

Here, There, & Everywhere

HOSPITAL HOME - The Family House adjacent to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass will be the focus of a celebration open to everyone Thursday, Feb. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. Sponsored by Grants Pass Association of Realtors, The Family House provides quarters for patients and family members who must travel from outside the area. See the ad in this issue.

'MIX MASTER' - Two mixers will be held by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. Both will have light refreshments. The gatherings are for chamber members and anyone who wants to learn about the chamber and its activities and to socialize. The first gathering, with Noel Hoback speaking of his experiences as a military adviser in Afghanistan, will be held Saturday, Feb. 16 beginning at 5 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church behind Cave Junction Swimming Pool on E. River Street. The second get-together will be hosted by Jefferson State Financial Group on E. River across from I.V. Senior Center on Friday, Feb. 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

VIOLENCE INSIGHTS - "After the Violence" is the overall topic of an eight-week series of free classes that will begin Friday, Feb. 15. They'll be held at the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance building next to the DMV office in Cave Junction. Classes will begin at 10 a.m. Transportation and child-care will be provided with prior arrangement by phoning 592-2515. For a complete list of topics, phone the same number.

WHEELS GALORE - More than 100 vehicles will be displayed during the Southern Oregon Rod & Custom Show Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 16 and 17 at Jackson County Expo at Central Point. The show is a benefit for the Child Development & Rehabilitation Center of Oregon Health Sciences University. Kerby resident Ben Milner, 14, is Ambassador for the show, presented by Rogue Valley Street Rods. The club has raised \$341,000 during the past 30 years for the rehabilitation center. For more information about the car show, check the ad in this issue.

BRANDT BOUQUET - Roger Brandt's donation of time and efforts to an "Around the World in 80 Days" class (*Illinois Valley News*, Jan. 30) in its efforts to get to know "our amazing Illinois Valley" are greatly appreciated, said teacher Kirsten Valenzuela. "Without Roger's immense knowledge and expertise I would have been at a loss because I am a newcomer to this beautiful area myself," said Valenzuela. "He was our official guide on all our tours, conducted lectures and guided students in their work, as well as even filling in for me twice while I was involved in school improvement meetings. Roger did a super job, and I can't wait to see what we come up with this semester."

NOTEPAD - Food donations for Josephine County Food Share can be taken to the SOFCU Community Credit Union office in CJ through Friday, Feb. 15. A list of items is available at the office, or phone 479-2601 ... **Claude Hopper**, the singing dog of O'Brien residents Dale & Sharon Hopper, will perform with them Thursday, Feb. 14 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Horizon Village in Grants Pass. See the ad in this issue ... **The WOW (Women Of Worth)** program at I.V. Safe House Alliance will present "Belly Dancing With Amara" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19. Women and children can attend. RSVP to 592-2515 ... **A Home Gardening** seminar is planned for Saturday, Feb. 23 at RCC by OSU Extension. Phone 956-7116 to sign up ... **Spiritual and character** development is the goal of a program that will begin Thursday, Feb. 28 for Lorna Byrne Middle School sixth-graders. See the ad in this issue ... **Selma Skill Share** is coming Saturday, March 1 at Selma Center, said Spiral Living Center. Those who want to offer a workshop or have an idea can phone 592-3642 ... **The Winter Ball** at Illinois Valley High School will be held Saturday, March 1 (an incorrect date was printed last week) ... **T-shirts:** *What part of Moooooo-haahahaha don't you understand? *Is it really all good? *It's not nice to laugh at other people. It's just fun. *I'm an evening person in a morning world.

LAST WORDS - I'm not concerned about all hell breaking loose, but that a part of hell will break loose. It'll be much harder to detect. (George Carlin)

I.V. Airport lease negotiations look up in the air ...

(Continued from page 1) sidering with Cave Junction residents Don & Luz Moore, who want to open a smoked barbecue restaurant at the airport. Brandt opposes the lease because he wishes to open the restaurant and have it operated in conjunction with a proposed smokejumper museum.

The airport management offered a lease to the smokejumper group in August 2007 but received no response from the group other than statements that the lease was not acceptable. Brandt claimed, "We have been put through a fairly contorted path here."

Raffenburg was quick to respond by stating that a "sweetheart deal" lease had been offered to the smokejumper group and had been

rejected. He added that the group wants the buildings with no financial outlay, only offering "elbow grease" as compensation for the use of the buildings.

He further added his belief that there has been no demonstration or evidence that the group is capable of raising the necessary capital to open the restaurant.

Commissioner Dwight Ellis said, "It's not that big an issue."

He reiterated Raffenburg's feeling that there is a lack of financial backing for Brandt's ideas, saying further that with the proposal by the Moores, "It seems to me that there is room to complement each other."

Don Moore repeatedly has stated that he wants the restaurant to have a smoke-

jumper theme, as it would fit well with his smoked barbecue concept. Moore also has said that he would welcome working with the smokejumper group to help develop the museum plan.

Ellis also said he couldn't understand why the one building was so essential for the museum project.

Brandt responded negatively to Ellis' suggestion of cooperation by saying, "In a way, it feels like the Moores are stealing our idea."

As to the essential nature of the restaurant building itself, Brandt said it would be difficult "to retain the motiva-

tion of volunteers" without the restaurant building as part of the package.

Commission Chairman Dave Toler also stated that he is not convinced of adequate financial support for the museum. But he went on to suggest that Brandt's group come up with an acceptable lease agreement for county review.

It appears that his suggestion now leaves the situation for the smokejumper group to come up with an appropriate lease agreement acceptable to the county and to demonstrate that sufficient financial backing is currently available to move forward.

Purity drama group organized

Newly formed for teenagers, the "purity drama group" met each Wednesday afternoon during January, said Mary Lefner, executive director of Pregnancy Center of Illinois Valley.

"They selected an outstanding name that reflects the pure lifestyle that these young people are choosing -- Stainless!" she said. "It also reminds us of the restoration that God freely gives when we repent of past sins and choose to live for Him."

Currently, the group is

developing presentations and skits, to share their testimonies and desires, to encourage others toward purity.

The group's chosen verse is Isaiah 1:18:

"Come now and let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow, Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool."

Teen-agers interested in learning more about this group and possibly joining can phone 592-6058.

Busy bevy backs board

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ing and frustrating of any they have held.

"It's like a tornado picks you up and you have to find a place to put your foot down," was one comment. The commissioners' "agendas are quite different than ours," was another, referring to the changes in the board's goals due to public demands.

Another notation: "We try to keep the office running smoothly no matter what. But we always have to deal with new variables in the mix."

They all commented on the negative effect the job has on their home life.

McElmurry, a Glendale resident, said that she feels lucky to have the drive-time to and from work. She calls it "my wind-down time." A social life also is difficult for the three because they are frequently questioned about county politics when they simply want to enjoy an evening out.

There is agreement among the team concerning the commissioners as well. All three believe that the indi-

vidual members of the board are trying to accomplish the best for the county.

A general comment: "Their ideas probably represent the people of the county who are very different as well. They just see things differently, and that is not always a bad thing."

While working for the individual commissioners, the trio also views the board as a separate responsibility: "The board as a whole is like a whole other commissioner." By this they mean that they have to respect the role the board plays as a political entity, a responsibility that overshadows individual member responsibility.

Their personal commitment to the job is obvious when one spends any time in the county courthouse, dealing with commissioners, and attending meetings. The three women summed up their overall feeling this way:

"Sometimes we feel invisible, but we are, in actuality, the glue that holds this office together."

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Saturday, February 16 at 5 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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Cave Junction

For information: Bertha Miller 592-2482
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Letters to the Editor

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Sabbath view
From Joann Wulf
Cave Junction

Re: John Bazen letter, "Marks & Sabbath." (*Illinois Valley News*, Jan. 23).

God's seventh-day Sabbath was made in the Garden of Eden on the seventh day of the week. God's seventh-day Sabbath existed long before the birth of the Jewish Nation.

Moses was given the 10 Commandments, and the seventh-day Sabbath was placed at the center. God began the Sabbath Commandment with "Remember" to keep it holy. God says the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27).

Today people lobby to get bills passed to assure the Christian world that people will rest on the day chosen by man to rest. Attempts will never prevail because God, the creator of Heaven and Earth, has spoken.

Christ died on the sixth day of the week. The Jewish people would not be pleased if the Romans left His body on the cross during the seventh-day Sabbath. (John 19:31).

The Romans removed Christ's body before the start of the holy Sabbath. Jesus' closest followers rested on the day that God appointed and blessed. Jesus himself rested in his sepulcher during the seventh-day Sabbath. The people appear unaware of any change made to God's Fourth Commandment at the cross.

After Jesus returned to his father the disciples went about the Lord's business after Sabbath. Paul is recorded in the New Testament preaching to Jews and Gentiles on the Sabbath days until his death. Paul also taught the importance of keeping the Commandments.

According to Bible records, God's people kept the seventh-day Sabbath holy before and after the death of

Jesus Christ.

Ron Paul record cited
From Terry Hamel
Salem

There are now two Democratic and four Republican presidential candidates remaining. Of the six, only Ron Paul stands for American ideals and has the record to prove it.

Others voted to fund the war against Iraq, a nation that has no army, navy or air force and never threatened us, yet costs taxpayers \$8 billion annually. These others voted for the misnamed Patriot Act which strips ambiguous "enemy combatants" of their right to a trial; and voted for the Real ID act that strips citizen privacy while restricting their entrance into a federal building without it.

Ron Paul has voted consistently against all these bills.

He is a true statesman, having fought for American

principles in Congress for 20 years. He is also a student of free market solutions; has the agreement of former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan; and is the only presidential candidate talking about fixing our ailing economy.

Of course, one would expect a perfect root diagnosis from a successful physician and former U.S. Air Force flight surgeon.

These are but a few reasons I advocate Ron Paul for president. I am a first-time voter who has gone from feeling helpless to helpful by spreading the message of peace, prosperity, and liberty in the states as elections are held.

I use my own time and money, but the inspiration belongs to Ron Paul. I encourage a serious look at his solutions and find out why he is capturing a third of the delegates in multiple state elections.

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