

Here, There, & Everywhere

ENRICHING CHILDREN - Beginning Thursday, Feb. 7, Lorna Byrne Middle School sixth-graders will have the opportunity to participate in a new program “designed to build character and skills through service to the community.” The program, added organizer Bobette Heern, will include service, outlines of successes and struggles of other such groups, recreation, and prayers honoring and including all religions. Those who have service projects for the group can phone Heern at 592-5234. (And see the ad in this issue).

A ‘WOW’ EVENT - Open to women and children, a free activity under WOW (Women Of Worth) will be held Wednesday, Feb. 13 beginning at 11 a.m. at the I.V. Safe House Alliance office next to the DMV office in Cave Junction. The craft activity is titled, “One Stitch at a Time.” Chili and cornbread will be served. To help the alliance plan, phone 592-2515 to reserve a space.

CLAUDE HOPPER - O’Brien residents Dale & Sharon Hopper, with their singing dog, Claude, will present old-time Country music at Horizon Village on Thursday, Feb. 14. They’ll perform from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the retirement center, 3098 University Road in Grants Pass. There also will be free refreshments.

FAMILY HOUSE - A public celebration of The Family House adjacent to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass will be held Thursday, Feb. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. Sponsored by Grants Pass Association of Realtors, The Family House is a home away from home for patients and family members who must travel from outside the area.

HOSPICE TRAINING - Lovejoy Hospice will present a free program, “All About Hospice,” beginning Friday, Feb. 29. Attendees can learn more about hospice care, and perhaps consider volunteering, either with patients and their families, or in the Lovejoy office. “Volunteers are at the heart of the Lovejoy Hospice team and are indispensable,” said Cheryl Valentine, executive director. “All About Hospice training is highly informative, growth-producing, and lots of fun,” she added. To sign up or ask questions, phone 474-1193 as soon as possible.

CHAMBER CHANGE - Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled the annual awards banquet and general meeting to March 15 at the Junction Inn. The deadline for tickets (see ad in this issue) is March 8. For tickets or more information phone Dulcie Moore, chamber secretary, at 592-3326.

WHAT NUMBER!? - (From the “There, but for the grace of God, go we” file). In one of those odd and unfortunate situations, the Grants Pass “Daily Courier” printed a telephone number in its Jan. 25 issue for Oregon Health Plan reservations. But the number actually was for a telephone sex outfit. A correction was printed Jan. 30. Typographical errors caused by gremlins happen to all of us in the print media; fortunately not too often.

‘IDIOT SIGHTING’ - (An allegation from the Internet): “My daughter and I went to a fast food take-out window, and I gave the clerk a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her a quarter. She said, ‘You gave me too much money.’ I said, ‘Yes, I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar bill back.’ She sighed and got the manager, who asked me to repeat my request. I did, and he handed me back the quarter, and said, ‘We’re sorry, but we can’t do that kind of thing.’ The clerk then gave me \$1.75 in change: Do not confuse the fast food clerks.”

NOTEPAD - A **grape pruning** class for beginners is offered free Saturday, Feb. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. in Grants Pass by OSU Extension. Phone 476-6613 ... **A blood drive** will be conducted Monday, Feb. 11 from noon to 5 p.m. at Illinois Valley Senior Center. For an appointment or more info phone (800) 448-3543 ... **The Winter Ball** at I.V. High School has been rescheduled from Feb. 2 to Saturday, Feb. 23 from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. (Winter weather caused the change) ... **Grant proposals** for 2008 from nonprofit organizations serving Josephine and western Jackson counties are being accepted by the Four Way Foundation. To obtain guidelines and forms, write POB 652, Grants Pass OR 97528, or phone 474-9774 ... **Free help** for senior citizens, disabled persons and families is available through AARP’s Tax Aide program is available. For tax prep appointments at I.V. Family Resource Center phone 592-6139 ... **T-shirts:** *It is what it is. *Some drink at the fountain of knowledge. Others just gargle. *Life is short. Read fast. *God bless the good guys. *My wife has good taste.

LAST WORDS - Can it really be that human innovation and creativity, combined with individual choice, will yield better environmental outcomes than the draconian, self-congratulatory approaches advocated by Al Gore and his Hollywood friends? (Holly Fretwell, author of *The Sky’s Not Falling: Why It’s OK to Chill About Global Warming.*)

I.V. Chamber Dinner-Dance

NEW DATE:
Saturday, March 15

**General Membership Meeting
& Awards Ceremony**



Ticket deadline:
March 8
\$25 per person
592-3326

Kauffman Wood unveils Cave Bear Collection

Kerby-based artisan Delbert Kauffman has been in the wood business in Southwestern Oregon for close to 40 years -- building everything from log homes and pole buildings to log furniture and fences.

During the years, Kauffman has crafted a national reputation for quality log furniture. Some of his most popular pieces find their way into lodge-type structures such as vacation retreats, restaurants and some of the most spectacular log homes in this part of the country.

Motivated by a desire to help restore the Chateau at Oregon Caves National Monument, one of Oregon’s three great historic lodges, Kauffman has produced an entire line of lodge-style furniture. He calls it the Cave Bear Collection and is offering a portion of the proceeds from its sale for restoration efforts at the Chateau 22-miles east of Cave Junction.



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Kauffman is among the first businesses in Southwestern Oregon to participate in the Year of the Cave Bear project -- a year-long effort by the community to assist in saving the 75-year old historic Chateau.

Kauffman’s inspiration for many of the pieces in the Cave Bear Collection are from the Chateau itself -- especially the lodge’s massive staircase with its hand-hewed Douglas fir and native manzanita accents.

“When you start to climb the lodge’s staircase from the lobby,” said Kauffman, “you see the connection right away with the use of the same materials and

traditional mortise-and-tenon craftsmanship.” Proceeds from the sale of Cave Bear furniture and other donations will go to the Illinois Valley Community Development

Organization (IVCDO). It is the non-profit organization responsible for running the Oregon Caves Chateau and for recent restoration projects.

Of particular interest to



The Chateau at Oregon Caves National Monument

Ethanol project in Oregon hailed by Walden as positive

Congressman Greg Walden (R-Ore.) last week applauded the Dept. of Energy’s (DOE) announcement to award Pacific Ethanol a matching \$24.3 million federal investment to build the first cellulosic ethanol demonstration plant in the N.W. United States.

Pacific Ethanol Inc. is the largest West Coast-based marketer and producer of ethanol. The plant will employ a technology to produce ethanol from wheat straw, wood chips and corn stover and will be co-located at the site of Pacific Ethanol’s exist-

ing corn-based ethanol facility in Boardman, Ore.

The pilot plant, which will be designed to produce 2.7 million gallons of ethanol annually, will demonstrate the potential of a technology developed by BioGasol ApS to produce ethanol from a diverse mixture of biomass that is readily available in the area of the Boardman plant.

Plans call for the plant’s completion in fourth quarter 2009.

Matching criteria will include in-kind contributions to be finalized during further negotiations with DOE.

“This is incredibly positive news for Pacific Ethanol, the Pacific Northwest, and the continuing pursuit of American energy independence,” said Second District Congressman Walden, vice chairman of the House Renewable Energy Caucus and the co-chairman of the House Northwest Energy Caucus.

“This investment will allow Pacific Ethanol to do the necessary research that will one day bring cellulosic ethanol to the market as an

efficient fuel for our vehicles and develop a woody biomass industry with good forest jobs for Oregon.

“Corn ethanol certainly has its place in our energy portfolio, but right now the balance is so out of whack that food prices are being driven through the roof. Cellulosic ethanol can help restore that balance.

“I am excited to watch Pacific Ethanol’s vitally important pursuit of this exciting technology,” said Walden.

Sheriff, CJ city ‘jail’

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ous offices and departments. Since January 2007, we are compelled to pay for the square footage even though we have not used the facility.”

He emphasized that it is up to the public to make its priorities known to the commissioners. He also said that he gives the commissioners “a lot of credit for trying to do the best they can,” but reiterated, “Where’s the priority? The public needs to make the commissioners aware of their feelings.”

Gilbertson expanded the conversation to his campaign statements indicating he would “do the best we can with what we’ve got,” and seek additional revenue sources. He said that recent attacks printed in the Letters to the Editor section of the Grants Pass *Daily Courier* on his policies were unwarranted. He presented statistics

showing that there were more bookings into the county jail during 2007 than in any previous year.

He said that under his supervision, the sheriff’s office accomplished this despite being forced to operate with six unfilled deputy positions. The county hiring freeze, coupled with its unstable economic outlook, has made it impossible to fill the vacant positions, he noted.

A federal grant application also is in the works to fund what Gilbertson termed a “national model for law enforcement.” This same grant was applied for last year, but was rejected, Gilbertson said, because the approach was too regional in nature. So he has redesigned the application.

The plan calls for more emphasis on Neighborhood Watch programs, more community involvement and more community policing.



**Scotty's Emergency
Snow Removal**
659-0211



Soup & Pie Lunch
Saturday, February 6, 11-1
\$5 (includes soup refills)
Lots of Choices
Take-out available

Immanuel United
Methodist Church
200 West Watkins

**INTRODUCING
SPECIAL MENU FOR KIDS**
All for \$3⁴⁵
For 10 & younger
at
Junction Inn Restaurant
(valid February to March)

KIDS’ Breakfast Special \$3⁴⁵

- ☺ 1 Pancake & 1 Egg plus 1 Sausage Link or 1 Bacon Strip
- ☺ 1 French Toast & 1 Egg plus 1 Sausage Link or 1 Bacon Strip
- ☺ Hashbrowns & Egg plus 1 Sausage Link or 1 Bacon Strip

KIDS’ Lunch Special \$3⁴⁵

- ☺ Mini Burger & Fries
- ☺ Hotdog Sandwich or Corn Dog w/ Fries
- ☺ Grilled Cheese & Fries

KIDS’ Dinner Special \$3⁴⁵

- ☺ Small Chicken Strips & Fries or Mash Potato
- ☺ Dino Nuggets & Fries or Mash Potato
- ☺ Macaroni & Cheese & 1 Corn Dog

Triple Treats Continues at \$4⁹⁹
Pies of the day for \$3²⁵
OPEN 24 hours Friday & Saturday

**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

