

Arts & Entertainment



(From left) Nathan Williams as Elvis, Jack Dwyer as the sheriff, Mary Orton as Groucho, Tracy Taylor as Marilyn

Monroe; Alan Laurie and Kathaleen Ponder. (Photo by John Woodward)

No mystery: Family Coalition event success

By **LINDA COREY-WOODWARD**

The Illinois Valley Family Coalition's annual dinner theater fund-raiser Saturday, Jan. 26 was a sell-out, serving nearly 180 people, according to coalition board President Karen Yanase.

The play, *Murder in Selma*, had a cast at Selma Center including celebrities from the 1960s. Movie stars and musicians each had a grudge against an eccentric oil tycoon, the host of a lavish birthday party.

The tycoon is killed early in the play. The cast gave clues to the audience through conversations with each other, and by questioning an investigator.

Janis Joplin was mad at Jerry for totaling her Porsche with his Mercedes and refusing to pay for damages. Judy Garland and her husband had lost a huge sum of money in an investment scheme with Jerry. Ginger Rogers had gone into the dairy business and heard Jerry refer to her as a "cow."

Others had their own gripes. The audience had to decide who was the most likely killer and how the murder was committed.

The audience enjoyed the antics of Groucho Marx and

the singing of four other actors. Carol Valentine as Janis gave a rousing rendition of *Another Little Piece of My Heart*, which brought the crowd to its feet, yelling and clapping. A sweet Patsy Cline (Chelsea Hocker) and a young Elvis (Nathan Williams) also sang. Cave Junction teacher Sam Stevenson proved that he could sing like Bob Marley.

Tracy Taylor vamped it up as Marilyn Monroe in the iconic white halter dress and blond wig. Woody Douglas convincingly portrayed guitarist Jimi Hendrix. The cast were amateurs from Cave Junction and nearby Josephine County towns. Most of the audience knew the actors,

making them easy to entertain.

Coalition volunteers transformed Selma Center gym into a Hollywood party that rocked to '60s music. Several folks could not resist dancing during the evening.

A large silent auction kept people bidding. Generous donors gave a wide array of gift certificates, art, jewelry, a huge teddy bear, decorative items, a weekend getaway, and gift baskets. A live auction at the end of the evening sold a large white tent to Jerry & Bertha Miller, of Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., for possible use at local festivals.

Guests appeared to enjoy the sit-down dinner, served efficiently by members of

Illinois Valley High School International/Spanish Club members. The students raised \$600 in tips for their 2009 trip to Paris and Barcelona.

I.V. Family Coalition raised approximately \$4,000 from its murder mystery dinner last year. Board members anticipate close to that figure this year. The money goes toward its community services for Illinois Valley. It also helps it qualify for sizeable grants needed to fund all its programs.

The event was a joint effort by coalition staff and board members, other volunteers, amateur actors, a professional DJ (Mark Russo), and many others who support I.V. Family Coalition.

Wild River brews party for Jerry Miller

A daylong celebration marking seven decades for longtime Illinois Valley restaurateur and community supporter Jerry Miller was held Saturday, Jan. 26.

It was the actual date of his birthday, and there were special observances at all four of the establishments owned by Jerry and his wife, Bertha, of rural Cave Junction.

The Millers and their two children, Daryl and Nancy, moved to Southwestern Oregon in the early 1970s. They settled in Cave Junction and shortly thereafter found themselves building the "Pizza Deli," originally Shady Oaks Pizza at the north end of Cave Junction.

Doors opened at the present location, 249 N. Redwood Hwy., in 1975. Five

years later they opened their second location in Harbor, adjacent to Brookings. It continues to be highly successful, operated by Daryl. In 1989, shortly before the micro-brewery revolution, the Millers added a micro-brewery onto their original location in Cave Junction.

Jerry's vision to see this movement taking shape was typical of the thinking style he has employed to drive his business forward in a changing marketplace. For the first several years the Brewery produced Steelhead Ale; then in 1994 the entire company went through an image change and the federally registered mark of Wild River became not only the new beer label, but also the name for the Miller's restaurants.

His brews have won numerous prestigious awards. Also in '94, the Grants

Pass Restaurant & Brewery opened its doors. Two years later the property across the street in Grants Pass was purchased, and the Wild River Pub & Banquet facility was slowly built.

It was not until 2006 that the next venture for Wild River took shape with opening of the newest location in Medford. It's located not far from Rogue Valley Mall on N. Pacific Hwy. The successful business ventures of Wild River are in no way the only effect the Millers have had on their communities.

They have tirelessly supported schools and youth in their areas since coming to Illinois Valley more than 30 years ago. With their own children in the valley schools it was a natural mix for the Millers to support the numerous activities and programs

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Winner Take All Bingo

3-game sheet
25¢

Sat., Feb. 9
Noon to 4 p.m.
IV Senior Center
520 E. River St.

Snack Bar
opens at 11 a.m.
● Burgers,
● Hot Dogs,
● Pies & Cakes



EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 30
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Friday, Feb. 1
- Dale Hopper, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

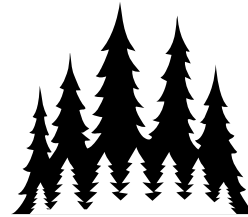
Saturday, Feb. 2
- DJ Jammer Dave 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Sunday, Feb. 3
- Karaoke with Dave 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

PHONE 541.592.2541
TO ADD AN EVENT TO THIS CALENDAR.

The Fun Begins At Junction Inn Timber Room Lounge

406. S. Redwood Hwy.
592-3106 ext. 202



Jan. 30	Wed.	Ladies' Night
31	Thurs.	Karaoke Night Jammer's Jukebox with Beau 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
Feb. 1, 2	Fri. & Sat.	DJ Beau w/ Jammer's Jukebox 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
8	Fri.	Duo with Wally Aiken 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
9	Sat.	Chamber of Commerce Awards Night (exclusively for members only)
13	Wed.	Ladies' Night
14	Thurs.	Valentine's Dinner & Dance Special w/ solo performance by Wally Aiken at 6:30 p.m.
15	Fri.	LIVE BAND — "Cheatin' Hearts" Hot outlaw country 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
16	Sat.	LIVE BAND — local sensation "Altered States"
No cover charge		
Junction Inn Restaurant open 24 hours Friday and Saturday		
Ask for combo appetizer special		

- IVHS School Menu - Sponsored by



**SISKIYOU
COMMUNITY
HEALTH
CENTER**

25647 Redwood HWY

AVAILABLE DAILY

*Cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese sandwich, Chef or Mandarin chicken salad, cheese or pepperoni pizza, nachos

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

*Daily Favorites

Pasta with Marana/meat sauce, beef & bean burrito, chicken burger, Hawaiian pizza, ham & cheese sandwich & garden salad.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

*Daily Favorites

Nacho Supreme, corn dog, hot dog or Polish dog, spicy chicken burger, supreme or taco pizza, Italian sandwich, & chicken Caesar salad.

MONDAY, FEB. 4

*Daily Favorites

Beef soft tacos, chicken nuggets, spicy chicken burger, vegetarian or sausage pizza, ham & cheese sandwich or fiesta salad.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

*Daily Favorites

Chicken fajitas, Rib-B-que sandwich, chicken burger, supreme pizza, roast beef & cheese, garden salad

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

*Daily Favorites

Taco salad, chicken or beef rice bowls, spicy chicken burger, taco pizza, veggie sandwich, antipasto salad

Elementary Schools Lunch Menu Sponsored by

HOMETOWNE INTERIORS

592-2413

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

Pretzel w/ cheese, hamburger, pepperoni or veggie pizza, ham & cheese sandwich, chicken salad wrap, fruit & yogurt or garden salad.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

Cheese stix w/ marinara, soft taco, BBQ ham sand., totally turkey sandwich, PB & nanner wrap, Cobb or garden salad.

MONDAY, FEB. 4

Chicken nuggets, hot dog, burrito, totally turkey sandwich, cleaver club wrap, chef or garden salad.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

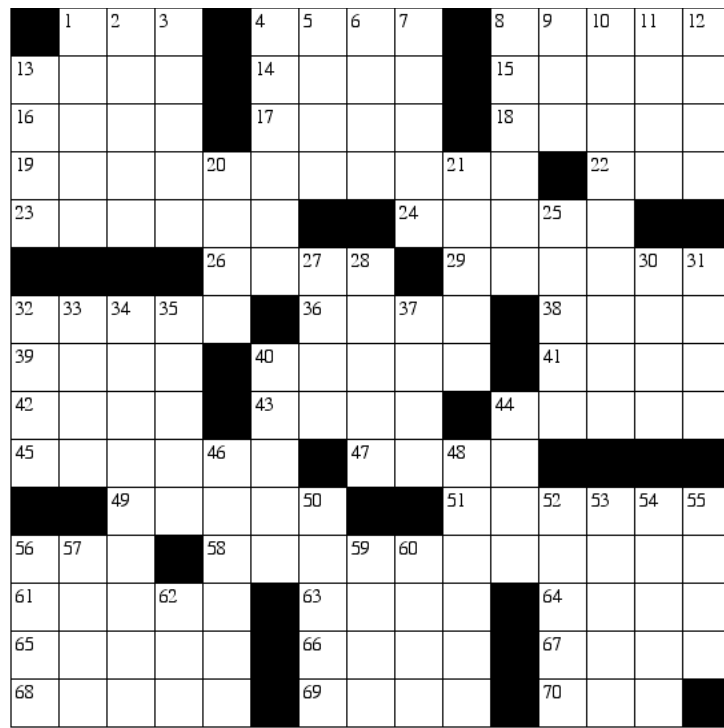
Two taco Tuesday, hamburger, Hawaiian or cheese pizza, super duper sub, crispy chicken wrap, fruit & yogurt parfait or garden salad.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

Bagel ham melt, cheeseburger, 1/2 grilled cheese & soup, tuna torpedo sandwich, "It's Italian" wrap, popcorn chicken or garden salad.

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ACROSS

- 1 Common verb
- 4 Whirlpools
- 8 Four-legged creatures
- 13 Major—
- 14 Over
- 15 Priest's item
- 16 Stratford's site
- 17 Choir voice
- 18 Up to
- 19 Meat cuts
- 22 Man's nickname
- 23 Infuriates
- 24 Social division
- 26 Eastern European
- 29 Changed directions
- 32 Let up
- 36 Seine feeder
- 38 Take a bus
- 39 Salvador
- 40 Unco-operative

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| one | 2 In the middle of | 33 Part of B. & O. |
| 41 Cut | 3 Meteorological device | 34 Stipend |
| 42 She: Sp. | 4 Thinly distributed | 35 Fancy headgear |
| 43 Emerald, for one | 5 Word with Mail or bearer | 37 Prophet |
| 44 Father | 6 Regarding | 40 Staircase part |
| 45 Puts away for later | 7 Unflinching | 44 Grumpy one: colloq. |
| 47 U.S. body of water | 8 Dessert choice | 46 Parents |
| 49 Lies | 9 Container | 48 Determined |
| 51 Protective forces | 10 Producing suds | 50 Weapon |
| 52 Rosalynn, to Amy | 11 Literary pseudonym | 52 Sun shield |
| 56 Rosalynn, to Amy | 12 Trade | 53 ___ ear and out the other |
| 58 Bag closers | 13 Facts | 54 Shore bird |
| 61 White poplar | 20 Gaelic | 55 Quick (and expensive) ways to travel: abbr. |
| 63 Cook | 21 Everyone's button | 56 Brewer's need |
| 64 Class | 25 To the point | 57 Musical instrument |
| 65 Recluse | 27 Graceful animals | 59 Ending for soft or hard |
| 66 Girl's name | 28 Best-selling book | 60 Hurt one's knee |
| 67 People | 30 Adams | 62 Noted general |
| 68 Places for berets | 31 Store division: abbr. | |
| 69 Monthly payment | 32 Sweet drinks | |
| 70 No longer employed: abbr. | | |

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