

Here, There, & Everywhere

SPLENDID BLENDS - Oregon Caves Chateau will host a mixer for the Illinois Valley and Grants Pass chambers of commerce on Friday, May 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be refreshments, with wine provided by Bridgeview Vineyards Winery, and Foris Vineyards. Dinner will be available from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; lodging is offered at a 20 percent discount. Phone 592-3400 for reservations.

'CLEAN SWEEP' - Saturday, May 17 is set for a volunteer clean-up project at Illinois River 'Forks' State Park, I.V. Visitor Center, and Caves Creek Camp-ground. Participants are to meet at the visitor center at 9 a.m. The work is to last until 1 p.m. The project is being coordinated by Illinois Valley Community Development Organization; phone 592-4440 for information or to advise of your planning to participate. Volunteers are to bring gloves, flat shovels, loppers, and snacks.

DANCERCISE WOW! - The Women Of Worth! (WOW!) program Tuesday, May 20 will present a dancercise program, called "a fun way to stay in shape in a safe-and-welcoming environment." The program, with snacks and beverages, will begin at 6 p.m. at the I.V. Safe House Alliance building on Lister Street next to the DMV office. Child-care and transportation assistance are available. Phone 592-2515.

ENERGETIC EVENT - *Energy Tax Credits for Business* is the title for a Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce symposium on Tuesday, May 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Bear Hotel in Downtown Grants Pass. Speakers will include Mark Kendall, of the Oregon Dept. of Energy; and Deanna Quimby of USDA Rural Development, which has improvement grants and loans. Phone 476-7717 to RSVP.

CRUSHIN' CUISINE - Rotary Club of Greater Grants Pass is sponsoring a benefit for Josephine County Fairgrounds, *2008 First Crush*, set for Saturday, June 7 at the historic Von Coelln residence at the fairgrounds in Grants Pass. *First Crush* is described as "a premier event showcasing Southern Oregon wine, food, cheese and chocolates." Additionally, there will be "incredible items" donated by businesses for a silent auction and raffle. The number of tickets is limited. They are available in Illinois Valley at the Cave Junction Branch of Evergreen Federal Bank, and at Grants Pass locations including the Grants Pass Chamber office.

TINKLE TIME - Have a good, seldom-used piano? Selma resident Tim Wallace, leader of the *Oregon Little Big Band*, would like to check its suitability as a donation to the music program at Lorna Byrne Middle School. His band recently gave a Jazz program at LBMS, and noted that a piano is needed. He can be reached at 597-2462.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - This summer the Josephine County Food Bank is undertaking two new projects. For *Plant A Row* it is asking residents to utilize their extra garden space (or grow veggies in pots) to support the hungry families of Josephine County. The second project is titled, *The Community Garden Project*. Because of a donation of land by Grants Pass resident Robert Hamlyn, the Josephine County Food Bank will be able to grow food to help meet the rising hunger need in the community. This project will allow the Food Bank to establish a much-needed food resource. Those interested in either project, or who would like to know how they can help, should phone 479-5556.

BIDDIN' BUCKS - Lovejoy Hospice is conducting an online auction through June 1 as a fund-raiser to help it offer services including children's hospice, and adult and children's bereavement services. Featured items include an authentic Nimbus 2000 Wizard Broom by *Harry Potter* artist Warren Olney, a NASCAR racing package, great get-aways, "and many hot deals." Visit www.lovejoyhospice.org or phone 474-1193.

CAMP HOOPLA - An Illinois Valley All-Star Basketball Camp is offered by IVHS coach Jeff Winters. Coed training will be conducted in the IVHS gym Monday through Thursday, June 16 to 19. There will be two sessions daily; one for grades three through five, and another for grades six through eight. Phone 597-4476 for details and to sign up. There is a fee.

NOTEPAD - Yakkety Yak, *Don't Talk Back* is the title of a free, public class that will be held Thursday, May 15 at 10 a.m. at I.V. Safe House Alliance quarters on Lister Street next to the DMV office. Phone 592-2515 for child-care or transportation assistance ... **A yard sale** to raise funds for sending History Day winners from Lorna Byrne Middle School to national competition in Washington, D.C. is set for Saturday, May 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's planned for the Sterling Savings Bank parking lot in Cave Junction ... **Relay for Life** is offering raffle tickets at Western Plaza on Saturday, May 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Susan Hatch will be between True Value Hardware and My Brother's Pub ... **Memorial Day** will be observed during two programs in Grants Pass. Details in next week's issue ... **Warren Olney**, known in connection with *Harry Potter* brooms, is the former public information officer for the U.S. Forest Service's Siskiyou National Forest ... **Funny questions:** "Why do they sterilize the needles for lethal injections?" "What is the speed of dark?" "If the #2 pencil is so popular, why is it still #2?" "If you become addicted to therapy, how can your condition be treated?" "If Wal-Mart lowers prices every day, how come nothing in the store is free yet?" **LAST WORDS:** "We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations." (Charles R. Swindoll)

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*IVFD will take precautionary measures or restrictions on those providing mutual aid unless they are members of the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association.

The board adopted the ordinance 5-0. Rich indicated that he simply wants to ensure that firefighters coming to the valley to help are certified and that their equipment is appropriate.

"A guy with a water tank in the back of his pickup is not suitable," he said.

The board also voted 5-0 to adopt the fiscal 2008-09 budget. It had been approved by the Budget Committee. The budget is comprised of \$935,962 in the general fund,

\$248,216 for bonded indebtedness, and \$28,345 in the reserve fund. The total is \$1,212,523; the tax rate will be \$1.87 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

In other matters, the board:

*Approved an open-ended medical leave-of-absence for Director Dusty Bouchard.

*Heard from Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer that resident Pat Wolke has been fined \$1,000 and faces another fine of \$7,000 in connection with citations in connection with escaped open burning.

*Learned from Schaeffer that a grant of \$3,000 was received from ODOT for

child car seats, and that some still remain with a \$20 co-pay. Appointments can be made by phoning 592-2225.

*Were told by Schaeffer that ODOT has agreed to a \$2,100 grant for promotional and security items related to car seat clinics.

*Were advised that a grant of \$3,000

has been OK'd by Oregon Special Districts that will pay for an apparatus lift at Hol-



(Illinois Valley News photo)

land Loop Station 4.

*Set the next board meeting for June 12.

Evergreen Bank shines with five-star rating from Bauer

Evergreen Federal Bank, headed by Brady Adams, is recognized as one of the strongest banks in the nation, as *Bauer Financial Reports* gives Evergreen a five-star rating.

"The rating, Bauer Financial's highest honor, is based on the overall financial picture of the bank," said Adams. This past quarter represents the 60th consecutive time that Evergreen Federal has earned this highest rating.

"It also earns the bank

the added prestige of being an 'Exceptional Performance Bank' for having earned this highest honor for 10 years or more.

"Only 15 percent of the nation's banks are branded as such," Adams said.

Evergreen Federal Bank is a strong supporter of the communities it serves. It has two branches in Grants Pass, plus branch offices to serve the communities of Cave Junction, Rogue River, Brookings, Bandon and Medford.

Letters to the Editor

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Gender/racial barrier
From Wally Hardie
Selma

This nation as a whole owes more than most of us realize to President Bush. Oh, I am aware that this president has only a 28 percent approval rating, and that's declining by the day or hour, but look at the truly great side of his time in office.

President Bush has made it possible for the unbelievable to occur. Had he been a mediocre president, or even a poor president, the American people would have continued to elect a Republican. We always keep a war-time president in office or elect another to continue his policies.

However, President Bush and company have performed to such a level that they will go down in history as or near the worst. But for this level of incompetence for the first time in the history of America, we will elect either a woman or a man of color. President Bush has allowed the gender/racial barrier to not only be broken, but for both a woman and a man of color to be on the same ticket at the same time.

Something only a very short time ago was unthinkable. Even though most Republicans will unite and vote against this new president, it will happen. And they will go down in history as those who voted for this historic event or those who continue to believe a woman or a man of color should never be a president of the United States.

Home Rule Charter
From Jim Rafferty
Selma

There's a lot of talk and media hype about changing our form of county government.

In 1958 our state Legislators authorized Oregon counties to become self-governing when the Home Rule Charter Act was adopted. We, and eight other counties, adopted "Home Rule" charters where the voters solely have the power to adopt and amend charter-controlled governments, rather than county governments being agents of,

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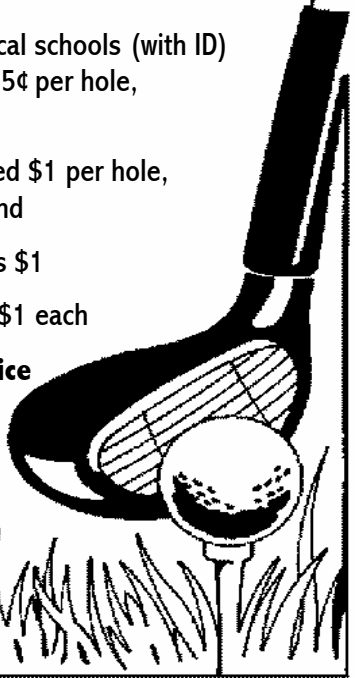
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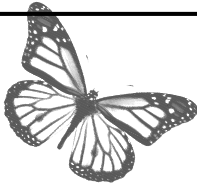
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Josephine County Fairgrounds • Grants Pass

Friday, May 16 12pm - 6pm	Saturday, May 17 9am - 6pm	Sunday, May 18 10am - 4pm
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\$2 Admission - Under 18 Free
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