

Here, There, & Everywhere

CULINARY CLIMATE - The public can attend a "Culinary Celebration" on Friday, April 4 at Hidden Valley High School in Grants Pass from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Sodexo, the food-and-facility management contractor for Three Rivers and other school districts. Five-person teams representing schools statewide will compete. One team will be comprised of Kathy Manfull, cafeteria manager at Evergreen Elementary School, plus Janet Schenoff, Kathy Briggs, Michelle Ingram and Debbie Halter from the Sodexo TRSD staff. Other teams will be from Roseburg, Coos Bay, Phoenix-Talent and Ashland. The public will be able to sample three culinary concoctions, and then vote. Menu items, according to Sodexo, could include Currant Stuffed Turkey Breast with Moroccan Orange Glaze, Seafood & Chicken Paella, and Wild Boar with Blackberry Herb Glaze, Crispy Leeks & Brazil Nuts.

FARM TO MARKET - Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction will host a community Farm to Market program on Tuesday, April 8. Anyone can come to the cafeteria and gym between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to view special booths, and sample from four A to Z fruit-and-salad bars, and one with bread and meat, said Kathy Manfull, cafeteria manager. The intent of the event, sponsored by Sodexo, is to promote good nutrition and healthy living, "and introduce the students to Oregon's wonderful agriculture, as well as new and exciting fruits and vegetables from around the world." Booth themes will include: Oregon State Whole Grains, OSU/ Agriculture in the Kitchen, Kids Can Cook, and Farmer's Produce Stand. To help students grasp the Farm to Market operation, animals in the gym will include chickens, ducks and rabbits.

MUSEUM ON MOVE - The historic Kerbyville Museum will conduct a grand reopening on Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Regular admission fees will be in effect, and visitors will be able to see the new exhibit honoring the U.S. Navy. There will be free refreshments, and the museum, in its 49th year, will kick off its membership drive. The furnished Stith-Naucke house from the 1800s, adjacent to the main museum, will be open, as well as all other attractions and features on the museum grounds.

GLAD FOR GRADS - Final plans for a benefit dinner and auction will be made by the 2008 All-Night Grad Party Committee at Illinois Valley High School on Monday, April 7. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. The fund-raiser is set for Saturday, April 12. For more information phone Fred & Sara Ball at Bi-Rite Auto Parts, 592-3691.

For the fund-raiser, donations of silent auction items are sought. The auction will be part of the program with dinner by O'Brien caterer Phil Aria, and a fashion show by senior students. To donate auction items, phone 592-3691.

BABY PHOTOS - To celebrate its 21st anniversary, marked on Monday, April 1, a Baby Photo Contest is being held by Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley. Entries are being accepted for Illinois Valley babies who will be 24 months old as of April 30. Phone 592-6058 for more information.

CAMERA CLIMATE - Go Click! Is the Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept.'s (OPRD) popular annual contest for amateur photographers from anywhere who enjoy the great outdoors. The contest will end Aug. 1. Images submitted may be from previous years, but must be taken on OPRD property. For contest rules and information visit www.oregonstateparks.org/goclick, or phone (800)551-6949.

NOTEPAD - "The Best of the Best" exhibit featuring artwork from Southwest Oregon's high school students is displayed through April 25 at Grants Pass Museum of Art, 229 S.W. G St. Phone 479-3290 for open hours ... **The I.V. Chamber** of Commerce office is staffed Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until October, announced Dulcie Moore, office manager. The office is in the I.V. Visitor Center ... **Music and poetry** at no charge are to be featured at The Weeping Spruce near Great Cats World Park on Wednesday, April 16 beginning at 7 p.m. with poet/singer/songwriter John Amen. A meal will be available for purchase at 5:30. Phone Michael Spring at 659-3316 for details ... **T-shirts**: *Ghengis Khan is my homeboy. *Beer is the answer. What was the question again? *This shirt was funnier on the Internet. *Give me ambiguity ... or give me something else.

LAST WORDS - It is dangerous to be right when the government is wrong. Voltaire

Letter to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact, are strictly those of the letter-writers.)

Typed, double-spaced letters written solely to this newspaper are considered for publication. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and legible also can be considered.

"Thank you" submissions are not accepted as letters.

Environmental toxins From JoAnne Stone Cave Junction

'Tis the season to spray, and along with the greening of spring comes the king of carcinogens. Here we live in one of the most pristine places on the planet, grateful for our blessings every day.

Seeing people spray their yards, I wonder, who considers future generations, or even our own? We recently drove by the water treatment plant in Grants Pass, and there was someone spraying the entire acreage, going right into the channel.

The rising rates of cancer, asthma, birth defects and neurological diseases are not

caused by "genetic predisposition." They are caused by the bombardment of environmental toxins. To learn more, visit www.mindfully.org.



Faith Kitchens, a fifth-grader at Evergreen Elementary School, was honored recently as Student of the Year for the 2007-08 school year. She is the daughter of Selma residents Molly (with Faith above) & Kiley Kitchens. Faith was selected for the recognition by Grants Pass Rotary Club based on recommendations from Evergreen staff for character, scholastic ability and extracurricular activities. (I.V. News photo)

Walden posts list of fed project funding requests

For the second consecutive year, 2nd District Congressman Greg Walden (R-Ore.) has posted his earmark funding requests on his Website, "making him one of the few members of Congress to uphold a policy of full transparency in the earmarks process."

His office added, that, he only submits (funding) requests on behalf of local, county and state government and nonprofit groups, but not on behalf of for-profit entities.

"Taxpayers have a right to know what projects their local representatives and nonprofit organizations are pursuing with their hard-earned dollars," Walden said. "As a federal representative, I am the liaison for local groups in the 2nd District to secure federal investment, so making sure those projects get the chance to be assessed is an important responsibility."

"It's the public's money, and we ought to be transparent about it. That's why I post these requests online."

Only a handful of legislators nationwide make earmark requests public, the Bend *Bulletin* was told by Ryan Alexander, president of the Washington, D.C.-based watchdog group, Taxpayers for Common Sense.

"We definitely think that disclosing earmark requests is

a good thing, and the people who do it voluntarily deserve our thanks," Alexander said.

Along with making his own requests public, Walden has advocated making the overall process more transparent. For example, his office noted, he supported the proposal to make public the earmarks in appropriations bills well in advance of votes on the measures and to disclose the name of the member requesting the funding.

It will not be known for months which projects the committee decides to fund, and at what funding levels. Walden said that he feels strongly that serving as the formal liaison to the committee on behalf of Oregonians is an important responsibility.

Because the committee works with a set budget cap, generally only a small number of requests receive federal investment. But without a request from a member of Congress submitting a request, these Oregon projects would not receive consideration for investment. And what limited funding might be available would be allocated elsewhere in the country.

For the full list of requests, visit walden.house.gov/_files/earmarkrequests.doc.

Table Rocks hikes slated

The Nature Conservancy and Bureau of Land Management are offering their annual series of guided, educational walks on the Table Rocks near Central Point.

There is no fee to participate, but reservations are required. To reserve a space on a hike phone 618-2200.

Participation is limited to 30 individuals per hike, unless otherwise noted. The weekend hike schedule can be viewed on BLM's Table Rocks Website.

Participants in the weekday and weekend hikes should dress for the weather and bring a lunch and something to drink. There is no drinking water at either Up-

per or Lower Table Rocks. Restrooms are available at both trailheads. Dogs are not allowed on the trail. Hikes range from 3 to 5 miles round-trip along a moderate-grade trail, and last three to five hours.

*Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m., Upper Table Rock, "Ethnobotany: The Science of People With Plants."

*Sunday, April 6, 10 a.m., Lower Table Rock, "Plants and Pools."

*Saturday, April 12, 1 p.m., Upper Table Rock, "Nature Photography."

*Sunday, April 13, 10 a.m., Lower Table Rock, "Wildflowers Abound."

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Saturday, April 5th, 9-2

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Selma 592-4100

☒ Jack Brown

a.k.a. Auto Doc

Jack Brown is committed to restoring our Republic here in this county. Ever since the stolen land grab in the 70's under Senate Bill 100, Jack has been involved on the political front. He has fought encroaching socialism and never given up.

Jack Brown continues to say "No" to a higher tax load, to more regulations, and to more bureaucrats -- especially a county manager.

Jack has always said "Yes" to the sanctity of life and personal liberty, and to prosperity through adding our sweat to what we take from the soil and water, as miners, farmers, loggers, mill workers, and fishermen!

Jack Brown insists the primary function of county government is to protect your life and property from criminals AND tyrants. It is NOT to help your neighbor tell you what to do with your property. Is this nation under God the land of the free, the home of the brave?

Questions? Call me on my cell phone 659-4313 or check my website: www.jackbrown.org

Commissioner #3

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