

Here, There, & Everywhere

TUNEFUL PARKIN' - On Thursday, July 31, *Taylor Rose* will play for Concerts in the Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Jubilee Park in Cave Junction. There is no admission charge. Barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers, and soft drinks will be available. Attendees should bring chairs. The audience also can participate in the 50-50 raffle, used by the chamber to pay for the musicians. The mover behind ticket sales is Howard Hill of Antique Alley Custom Rod Shop. The annual concert series is sponsored for the community by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce.

BLACKBERRIES & MORE - Illinois Valley once again will celebrate all things blackberry during the second week-end during August. Festivities in Cave Junction will start with Second Friday Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 8, and continue with the 27th annual Illinois Valley Wild Blackberry Arts & Crafts Festival on Saturday and Sunday, the 9th and 10th. See next week's issue for more details.

TALENT ALERT - The 2008 Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival (Aug. 30 and 31, and Sept. 1) is approaching rapidly. The talent show again will be part of the festivities, and amateurs of all ages are encouraged to participate. The talent show will be held Aug. 30 for Juniors, Aug. 31 for Intermediates, and Sept. 1 for Adults. Winners will take home cash prizes. The deadline to enter is Aug. 27. For additional information or to sign up, phone 596-2719 or 592-2252.

FOR FATHERS - A Fathers Program, designed to help dads take active roles in parenting their children and grow into men of God, is under way at Pregnancy Center of Illinois Valley. Meetings are planned on first and third Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the same schedule as the Bridges to Motherhood program. Baby-sitting is available. For more information phone 592-6058, or sign up at the center weekdays from noon to 5 p.m. at 319 Caves Hwy., the former location of Siskiyou Community Health Center.

LIFE LINES ALIVE - The work of its prison ministry through a monthly newsletter continues at Cave Junction-based Life Lines. The group, which will mark its 14th anniversary in October, has mailed nearly 20,000 letters since Jan. 1. Life Lines will sell blackberry items during Second Friday Art Walk on Aug. 8 and during the Blackberry Festival. The sale is the number-one fund-raiser of the year for Life Lines.

NOTEPAD - A therapeutic riding arena to benefit the area is the goal at The Glass Rail Outfit, where a volunteer workday is set for Wednesday, Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to noon at 27742 Redwood Hwy. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Volunteers should bring gloves and wear work clothes, and bring tools including hammers, post-pounders and shovels. Phone 592-4658 for directions or more information ... **Financial Fitness** Workshops are planned by SOFCU Community Credit Union in Medford beginning Tuesday, Aug. 5. The free sessions will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 26 to help people get back on track financially. Phone Maggie Burrows, SOFCU financial coach, at 471-8602 ... **GT and The Beckoning** will perform on Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Riverside Park during a free concert sponsored by Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce ... **A call for artists** is issued for the 12th annual Jacksonville Celebrates the Arts event on Aug. 29 through 31. Featured will be sculptures, ceramics, paintings, photos, jewelry, fiber art and musicians. For more info or an entry packet phone Viola Davis at 899-8019 or contact her through Jeanena@charternet.net ...

On Monday, July 21, said the Southern Oregon Chapter of the American Red Cross, it provided emergency assistance to David & Martha Hodges, who were displaced by a July 10 fire that destroyed their home in rural Cave Junction ... **Newspaper goofs:** "Because of repairs to the church interior, services will not be held as usual this Sunday." "It was no hasty marriage, said the bridegroom, since he and his bride had been enraged for nine years." "Asked about the filibuster, the senator said he felt that it would result in far more harm than good." "The mayor halted further discussion, saying, "Because the amendment has been so overwhelmingly defeated, there is no point in holding a post-mortem on something already dead."

LAST WORDS - A public man must never forget that he loses his usefulness when he as an individual, rather than his policy, becomes the issue. (President Nixon)

You're invited...



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Regulation activist threatens CJ Council with legal action

A municipal watchdog put the Cave Junction City Council on notice with what he termed "a civil threat" that the "slightest impropriety" would result in legal action.

Holger T. Sommer, a Merlin resident who maintains oversight on various public bodies, made the statement Monday night, July 28 in Cave Junction City Hall. He addressed the council at the conclusion of its one-hour meeting during the Comments from the Public time.

"I'm not here to give you a hard time," said Sommer. "I'm here to help you avoid mistakes, and you've made many. I'm not going away. I'm threatening you, but it is a civil threat."

"I'll be watching you very closely. I have the resources to sue you, and the slightest impropriety will result" (he stated) in legal action. The council made no response.

At the start of the meeting, Sommer disputed the accuracy of the minutes from the July 14 meeting. Mayor

Tony Paulson told him to come in Tuesday and point out what he sees in error.

Earlier this month, Sommer had to pay the city \$7,936 for legal fees incurred by the city due to an annexation appeal he made to the state Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). The agency rejected his claims, and ordered him to pay the city for fees charged by City Attorney Patrick Kelly.

During the July 14 meeting, when Sommer rendered his check, the council also voted to seek reimbursement for another appeal to LUBA made by Sommer. Monday night, the activist demanded, under a public records request, all billings and payments made to Kelly since Jan. 1, 2007. He included the billing for his working on the Sommer's second appeal.

The Merlin resident said he feels that the \$7,600 now pending for Kelly for the second appeal "is outrageous for a small motion."

Sommer and rural Cave Junction resident "Sally"

Palmer wanted to address a Redwood Hwy. Local Improvement District (LID). Paulson denied them, although they kibitzed from the audience, stating that the matter of dealing with an engineer's report was not a public hearing.

The council voted 5-0 in favor of accepting the engineering report. It involves modifications exempting some property owners from assessed for LID work.

Sommer observed from the audience that he feels the city does not have authority, under Oregon Revised Statutes, to implement an LID on a state highway. After the meeting, he spoke with Councilman Don Moore about the matter and gave *Illinois Valley News* a copy of his statement. He did not make it public because, he said, he was denied permission to speak to it during the meeting.

Cemetery Water Bill Negotiation Pending

In another matter the council voted 4-1 to charge Laurel Cemetery Association

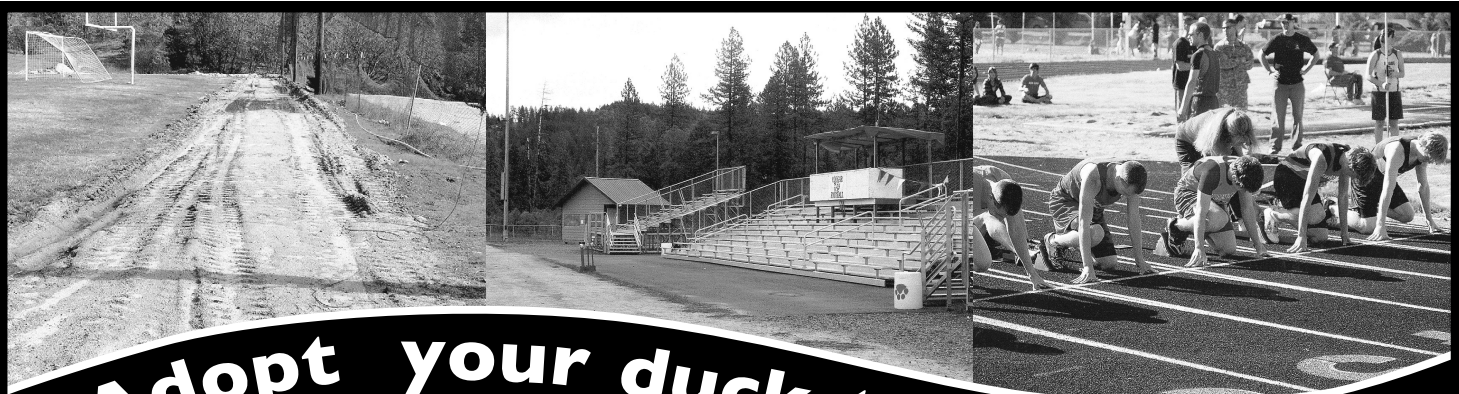
\$4,503.58 for 1.3 million gallons of water. Further, an association aide will meet with City Recorder Jim Polk to devise a payment plan.

Councilor Trisha Arias voted "No." She explained after the meeting that her view is that the bill "should just go away." She characterized the situation as an "oops" by the city.

The original billing early in June was for nearly \$51,000. But that was corrected after John Plute, of Kerby Water District, pointed out a discrepancy in the billing due to a computer glitch.

The \$4,503 represents the actual cost for the water and its processing that went through the cemetery meter due to a broken pipe. The council also:

*Awarded a low bid of \$42,208 to Copeland Sand & Gravel to complete the S. Caves Avenue overlay project. The city has \$25,000 from a state grant, and the balance of \$17,208 will come from the city street improvement fund.



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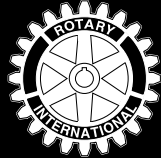
3rd Prize: \$1,850 One-Year Family Membership and Spa Package. - Courtesy of Club Northwest.

4th Prize: \$1,532 Art Package - \$650 maple chest by Jerry Work, \$89 llama felt handbag by Joyce Abrams, \$135 hand-beaded doll by Nancy Hall, \$150 wood serving tray by Mallory Hicklin, \$50 silver jewelry by Bobbie Blakely, \$333 bead necklace and jewelry set by Mary Reynolds and framed 9 x 12 Giclee Print by Janice Tompkins. - Courtesy of the Southern Oregon Guild Gallery.

5th Prize: \$1,500 - \$1,000 gift certificate toward purchase of flooring or window covering material & \$500 shopping spree at Fields Home Improvement Center - Courtesy of Lippert's and Fields Home Improvement Center.

Additional Great Prizes

- \$1,024 - Hellgate Dinner and Jetboat Ride for 12 and 3-night stay for 2 @ Del Rogue Motel - Hellgate Jetboat Excursions and Del Rogue Motel
- \$1,000 - 2-\$500 Fred Meyer gift cards - Fred Meyer
- \$1,000 - 4-\$250 Ray's Food Place gift cards - Ray's Food Place
- \$1,000 - \$500 Bouquet a month for one year from Judy's Florist and Gifts, \$360 in wine from Gold River Distributing, and \$160 in candy from Cary's of Oregon
- \$1,000 - One year YMCA membership and training sessions - YMCA
- \$1,000 - Gift Card Bonanza! \$500 Safeway gift card, \$100 Albertsons gift card and \$400 in gas cards from local attorneys
- \$900 - Balloon ride for two and two nights lodging in Napa, CA. - Mail Boxes Etc.
- \$700 - Outdoor Chair - It's a Burl
- \$550 - Chiropractic Well Care from Dr. Edward Welch
- \$500 - Dine Out Restaurant Package, Dinner for two at: River's Edge, Sophia's, Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., Aja, Miranda Mae's, Blondies' Bistro and Rosso's Trattoria
- \$500 - Pendant Necklace - Yanase Jewelers



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