

Here, There, & Everywhere

EVERGREEN SALUTE - Brady Adams, president of Evergreen Federal Bank, has been honored with a President's Award for tourism promotion by Southern Oregon Visitors Association (SOVA). The annual award recognizes those who have made significant contributions toward promoting and developing the tourism industry in S.W. Oregon. Adams has been Evergreen president since 1988, and was nominated by Josephine County. He will receive a proclamation for SOVA designating May 12 as "Brady Adams Day" in the county.

METH FORUM - On Monday, March 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. the Southern Oregon Meth Project will host a community forum at Ross Ragland Theater in Klamath Falls. Among attendees will be Scott Burns, White House deputy director of National Drug Control Policy, and U.S. Congressman Greg Walden (R-Ore). Walden is in his fifth term representing the people of Oregon's Second District. He has been very active in fighting meth. Another featured speaker will be Karen Williams, co-founder of the National Brain Trust Alliance. Her focus is on adolescent brain development, the effect of drugs, traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury on teen-age brains.

GLAD GRADS - The 2008 Grad Night Party Committee will meet Monday, March 3 at 5 p.m. at the Illinois Valley High School cafeteria. To help raise funds, members of the graduating class will bag groceries at Shop Smart Food Warehouse in Cave Junction on Saturday, March 8. For more information about the committee or the drug-and-alcohol-free party phone Mary Paul at IVHS, 592-2116; or Sara Ball at Bi-Rite Auto Parts, 592-3691.

WELL-WELL - Selma Center on Wednesday, March 5 will present a program, "Living Well," from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The theme is how to live a healthy life even though dealing with chronic conditions.

'YAKKETY YAK' - Thursday, March 6 is set for "Yakkety Yak," the next free program in the "After the Violence" series provided by Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVSHA). "Yakkety Yak, Don't Talk Back/How to Talk With Our Children" will be given at the IVHSA building (former location of Home Valley Bank next to the DMV office on Lister Street). It will begin at 2 p.m. Transportation and child-care can be provided by phoning 592-4147 the day before the program.

CHAPLAIN CORPS - Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford is offering an exploratory two-day training session for potential volunteer chaplains to bring spiritual comfort to patients and families. Clergy and lay persons can attend the session on Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14. There is a fee, which includes lunch. Phone 789-5218, Ext. 2 by Saturday, March 1 to sign up or for more information.

HUMOROUS HONOR - Stand-up comedian Miles Kehoe will present a show to benefit the Illinois Valley High School Chapter of the National Honor Society on April 5. Tickets are available at Taylor's Country Store, where Kehoe will perform, and at the IVHS office. Kehoe has performed on *A&E*, *MTV* and *Comedy Central*. The ticket price includes dinner.

NOTEPAD - History Day competition will be held at Lorna Byrne Middle School on Tuesday, March 4. Besides competition, there will be displays throughout the school, and the public can view them without charge between 9 a.m. and noon. Refreshments will be included ... **IVHS Booster Club** will meet Wednesday, March 5 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Volunteers are needed ... **"Take It Back"** is the theme for a meeting of Josephine County youth groups Wednesday, March 5. The aim is to call attention to alcohol as the single-most important health issue facing today's youth. The gathering will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Anne Basker Auditorium adjacent to the county courthouse in Grants Pass ... **JoCo Food Bank** will benefit from those who bring two, at least two, cans of food to The Jumping Bean Coffee House at 1595 N.E. Sixth St. in Grants Pass through Saturday, March 1. Donors will get a free latte ... **Spotted** in Mission Valley in San Diego, a personalized license plate, DNO79 WI. (Read it upside-down) ...

Birdseye Ranch of Jackson County is one of 14 family operations officially recognized as among the state's first sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) farms and ranches by Oregon Dept. of Agriculture ... **T-shirts:** To err is human. To forgive divine. Neither is Marine Corps policy. *They say I have A.D.D., but they just don't understand. Oh look: A chicken! *If I can't fix it, it must not be broken. *Ask not for whom the dog barks. It barks for thee.

LAST WORDS - You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom. (Malcolm X)

Developers seek revised LID with exclusions thus expediting project work

Excluding all property owners from a requested Local Improvement District (LID) for a major residential/commercial development -- except the four primary parties involved -- is proposed to the city of Cave Junction.

The four major parties propose shouldering an additional \$920,000 worth of Hwy. 199 improvement assessments, essentially taking the fees away from the other affected property owners, because there has been considerable resistance by some to being assessed.

That would mean that the primary quartet would be responsible for approximately \$2.6 million rather than the original \$1.6 million in highway assessments. The city would provide reimbursement through the sale of LID municipal bonds.

The proposal was made Monday night, Feb. 25 during a workshop in city hall. Representing the city were Mayor Tony Paulson, City Recorder Jim Polk, councilors Dan Fiske and Don Moore, and Tricia Arias, who has been appointed to the council, but not yet sworn in.

Representing the development group were John Chmelir, of Willow Development, and Dan Hughes, of I.V. Development. They are among the principals wanting an LID for a development on both sides of Hwy. 199 at the north end of the city, basically from Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. to a point a short distance north of Laurel Road past I.V. Golf Course.

Others grouped to make up the four major parties interested in a revised LID are Larry Osborn of Manor Communities Development, Fields Home Improvement Center, possibly Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC), and parties including the Fahey Family and Bob & Barbara Bear.

Regarding SCHC, Hughes said that he would meet with its board Tuesday, Feb. 26 to see if it wants to participate in the revised plan. The other parties have agreed. If SCHC agrees, the new proposal could be brought to city hall later this week.

Chmelir said that the project processing began some 16 months ago, and that it's time to move ahead. Hughes stated that if he had known there would be so much resistance to the highway improvement assessments, he would not have initiated the project.

As part of the revised LID, Hughes said that those property owners being dropped would not pay fees unless they improved their property, essentially meaning taking advantage of the new highway. Also, they would be exempt from highway improvement fees as long as they kept operating the same business.

A number of other aspects, including a delay for sidewalks and strips, also were covered, all of which will be referred to City Attorney Patrick Kelly.

An arrangement for an Advance Finance District for 199 improvements also would be included in the plan.

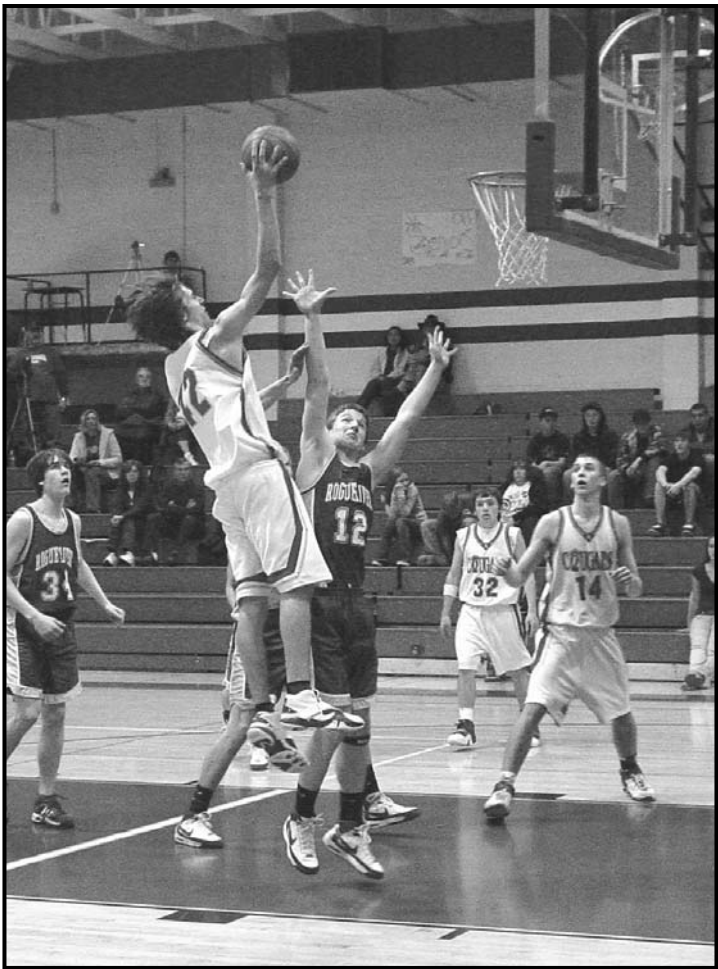
Chmelir stressed that the widening of Hwy. 199, under auspices of the Oregon Dept. of Transportation, will result in a boon to the city. He said that the new north entrance, including the new George Creek Bridge, has turned into a \$7 million ODOT project, using state and federal monies.

It would not have happened, he indicated, except for the developers stepping up and agreeing to front the necessary money as part of the construction costs, including acquisition of rights-of-way.

Hughes told city officials that the proposal is made in good faith, and that the developers are open to changes. It's not a matter of take it or leave it, he noted. He and Chmelir urged the city to expedite procedures based on its previous commitment.

Because the Monday gathering, which lasted some 50 minutes, was only a workshop, no action could be taken. However, the mayor said that the entire written proposal would be referred to the city attorney for review.

Hughes suggested the same avenue.



Illinois Valley varsity boys narrowly missed a 4-A state berth and ended the Skyline Conference basketball season with 13-13 record after a 46-41 loss in the play-offs to Phoenix on Saturday, Feb. 23 on the Pirates' court. The fourth-seeded Cougars beat Rogue River 50-36 Thursday, Feb. 21 in Ken Mann Memorial Gym. IVHS varsity girls ended their season with a 0-25 mark. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg for *Illinois Valley News*)

Selma Skill Share
Saturday
March 1st ~ 10 to 4

Selma Center 18255 Redwood Highway
Learn new skills at over 12 different workshops offered throughout the day.
Potluck lunch and seed/start exchange at noon.
592-3642 ~ www.spiralliving.com **FREE!**

Women's Café
Singing ~ Dancing ~ Poetry
Writers ~ Artists ~ Healers ~ Musicians

Saturday, March 8
5 to 7 p.m. - Art Show 7 to 10 p.m. - Performances
Admission: sliding scale \$8 - \$15
Serving: Quiche, Salads, Sweets, Beverages

Everyone welcome!
(please no young children)

Info: 592-2866
Takilma Community Building

Country Breakfast
I.V. Senior Center
520 E. River St.
Saturday, March 1
8 to 11 a.m.

* Biscuits & Gravy * Pancakes
* Eggs * Bacon * Sausage
* Coffee, Milk, Juice

Adults - \$6
Children 12
& under - \$2.50

Sheriff's auction scheduled

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 7, 8 and 9, are set in Grants Pass for the annual Josephine County Sheriff's Office auction of forfeited, found and unclaimed property.

Items were seized during unlawful activities or as found property. Items include camping gear, tools, bikes, household items, electronics, jewelry "and much more."

The auction will be held at Great Western Auctioneers, 2660 N.W. Vine St.

A preview of all items will be on March 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"During this time, we

encourage anyone who may have been a victim of lost or stolen property to come to the site and claim their property," said Deputy Kari A. Lee.

On March 8 the sheriff's office will sell forfeited or found weapons to Federal Firearm Licensed (FFL) dealers only, as outlined in County Ordinance 87-8. There will be a preview and registration from 8 to 10 a.m. open only to FFL holders. The auction will begin at 10 a.m. Proof of a valid FFL will be required.

On March 9 more than 700 items will be auctioned to the highest bidders. This auction is open to everyone.

IVHS Activities Calendar
Brought to you by the folks at
592-3556
Cave Jct.
469-7545
Brookings
471-7487
Grants Pass
773-7487
Medford

Blame us if your life goes to Pizzas!

SATURDAY, MARCH 1
* Winterball Dance
8:30 p.m. (cafetorium)
MONDAY, MARCH 3
* Indoor Co-ed Soccer
6 p.m. (gym)
TUESDAY, MARCH 4
* Freestyle Wrestling
3:30 p.m. (wrestling room)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
* Wagner taking Drama Class
11:30 a.m. (Ashland, OSF)
* Booster Club Meeting
6 p.m. (cafeteria)
* Indoor Co-ed Soccer
6 p.m. (gym)

The Original
Taco
Friday nights

Hot Dog
Wednesday nights
American Idol 7:30

COUNTRY FOLKS RESTAURANT
Selma

Don't be fooled by the rest, eat the BEST!

13TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY MARCH ON HUNGER

"...because no one should be hungry"

Josephine County
FOOD BANK

DAY: Saturday, March 1
TIME: 11:30
WHERE: 5th & "A" Streets, G.P. (parking lot)
ROUTE: 6th & "A" Streets to the River Rock Café parking lot (6th & Voorhies)
WHAT: Walk (skip, dance, skate, etc.)
WHO: Everyone is invited to march

JOSEPHINE COUNTY FOOD BANK
a UCAN program
1470 SE "M" Street, Suite 1-C,
Grants Pass OR 97526
Phone: (541) 479-5556 FAX: (541) 476-6268