular session.

"Right now we are aware of what the problems are; we're aware of the situation we're in," said Paulson. "We're going to take the positive forward steps to cor-

rect it the best we can and from there we'll let you know what else is going on. That's about it for now. There's more to come."

Polk likewise declined to comment on the situation.

SCHC CEO Kurt Higuera said during a telephone interview Monday that he was unaware of any problems with the grant until two weeks ago. He said that he was contacted by Paulson and informed of a problem. Higuera said that he was told that "a city employee" had made serious errors in the paperwork and that Paulson needed to know the status of the 13 jobs that are required to comply with the grant pact.

SCHC will be in full compliance with the job requirements by the April 15, 2008 deadline, Higuera said. The deadline was established as one-year after completion of the work.

Ann Hanus, Community Development Division man-

ager for OECDD, was asked, during a telephone interview, what effect this documentation would have on the withdrawn grant. Hanus stated that the job requirement is only one of many problems with the grant administration, and that she foresees no change in the grant status until the city fully complies with all the concerns brought by the state.

Paulson, meanwhile, insists that the city has submitted the paperwork, and that it's "just a matter of locating the documents within the state. We maintain that we have fulfilled all the documents," he said.

The council will hold a workshop to interview candidates to replace the late Councilor Lynne Atteberry Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. Applications to fill the vacancy will be accepted and reviewed as well.

(Managing Editor Michelle Binker contributed to this story.)

## Letters

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The smokejumpers and their story is archetypal of the best of America: their bravery and skill to leap from planes into fires started by incendiary devices from the Japanese is unbelievable today. Now they shouldn't be remembered? Their daring-do, skills and talents with aircraft are of no use?

Redwood Hwy. (Hwy. 199) is an international tourist route linking the Pacific Ocean and beautiful Redwood forests to Interstate 5. This "Tourist Trail" is the best sustainable source of income for Illinois Valley, with no downside, making the proposed Smokejumper Museum a "slam dunk."

The county commissioners should reinstate the I.V. Airport Advisory Board, and help us develop the Smokejumper Museum and attract the brightest tourists to our area who understand and appreciate bravery and talent: true Americana.

Then we include buses to town for shopping and meals, tours, motel rooms and all the rest that will allow us to sustain ourselves and pay taxes. Fill the motels, and all will be well.

**Eye Care Group, others appreciated for eye-glasses**  
From **Krista S. Henning**  
Cave Junction

A letter of appreciation for donated eye-glasses has been received from Aziz Cherkaoui, president of the Lions Club Doyen, of Marrakech.

Cherkaoui said that he wants to assure all the good people who donated the eye-glasses that they have been handed over to the member lawyer, Mohamed Mestar, who brought the glasses to the social house "Dar al Birri Oual Ihssane," a house for poor people.

Cherkaoui noted that he also received the card from the Eye Care Group, Optometric Physicians with instructions. "We are so very grateful for the work they have done," he wrote. "We are pleased to let you know that we have people here who are able to convert the glasses.

"On behalf of my people we thank everyone (including Illinois Valley Lions Club)

for their generosity. My club was very happy to meet with Krista (Henning) who worked hard in the social house for the poor."

More eye-glasses are to be shipped and delivered. The next boxes are going to Lash International, Partnership with Africa. Used eye-glasses can be donated by placing them in boxes in various businesses throughout the valley. Or leave them at the "Illinois Valley News" office or with Steve Lyons at Century 21 Harris & Taylor.

**IVHS Activities Calendar**  
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\* Swimming at CGHS/Philomath/IVHS at Philomath 4:00 p.m.  
\* Wrestling at Hidden Valley 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 1**  
\* Equestrian Meet - All Day  
\* Girls Basketball at Hidden Valley, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7:00 p.m.  
\* Boys Basketball vs. Hidden Valley, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 2**  
\* Equestrian Meet - All Day  
\* Winterball Dance 8:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 3**  
\* Equestrian Meet - All Day

**MONDAY, FEB. 4**  
\* Grad Night Parent Meeting 5:30 p.m. Cafeteria

**TUESDAY, FEB. 5**  
\* Girls Basketball vs. North Valley, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7:00 p.m.  
\* Boys Basketball at North Valley, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7:00 p.m.

**Benefit for**  
**JACQUI VAN TASSEL**  
**TO PROVIDE MORAL & MATERIAL SUPPORT**

**Saturday, February 2nd**  
**GROUNDHOG BAZAAR**  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**SPAGHETTI FEED & Live Music by PACIFIC AURACLE**  
**5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**\$5 per plate**

**County Building**  
**102 S. Redwood Hwy.**  
**Cave Junction**

**for information call 592-4103**



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**I.V. Chamber Dinner-Dance**  
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