

Arts & Entertainment

Keyboard sweet-sounding donation

Ads in *Illinois Valley News* requesting piano donations for the Lorna Byrne Middle School (LBMS) and Illinois Valley High School (IVHS) music programs have paid off, according to musician Tim Wallace.

Wallace presented a Jazz workshop for LBMS students before summer break. The students were so enthusiastic about the music that Wallace



(From left) Darlene Ness, Sean McKee and Sonny Ness (Photos by Tim Wallace)

placed ads in the *I.V. News* seeking donated pianos for the two schools.

Darlene & Sonny Ness, of O'Brien, donated a Yamaha Clavinova keyboard this month. IVHS Music Director Sean McKee tested the keyboard on Friday, July 18 and was thrilled to receive the keyboard for the school music program.

"Two fine quality acoustic pianos are still desired for concerts and public presentations by the high school," said Wallace.

"However," he said, "this quality digital keyboard will be most useful for classroom and rehearsals directed by Sean McKee. The memory portion of the keyboard will allow for advance accompaniments to be prepared so that McKee can then focus on rehearsing the live ensemble while the keyboard plays



Sean McKee with Clavinova

the background music with the touch of a button."

McKee said that he is most grateful to Darlene & Sonny Ness for their thoughtful contribution.

To contact Wallace about a possible piano donation, email tim@twmusic.com or phone 592-2462. Wallace and McKee said that the schools remain eager to have pianos to enhance music classes and performances.

~Linda Corey Woodward



Southern Oregon Blues Band played for an exuberant crowd in Jubilee Park Thursday evening, July 18 for a Concert in the Park sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. Another free concert for spectators will be held Thursday, July 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The performance will be by *Dandelion Jo*, which played Saturday, July 19 at the Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival in Selma. Audience members can participate in the 50/50 drawing, the proceeds of which are used to defray entertainment costs. (Photo by Ali Madjdi for *I.V. News*)

Oregon uniqueness Chautauqua topic

An in-depth look at Oregon's eccentricities will be offered by the Selma Community and Education Center (SCEC) when it hosts author Connie Battaile's Oregon Chautauqua Program, *Out of the Ordinary Oregon*, on Saturday, Aug. 2 at 1:30 p.m.

From the state motto of *Alis Volat Propiis* (She Flies with Her Own Wings), to the "Keep Portland Weird" bumper stickers, Oregonians long have demonstrated an appreciation for independent thinking and a high degree of tolerance for the unusual. A retired reference librarian,

Battaile has researched curious events in Oregon history that may further confirm that this state is an unusual place.

She will recount natural disasters such as the Heppner and Vanport floods of 1903 and 1948, human foibles including the Stumbo Strip and the "infamous" exploding whale story. And she will illustrate her presentation with slides of maps and his-

torical photos.

This free-to-the-public Oregon Chautauqua Program, sponsored by the Oregon Council for the Humanities, will be held at the Selma Center, 18255 Redwood Hwy. (a short distance north of Ray's Food Place) in Selma.

For more information phone 597-2007.

Nature Man demonstrated bare truth

By ROGER BRANDT
For IVN

There was no doubt that the idea of a man going into the woods completely naked to live off the land for two months would be an eye-catcher in any headline.

It was an adventure with anticipation that it would be syndicated in newspapers throughout the nation, but more importantly, it was decided that the two-month "man against Nature" experiment would be conducted in the Siskiyou Mountains.

The possibility that this stunt might become a national

story was not unreasonable. Joe Knowles did the same experiment in 1913 for the *Boston Post*, and the adventure was widely syndicated, much to the consternation of the *Boston American*, the competing newspaper owned by William Randolph Hearst.

Not to be out done, the *San Francisco Examiner*, the Hearst flagship newspaper on the West Coast, sponsored its version of what Knowles had done in Maine.

However, the *Examiner* had learned an important lesson from Knowles' experience in Maine, or more specifically, from its sister newspaper, the *Boston American*, which published several aggressive articles declaring Knowles' adventures to be a farce. The attacks were more likely intended to undermine the integrity of the competing newspaper than to defame Knowles, but there was a valid concern that without having a way to verify Knowles claims, the *Ex-*

aminer would be vulnerable to the same types of attacks.

For this reason, they hired two professors and a photographer to go along and set up an observation camp on the fringe of the wilderness where Knowles would conduct his experiment.

The *Examiner* wasted no time sensationalizing the story and the fact that there were cougars in this region. That inspired the banner announcement: Wild Beasts Roar Invitation To Joe Knowles. With this introduction echoing through the media, Knowles arrived on July 13, 1914 in Grants Pass, where he added his own dramatic flare to the mix of publicity. In an article printed in the July 22, 1914 edition of the *Daily Courier* Knowles stated that "if he did not meet a bear, a cougar or other wild animals he would regret it very much and should any of these animals show themselves, they would not get away."

The following day, Knowles and others in his group left by auto for the forested slopes of the Siskiyou Mountains by way of Sucker Creek to the Josephine (Oregon) Caves. The group stopped Monday night to camp and scouted around for a suitable place for Knowles to conduct his man against Nature experiment. They returned to Grants Pass and announced that conditions near the Oregon-California line were ideal for the wildest undertaking a man would wish to experience.



Joe Knowles in the Siskiyou, 1914

Help sought

A "Bill Miller Relief Fund" has been established at Sterling Savings Bank in Cave Junction, as the former area resident, known to many as a singer and guitarist, is dealing with cancer.

He has no insurance. Although the prognosis is good despite stage 4 throat cancer, the family could use help. They currently live in Idaho, and his wife is working two jobs, as Miller is unable to do much because of chemotherapy.

The account number is 59997345434. Persons who want to help can make a one-time donation or pledge payments. More information is available from MarNel January at (541) 727-1576.

Miller had been affiliated with Illinois Valley Home Ministry Fellowship with Reb. Beverly Clapp. Prior to taking medical leave and moving out-of-state, he had a job with a Grants Pass car dealer. He was told that his job would be held for him. However, the dealer has rescinded its agreement.

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EVENTS CALENDAR



Wednesday, July 23
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Thursday, July 24
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Friday, July 25
- Sequoia, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter
- DJ "Dance Night", 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Saturday, July 26
- Place & History - In Search of the Pacific Northwest, 1:30 p.m., FREE at the Selma Center (Chautauqua program presented by Illinois Valley Section of the Sierra Club)
- Tidewater Groove Band, 7-11 p.m. at Kate's Redwood Bar & Grill in Wonder
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

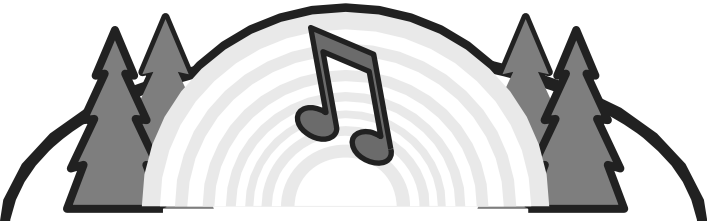
Sunday, July 27
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Monday, July 28
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Tuesday, July 29
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, August 9
- Folk for Freedom Concert and Dinner, 6 p.m. at Takilma Community Center (Dome School)
More info at www.patrickdodd.com

PHONE 592-2541
TO ADD AN EVENT TO THIS CALENDAR



Concerts in the Park

Thursday Evenings, Jubilee Park, 6:30-8:30

July 24 ~ Dandelion Jo
July 31 ~ Taylor Rose
August 7 ~ Jefferson

Refreshments available ~ Bring your own seating

Sponsored by: I.V. Chamber of Commerce and Bridgeview Vineyard, Carlos Restaurante, Century 21-Jim Frick, Century 21-Luz A. Moore, Crocker Financial Services, Evergreen Federal Bank, Eye Care Group, Illinois Valley News, Northwest Airlines, River Mountain Printing, Rough & Ready Lumber Co., SOFCU Community Credit Union, Sterling Savings Bank, Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co.

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ACROSS

1 Vehicle compartment
4 Bad (pref.)
8 Legal weight of a rupee
12 Certified Public Accountant (abbr.)
13 Chin. dynasty
14 Olive genus
15 Mulberry of India
16 Hing
18 Jute/lander
20 Mother of Poltux
21 Dadaist
23 Carriage
25 Syphilis
26 Oaf
27 Palestine Liberation Organ. (abbr.)
30 Lady's title
31 Civet
32 Limb
33 Adjective-

forming (sut.)
34 Thought
35 Bull (pref.)
36 Maple genus
37 Hop
38 Treatment
40 Stag
41 Acacia (2 words)
44 Edible seed
47 Viking
49 Adriatic seaport
49 Sphere
50 Concert halls
51 Fertilizer ingredient
52 Drop

DOWN

1 Circuit Court of Appeals (abbr.)
2 Amazon tributary
3 Alopecia
4 Sing

5 S. Afr. fox
6 Central Intelligence Agency (abbr.)
7 Dolt
8 Tribe symbol
9 Foul-smelling
10 Maiden loved by Zeus

11 Wider than AAAA
17 Overjoy
19 Donkey
21 Borden calf
22 N.Z. bird
23 Hard question
24 Sambar deer
26 Millrace
27 Bolt (2 words)
28 Weakly colored (pref.)
29 Monster
31 Kitchen tool
35 Pitch
36 Braz. timber tree
37 Rom. province
38 Coagulated milk
39 Female friend (Fr.)
40 Employ
41 Man's name: abbr.
42 Father: Arabic
43 Exclude
45 Age
46 Warp yarn



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You're invited...



to a performance by the

Libby Goines Trio

with **John Trujillo** - base guitar
& **Abe Perea** - conga/percussion

Wednesday, August 6, 2 p.m., RSVP

Horizon Village will host Chinese salad & drinks.
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