

Here, There, & Everywhere

FREE MUSIC - On Thursday, July 17, *Southern Oregon Blues Band* will perform for Concerts in the Park, sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. Each concert in the annual series in Jubilee Park in Cave Junction runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, and soft drinks are available. Attendees should bring their own chairs. The audience also can participate in the 50-50 raffle, used by the chamber to pay for the musicians.

ZONTA BUCKS - Josephine Community Libraries Inc. (JCLI), which is working to reopen county libraries, is helping to promote sales of tickets offered by Zonta Club members for the annual Extreme Dream Raffle. JCLI is encouraging sales because Zonta has said that it will present a grant of up to \$10,000 from its raffle to purchase computers for the library system. Tickets are available in Cave Junction at Dave's Outdoor Power Equipment, and in Grants Pass at Blind George's. For more information phone Nancy Smith at 471-9446.

BUSINESS BOOSTER - Because of construction to add an economic development office, the RCC Illinois Valley Learning Center in Kerby will be closed until approximately early December. The overall facility will feature a Northwest lodge-style appearance. RCC is establishing a Business Entrepreneurial Center (BEC) program in collaboration with Illinois Valley Community Development Organization, Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development Inc., and Josephine County. Most of the project funding, said RCC, is from a \$300,000 USDA grant with additional funding from the county, RCC Foundation and the Four Way Foundation. The Southern Oregon Guild Gallery in the RCC Belt Bldg. also is closed temporarily.

Regarding the BEC program, Peter Angstadt, RCC president, stated "The center will help fledgling business owners get started, and help existing owners who want to ramp-up production and take their business to the next level. We'll help point them in the right direction to take advantage of opportunities out there."

'TAPS' FOR VETS - Cremains from 14 identified veterans recently were given military honors and interment at Eagle Point National Cemetery. Three of the 14 are World War I veterans; the remaining 11 represent vets from World War II to the Vietnam War. "We are working diligently to locate, identify and provide proper military burials for these veterans' remains," said Jim Willis, director of the Oregon Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

MAKING THE GRADE - Longtime valley resident Gilly Squire notes an error in a July 2 story in the *Noose*. The story included the notation that Kerbyville Masons in 1979 bought the former Kerbyville Union High School. Squire reports that actually it was the Kerby Grade School, not the high school.

CANINE ATTRACTION - Josephine County Parks & Rec Dept. plans to construct a dog park in the Schroeder Park day-use area in Grants Pass. It would have two sections to separate large dogs from smaller pets. Donations of fencing, gates and a pooper scooper disposal unit would provide animals space to run freely off-leash, which is not allowed elsewhere in the park. Contributions so far total \$3,500, approximately half the total needed. For more information contact Kevin Entriiken at 474-5285.

NOTEPAD - A spaghetti feed "with fun, laughter and great music" will be held Saturday, July 26 by Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance. It will begin at 6 p.m. at the alliance building on Lister Street ... **An outdoor service** and pot-luck picnic will be held on Sunday, July 27 by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Phone 592-2290 for details ...

Gayle Wilson and *Sh-Boom* will present a Back to the '50s concert on Tuesday, July 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Riverside Park during a free concert sponsored by Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce ... **Barbership harmonizing** is available to women of all ages through the Rogue Valley Women's Barbershop Chorus. Like to sing? It's possible to be a guest for up to four months without joining. Practices are held Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 at the Boys & Girls Club in Grants Pass. For more information phone President Marty Patten at 476-6262 ... **Newspaper goofs:** *Besides their daughter Susan, and Dennis, an altered boy at St. Mark's, the couple has three other children. *An inmate at the prison said he was awakened and thrown from his bed by a loud blast in his pajamas. *Five outlaw motorcyclists are to be arraigned in connection with a fight at the town diner. No one was seriously injured, except a waitress who was bruised in the fracas. *Huge Pacific smells caused by an Alaskan tidal wave threatened beach homes.

LAST WORDS - I don't believe in a government that protects us from ourselves. (President Reagan)

Cemetery water bill, LUBA legal ruling mark blustery meeting

Irritation with periods of calm marked a meeting of the Cave Junction City Council during which a Merlin resident twice was ordered to sit down and not speak.

In one occurrence Monday night, June 14 in city hall, Mayor Tony Paulson told

Holger Sommer, a land-use and policy activist who lives in Merlin, that he (the mayor) did not recognize him as a spokesman for Laurel Cemetery Association (LCA). Sommer was with rural Cave Junction resident Joel Perkins, who was authorized by

LCA to represent it in connection with a water bill.

LCA early in June was billed for nearly \$51,000 due to a broken pipe. However, due to what the city said was a computer program error involving an errant zero, it subsequently was determined that the bill actually should be \$4,503. Perkins on Monday night took the position that not only can LCA not pay the bill "whether \$50,000 or \$4,500," but that the city's inaccuracy raises the specter that perhaps many billings are incorrect.

This contention was intensely denied by Paulson and City Recorder Jim Polk. Perkins continued to hammer at the discrepancy involving LCA, saying that initially the city stated there was no mistake and statements that the original bill was correct.

On behalf of LCA he

asked that the \$4,500 bill be dismissed. City Councilman Dan Fiske said that in order to be fair to taxpayers, some other arrangement might be reached. He also noted, "I don't think we're interested in taking over the cemetery" and suggested a "variable cost."

Eventually, the council agreed that the city should determine what it cost to process the more than 2 million gallons of water for which LCA was billed. Perkins is to meet with Polk regarding a final solution.

Another period of annoyance, resulting in some exasperation, occurred near the end of the meeting when Sommer presented a \$7,936 check for legal fees incurred by the city because of an appeal he filed with the state Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). He was ordered by

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production efforts.

For most of us, the costs of gas, food, housing, fuel, roads and law enforcement are getting out of hand -- and the environmental extremists are primarily responsible. We should take time to recognize these people and give them our special blessing because they have allowed us to give up so much on behalf of their extremist beliefs.

Environmental extremists have discounted the guiding principles of conservationist Gifford Pinchot, when he helped establish the U.S. Forest Service. Pinchot understood values of Nature and how to protect the forests with a balance of economics and management of our resources.

Integrated forest management strategies look at the health of the forest within an adaptive management context. Plans call for the development of a variety of stand structures across the landscape. This will, in turn, benefit local and regional economies while providing ample opportunities for forest recreation such as hunting,

berry picking, wildlife viewing and hiking.

Healthy forest ecosystems with varied stand structures also have an added benefit as a deterrent against forest fires. Plans also have strategies for properly functioning aquatic and riparian habitats which will benefit the recreational and commercial fisheries.

Because environmental extremists have successfully blocked almost all federal timber sales through our legal system, we now have densely stocked, unhealthy forests resulting in catastrophic annual forest fires.

Don't blame Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi for not renewing legislation to obligate money for federal timber payments.

Activists have been pressuring and suing governments and agencies for decades. Activists are excluding science and proven safe practices to scare people into paying more for fuel that is not safer for the environment.

The result is a system of government bowing to special interests. It's called tyranny by the minority -- and the rest of us are paying the price.

Club & Organization Notes

Rotary Club

of Illinois Valley

The ducks are coming. The fifth annual Rogue Duck Derby will be held in Grants Pass on Sept. 27. Funds raised will help with capital improvements to athletic facilities at area high schools. Adoption locations in Illinois Valley include Bi-Rite Auto Parts and Home Valley Bank. I.V. Rotary will staff duck adoption booths at the Concerts in the Park, Bluegrass Festival, Blackberry and Labor Day festivals, and Art Walk. Prizes include \$20,000 toward the purchase of a new car or truck and vacation packages.

The club will host its first scramble golf tournament on Saturday, July 26 at Illinois Valley Golf Course.

Sign-ins will begin at 8 a.m.; shotgun start at 9 a.m. A \$50 per-person fee includes continental breakfast, 18-holes of golf, thirst-aid station offering teas and juices, and a Taylor's barbecue during the awards ceremony.

No experience, no shoes, no clubs? No problem. Phone Billie Coakley for details at 592-3350, or email cabinchemist@cavenet.com.

Rotary Club of Illinois Valley meets Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the Junction Inn's Boswell Room.

Illinois Valley Lions Club

The club installed new officers for 2008-09 July 8.

The new officers are Dennis Reviea, president; Steve Lyons, first vice president; Mark Camp, second vice president; Tom Lindewell, third vice president; Chris Smith, secretary; Lewie Spencer, treasurer.

Presentations also included recognition of new board members George McElroy, Harry Johnson, and John Gibson. Club members Dave Anderson and Richard Strohl each received the Helen Keller Award, and Lion of the Year recognition went to Dale Hatch.

They will continue the club's involvement with a number of community projects, including five scholarships to Illinois Valley High

School students, support for the high school wrestling team, a Little League baseball team, the Boys & Girls Club, Guide Dog Program, Lovejoy Hospice, American Red Cross Bloodmobile, and Boys & Girls State Program. Additionally, they maintain and loan durable medical equipment from potty chairs to electric wheelchairs, and provide assistance in getting prescribed eye-glasses and hearing aids.

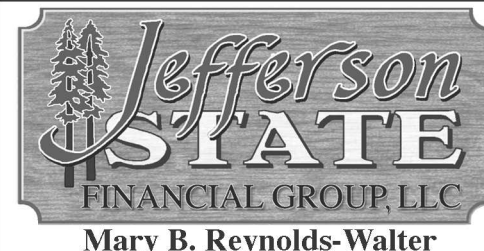
I.V. Lions Club also organizes and produces the annual Easter Egg Hunt, and the annual Labor Day Parade & Festival in Jubilee Park.

The club's major source of funding for the community projects is the annual drawing for a motorcycle. This year's drawing is for a 2008 Harley Davidson FXDL-Dyna Low Rider valued at \$17,110. Only 300 tickets at \$100 each are printed, so the odds of winning a new bike are one in 300. The drawing will be held at 6 p.m. on Labor Day in Jubilee Park, and the winner need not be present.

Siskiyou Field Institute

Tuesday, July 22 is the deadline to sign up for the annual dinner that will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, July 25 at Deer Creek Center following a 6 p.m. social hour.

At 8 p.m., keynote speakers -- Dr. Darlene Southworth, Jonathan L. Frank, and Robert A. Coffan -- from the departments of biology and environmental studies at Southern Oregon University at Ashland will present *Hidden Diversity: Mushrooms Underwater and Underground*.



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for more info, phone Sheila 218-1642

A little trivia: Where was Paul headed when he met Jesus in his vision? Last weeks answer: Luke.

Curry County Fair

July 24-27

\$1,000s in Prizes

Tuff Trucks - \$1,000 Split

Saturday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Tuff Powder Puff - \$1,000

Demolition Derby - \$1,000

Sunday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

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