

Here, There, & Everywhere

ASK THE CANDIDATES - Those with questions for candidates seeking two seats on the Josephine County Board of Commissioners in the May 20 primary election can submit them for a public forum on Monday, April 28. The forum in the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction is co-sponsored by *Illinois Valley News*, I.V. Chamber of Commerce, and Community Media & Education Center. Questions can be brought to the *News* or chamber offices, or emailed to letters@illinois-valley-news.com.

POETIC EVENT - A free presentation of music, poetry and food featuring John Amen, a poet and singer/songwriter, will be held Wednesday, April 16 at The Weeping Spruce at the south end of Cave Junction, near Great Cats World Park. A dinner, with a vegetarian option, will be available at 5:30. Other food and beverage items also will be on hand. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

CHAMBER MIXOLOGY - Sterling Savings Bank in Cave Junction will host a mixer on Friday, April 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. Free fellowship, fun and food for members, prospective members and others in the community are provided by chamber mixers.

HEADIN' 'EM UP - Headers Tavern in Selma is sponsoring a fund-raiser to assist with funeral expenses for family members who died in a March 27 car crash in Selma. The benefit will be held Saturday, April 19 from 1 to 9 p.m. There will be a raffle, and donations of items are requested. For more information phone Headers at 597-4100. And see the ad elsewhere in this issue.

SOUP FOR THE SOULS - Saturday, April 19 is on the calendar for the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVSHA) second annual Soup for the Souls event in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Illinois Valley Senior Center once again will be the host for the soup-and-bread dinner donated by valley restaurants and supporters. And there will be Kate Dwyer cakes for dessert. There also will be a silent auction "with lots of great stuff." Food is served in artisan-crafted bowls "and great second-hand store finds" that attendees can keep. The event will benefit IVSHA's efforts to provide a safety net for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Tickets are available from IVSHA on Lister Street next to DMV in the former location of Home Valley Bank.

HOPIN' FOR VOLUNTEERS - Hope Mountain Barter Faire will hold a Volunteer Round-Up on Saturday, April 19 at Dome School in Takilma. A potluck meal will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. 2008 Faire update with volunteer signups. Games and desserts will begin at 8; and a dance party at 9 with the *Frankie Hernandez Band*. Volunteers will be admitted to the dance without charge. For details, phone 592-3911.

EAT & 'GET SMART' - SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) is a nonprofit book and reading program in five schools in Three Rivers School District, including Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction. A fund-raiser will include Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in C.J. Co-owner Bertha Miller has supported the program's "Dine out for SMART" program since it started and will continue Wednesday, April 23, designated SMART Restaurant Day. A portion of proceeds that day will benefit youth literacy and help supply books.

IT'S A WOW - Herbal remedies for moms, and making leaf prints (by children) will be featured Wednesday, April 23 during a Women Of Worth (WOW) program at the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance Center in Cave Junction. The program will begin at 6 p.m. Tea and cookies will be provided. Phone 592-4147 for more information.

RELAY FOR LIFE - The annual American Cancer Society fund-raiser is set for May 31 and June 1 at the Grants Pass High School track. Cave Junction resident Susan Hoteb is a team captain. She can be contacted for signups and donations at 592-4705. Or contact Anna Malloy, team development chairman, at annarelay@charter.net.

IDENTITY SHIELD - Farmers Insurance has announced that two of its agents in S.V. Oregon now offer Farmers Identity Shield. It's described as a comprehensive package of coverage and services to help combat ID theft. The agents are Irene Guerrero-Acevedo, of Cave Junction; and Terry Spitz, of Grants Pass.

TREES, PLEASE - American Forests' Global ReLeaf Forests said that it will plant 33,000 trees in Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest to replace those burned in the 2002 Biscuit Fire. And neotropical migrating birds are to benefit from plantings along Yale Creek, a tributary of Little Applegate River "that has been degraded by logging." This partnership with the Applegate River Watershed Council also will convert existing pastureland into oak woodlands. ReLeaf said that it will plant 1.7 million trees in nine western states during 2008, part of a total of nearly 4 million trees planned for the United States and abroad. Involved are Oregon, Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah.

NOTEPAD - Kerbyville Museum, to celebrate its reopening for 2008, will present a free Oregon Chautauqua program, "Magic Carpet Made of Steel: Songs of America's Railroads," on Saturday, April 26, at 1:30 p.m. at the RCC Kerby Belt Bldg. Details in next week's issue ... **Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival**, sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, is set for July 19 at Lake Selmac. Watch the *Noose* for details ... **Concerts in the Park**, also sponsored by I.V. Chamber, are on tap for this summer. Again, watch the *Noose* for details (and de-heads) ... **Overheard**: Yeah, I believe in God, but I'm not ready to put a fish on my car ... **A free Spring Garden Fair** is taking root for Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27 at the Josephine County Fairgrounds. Sponsored by OSU Extension Service JoCo Master Gardeners, there's an ad with details this issue ... The **I.V. Visitor Center** count for March was 639, a decrease of 11 from March 2007, reports Dulcie Moore, chamber office manager ... **A Sacred Salmon Ceremony** will be held along Rogue River in Gold Hill on June 13 to 15. For information about camping, phone Aggie Pilgrim at 474-0334, or Lucie Griffin at 474-2690 ... **T-shirt**: "With a shirt like this, who needs pants?"

LAST WORDS - Ever notice that anyone going slower than you is an idiot, but anyone going faster is a maniac? (George Carlin)

CJ Council looks askance at new ethics reporting form

As a sort of exodus involving Oregon public officials continues because of a new ethics form many call an invasion of privacy, Cave Junction city officials are taking their own special stand.

Near the end of the hour-long meeting in city hall Monday night, April 14, City Recorder Jim Polk stated that more than 100 public officials have resigned statewide because of the new law, Senate Bill 10. Included is the entire council from Elgin, and two members of the Brookings City Council.

Polk told the approximately 18 persons who attended the meeting that he is fighting the request for new information for himself. The state apparently feels he should be included in the ethics reform situation because it considers him the city manager. He indicated generally that he feels that the form demands inappropriate data in that it is too personal.

Councilman Margaret Miller noted that at the advice of City Attorney Patrick Kelly, she is returning her form with the notation:

"Under ORS 192.502 (2) information withheld under privacy concerns. Information will be provided to the appropriate government officials on a need-to-know basis where privacy can be protected."

The new form was championed by Speaker of the House Jeff Merkley (D-Portland), representative of District 47, who is now running for the Senate. The law requiring more information was passed by the 2007 Legislature for ethics reform, apparently because some legislators were caught a couple years ago accepting gratuities.

The new law affects all

city managers, city councilors and planning commissioners statewide. Information now required:

Name, address and description of business owned, partly owned or directed by the filer or member of household; names under which the filer or a member of his/her household did business in the previous calendar year.

Plus, the five most significant sources (not amounts) of income in the filer's household.

Also, the names of adults in the filer's household; names of relatives of the filer; real property the filer or member of his/her household owns or has an interest in, excluding the primary residence; any shared business with a registered lobbyist.

Also, value received by the filer for an office-related event such as a trip or conference; source of income greater than \$1,000 that was derived from a person or business with a legislative or administrative interest; source of debt owed a person or business with a legislative or administrative interest; amounts of honoraria more than \$50; and business investments of more than \$1,000 made by the filer or a member of the filer's household.

Mayor Tony Paulson commented several times about his intense personal dislike regarding Senate Bill 10. Councilors Dan Fiske and Trisha Arias made no comment about the new law. Councilman Don Moore was not present; Paulson said that he had asked for an excused absence.

In information provided the council by Polk, Mike McCauley, executive director of the League of Oregon Cities, said that, "While the pro-

visions of the new law are over-reaching and are legitimately causing consternation, the requirements remain the law." He also addressed "gaming the system."

McCauley noted, "... trying to create a technicality intended to avoid the law is probably not really going to work in the long run."

Polk said that a civil fine of up to \$10,000 could be levied against those not fulfilling requirements of the new law. Additional daily penalties also could accrue, he stated.

Water, Sewer Bills Responsibility Issue

The council held the first reading of Ordinance 514 that would make property owners

ultimately responsible for water and sewer bills. Polk and the mayor felt that the second reading would occur Monday, April 28.

But it was pointed out that the date conflicts with a forum for candidates for the Josephine County Board of Commissioners. Polk and Paulson probably will ponder the problem and proffer a pronouncement.

During a public hearing on the draft ordinance, property owner Sally Palmer requested a number of changes. The mayor said that they will be considered, and could be incorporated into a revised ordinance.

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Saturday, April 19, 2008

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Illinois Valley Senior Center
520 East River Street in Cave Junction

To purchase tickets or for more information phone 592-4147



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Got questions for the candidates?

Bring them to the I.V. News office
or email them to letters@illinois-valley-news.com
(subject: forum questions)

PUBLIC FORUM

Questions will be submitted to candidates for County Commissioner at the public forum.

Monday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Josephine County Building
Downtown Cave Junction

Forum co-sponsored by *Illinois Valley News*, I.V. Chamber of Commerce, and Community Media & Education Center

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