

Here, There, & Everywhere

BRIDGEVIEW MIXER - Bridgeview Vineyards Winery on Holland Loop will host a mixer for Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce on Friday, June 20. The informal event -- to greet, meet and educate in fun ways -- will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. It's for members and possible members. There will be appetizers and beverages, including wine. For more information phone 592-4688.

SHARIN' CARIN' - Solstice Skill Share, a free day's worth of learning new skills, will be held Saturday, June 21 from noon to 9 p.m. by Spiral Living Center at the Frog Farm, 9044 Takilma Road. There will be at least 14 workshops throughout the day, including: wooden-handled tool repair, natural health care, upholstery repair, food preparation and storage, and self-massage. For more information, check the ad in this issue, or telephone 592-3642.

DOWN WITH WEEDS - Free training to recognize invasive weeds will be held Saturday, June 21 by Forestry Action Committee (FAC) and The Nature Conservancy. Training will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Butler Bldg. in the lower compound of the U.S. Forest Service facility in Cave Junction. There will be live specimens to examine, followed by a field trip to several locations. Snacks will be provided, but attendees can bring lunches, as the training will end by 1 p.m. at the Rough and Ready Creek Preserve. To attend, RSVP to Kyle Strauss at kstrauss@tnc.org or (541) 842-0284; or contact FAC at 592-4098.

CAR SHOW A-GO-GO - Cave Junction Lions Club will present the 10th annual Antique & Classic Car Show on Saturday, June 28 at Jubilee Park. There is no entry fee for spectators. Besides a big, bright display of stock, custom and restored vehicles, there will be entertainment by *Nicole Navarro & Band*. There will be a breakfast by Kerby Masonic Belt Lodge, and lunch by Eastern Star. Drawings for raffles and 50/50 awards also will be part of the day. Also: T-shirts, bicycle raffle, soft drinks and a number of crafters booths.

Additionally, the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation mobile unit will provide free preventative health screening. Adults can obtain screenings for visual acuity, hearing, blood pressure, glaucoma and diabetes (fasting for three hours prior required, although water and black coffee can be consumed). Elsewhere in this issue, check the CJ Lions ad, which is co-sponsored by Sterling Savings Bank and SOFCU Community Credit Union.

JUNIOR SAVINGS EVENT - Monday, June 30 is the deadline to sign up for a special occasion sponsored by the Junior Savings Program & Education Trust. The event, *Sharing American Dreams*, will be held Saturday, July 12 at Bridgeview Vineyards Winery. There will be hors d'oeuvres and wine-tasting, plus a Gold Digger Barbecue meal by Taylor's Sausage. Tickets are available by phoning Les & Pat Lesiecki, co-founders of Junior Savings, at 592-2999. The goal is to raise capital for an education trust to provide low-interest loans to students who participate in the Junior Savings program.

ALUMNI ILLUMINATION - Restaurants, I.V. Golf Course, homes and other Illinois Valley locations will be the sites of numerous get-togethers during Reunion '08, sponsored by the Association of IVHS Alumni and Friends and KUHS Alumni Inc. Members of the following classes are to attend: 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1973, 1978, 1988 and 1998. Keep watching the *Noose* for additional details as the Fourth of July weekend nears.

NOTEPAD - A Believers' Gathering featuring the Rev. Ricky Edwards from Pawnee, Okla. will be held Saturday, June 21 through Tuesday, June 24 at the county building in Cave Junction. See the ad in this issue ... **A car wash** with donations accepted will be held by I.V. Little League on Saturday, June 21 at Subway in CJ. There's an ad in this issue ... **"Jerusalem Marketplace"** is the title of family adventures at Community Bible Church in Cave Junction and Selma's First Baptist Church from Monday, June 23 through Friday, June 27. View the ads in this issue ... **Super Kids Summer Fun** is the theme for a free day program sponsored by I.V. Safe House Alliance. It'll be held from Tuesday, June 24 to July 17. It's for those ages 4 to 10. Phone 592-2515 ... **"Three miles to the dollar"** is the calculation by one Cave Junction resident, among many, irked about rising gasoline prices ... **Art & Wine** will be among features of Southern Oregon Guild's special evening in Kerby on Friday, June 27. Check the ad in this issue ... **Oregon Caves** National Monument has a new National Park Service superintendent: Vicki Snitzler. She replaces Craig Ackerman, who has become superintendent at Crater Lake National Park ... **Iron Horse Rodeo** is planned for June 27 through 29 at Lake Selmac ... **Funny questions:** *When does it stop being partly cloudy and become partly sunny? *Is it possible to daydream at night? *How come skating on thin ice can put you in hot water? *If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?

LAST WORDS - *The problem of power is how to achieve its responsible use rather than its irresponsible and indulgent use; of how to get men of power to live for the public rather than off the public. (Robert F. Kennedy)

*Keeping your body healthy is an expression of gratitude to the whole cosmos: the trees, the clouds, everything. (Thich Nhat Hanh)

Letters to the Editor

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40-hour academies annually for the basic Ground Searcher. In addition, the six specialty teams are required to attend intensive training in their fields of interest.

We have qualified teams in Swiftwater Rescue, Mountain Rescue, Dive Team, K-9, Communications and Snow Rescue. Each volunteer must also maintain their First Aid and CPR credentials.

SAR is a nonprofit organization, and most of the money used to supply training and purchase the specialized rescue equipment and supplies comes from donations raised right here in Josephine County. Although SAR works under direction of the sheriff, our organization is not funded by the sheriff's office or Josephine County tax dollars.

Once again we are reaching out to county residents for donations to help support our efforts. Every dollar will make a difference. Gifts of any amount could help save a life, maybe yours or someone you love.

We are here for any emergency. If you, or someone you know, gets stranded in the snow or threatened by flooding, or other disaster, or a child is overdue from a hike -- phone 911 immediately. They will phone us.

At SAR, our commitment is to saving lives through rapid response and we will use every available resource to serve our community. Our address is P.O. Box 814, Grants Pass OR 97528.

'Hedonist fun,' she says From Linda S. Tedder Cave Junction

I couldn't believe it when I picked up the May 21 edition of *Illinois Valley News* and right on the front page were people sitting on a swamped pickup truck right in the river. In Cave Junction.

How did that 4-by-4 become swamped? Oh yes, their drivers, just out for a good time, put them there. They were advised strongly against running their environmental polluters in the waterways. That's all?

No citations, no impounding of the vehicles? So now the recreational vehicle groups are calling the shots? Does anyone have any idea just how much one sitting oily, greasy vehicle can do to a riverbed or stream? Does anyone care?

Do we need signs stating, "No driving gasoline-powered vehicles in rivers or streambeds"? Seems that Oregon always has claimed to be very "environmentally conscious." I remember the sayings, "Don't Califormicate Oregon," and, "Take pictures, leave footprints, now go home." Guess there is a new breed of Oregonians now. Where is DEQ when we need it?

Expulsion rationale protested From Dusty Rhodes Cave Junction

Despite the fact that Misty Rhodes, my granddaughter, has been an exemplary student and has brought honor to Lorna Byrne Middle School, her mother and I feel that she has been singled out unfairly by Principal Damian Crowson.

The story goes like this. Misty, minding her own business during lunch, was blocked by two boys who begged her to sell them a practical joke. After being badgered, she finally agreed. Before classes the next morning, she gave the boy the jokes (which are strings that pop when you pull them).

The boy took them into the building and then distributed them to four other boys. They then popped them in the boys restroom. The boy who took them into the building, distributed them, and popped them received a one-day suspension (the last day of school), as did his four friends.

Assistant Principal Sandra Stellflug and Crowson, in their infinite wisdom, determined that Misty was the ringleader and punished her with a five-day suspension. With only four days left, the suspension really amounted to an expulsion.

Crowson, also on his own accord, banned Misty from the school property (which is reserved for expelled students) and that prohibited her from playing in the band for the Moving Up ceremony. Misty's parents were not consulted prior to her "sentencing," which violates Misty's rights, according to the Three Rivers School District *Student Handbook*: "In all cases of discipline, students have the right to minimal due process when they may be subject to detention, suspension, or expulsion."

Superintendent Jerry Fritts subsequently said that students do not necessarily have the rights specified in the handbook. His comments were in connection with, "In all cases of discipline, students have the right to minimal due process when they may be subject to detention, suspension, or expulsion."

Even though Misty did not have minimal due process, her rights were not violated, the superintendent feels. We are going to file a formal protest.

Fence at I.V. Airport From Roger Brandt Cave Junction

I attended the Josephine County Commissioner meeting in Anne Basker Auditorium on Wednesday, June 11 because one of the items on the agenda was the Illinois Valley Airport fence project. Another item regarded the new airport master plan.

Airports Manager Alex Grossi was there and said that he is planning to hold four public meetings to gather input for the plan, and is planning to form a Master Plan Committee. He also said that the new fence will be going around the perimeter of the existing county-owned airport

property.

I heard from another source (Phil Killian, JoCo property manager) that this will be a 6-foot-tall fence with concertina wire on top.

I got up during the public comment period and stated my concerns about the damage this fence might do to the integrity of the Rough and Ready Botanical Wayside. I have already sent email messages to them regarding this issue, as well as concerns about the impact of the fence on the historic smokejumper base.

Once this fence is up, it sounds like the only way to get in to the airport by foot or vehicle will be through gates with coded locks that need either a special card or key pad combination to enter.

I didn't get any information about whether or not the fence will be built in front of the hangars on private property along the east border of the airport. There was also no information provided on how visitors who fly in are supposed to get in and out of the airport.

The Illinois Valley Lions Club that meets in a building at the former smokejumper base is also going to have a problem with access.

One of the things that doesn't make sense about installing a fence at this time is the fact that work will soon begin on a new airport master plan, and it is uncertain what changes might be considered.

However, the main argument for moving ahead with the fencing project is the assertion that the fence must be

installed now because fences like this are now required around every airport by the Dept. of Homeland Security, or the FAA or who knows who. Hard to get a straight answer.

The cost for the fence will be approximately \$200,000. It is unclear when it will be installed.

Military, flag, pledge From Justin Norvell Cave Junction

I'm writing about Catherine Austin's letter to the editor on March 12. Austin wrote that Illinois Valley High School Vice Principal Patty Dickens-Turk and Librarian Ed Faircloth were out of line for their comments about Austin's daughter not reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Austin said that her daughter has the right to recite the pledge, but she went over the line by saying that the flag stands for nothing. Then she said that the Constitution has everything that we need to understand about the United States.

The Constitution made us a nation, but the Constitution did not fight the Revolutionary War. When the shot that was heard around the world started the war, the flag was right next to the soldiers who spilled their blood for our country. So there should be more respect for the flag from the people of the United States.

I think that Austin should apologize to the Armed Forces, Dickens-Turk, and Faircloth.



Vacation Bible School

Jerusalem Marketplace



First Baptist Church
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
597-4169
June 23-27, 9 a.m. - noon
Ages 5 - 13 years
Pre-registration available

Kate's Redwood Bar & Grill presents

Concerts by the Creek

in Wonder,

featuring **The Morels** Saturday, June 28

Beer Garden 6:30 to 10:30, Live Music 7 to 11

~ **Food Available** ~

Come enjoy an evening under the stars!



Sorry, no outside beverages, no minors, no pets.
476-8990

Say you saw it in the
Illinois Valley News

Dear Illinois Valley Community,

In early May, the Class of '08 held an unofficial "Senior Skip" day and had a party at the old campground on Upper Deer Creek Road. Unfortunately, a large mess was made as well as some vandalism with spray paint. This land is public access, and owned by the Bureau of Land Management, so we felt that it was more important that we clean up the site than try to point the finger at who was responsible. In our effort we hauled away an old dumpsite full of trash, masked the unsightly spray paint, and cleaned up the area in an attempt to make it look nicer than it did before the damage was done. We'd like to issue an apology to the BLM, local law enforcement and Deer Creek Residents, as well as thank the seniors who showed up to help with the cleanup.

Sincerely, Forrest Roth, Class of '08 President



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The Guild Gallery 592-5019
In the RCC Belt Building, Kerby and

At the Farm 592-6078