

Here, There, & Everywhere

HISTORICAL SHUTDOWN - Kerbyville Museum will close for the season on Saturday, Nov. 1, said head man Dennis Strayer. However, the museum, a treasure house of artifacts covering Illinois Valley, Josephine County and other area history, can be open Fridays by appointment. Phone 592-5252.

HALLOWEEN HOUSE - A Happy Haunting House will be open at the Jubilee Park pavilion in Cave Junction through Friday, Oct. 31. Proceeds will benefit the Illinois Valley High School Safe & Sober Grad Night Party. The Halloween season presentation will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and on Halloween Eve from 5 to 10. See the ad elsewhere in this issue.

CROSSWALK CRUISE - The intersection at Hwy. 199 and River Street at the north end of the city of Cave Junction will be the focus of a crosswalk rules enforcement operation on Thursday, Oct. 30. The crosswalk monitoring is believed to be the first in city history. It was announced by Deputy George Gasperson, city contract officer from Josephine County Sheriff's Office. The nonsignalized intersection, with a crosswalk spanning four lanes, is used by many pedestrians, including students from Evergreen Elementary, Lorna Byrne Middle and Illinois Valley High schools.

SHOO FLU - Flu and pneumonia immunizations are offered by Siskiyou Community Health Center in Cave Junction, all from 2 to 6 p.m. The schedule: Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 29 and 30; and Wednesdays through Fridays on Nov. 4 through 6, and Nov. 11 through 13. For more information phone 592-4111.

EDUCATIONAL HOLIDAYS - Some holidays on the Three Rivers School District calendar are coming soon. The next time off, a four-day stint, will involve the weekend of Nov. 8 and 9, Monday the 10th (Staff Development Day) and Tuesday, Nov. 11, which is Veterans Day. That holiday will be followed by a six-day break comprised of Wednesday, Nov. 26 (a Clerical Day), Thursday the 27th as a Thanksgiving holiday, Friday as a vacation day, and then the weekend, coupled with no classes on Monday, Dec. 1 (a Clerical Day).

GARDEN MASTERS - OSU Extension is offering training to become a Master Gardener to learn the latest in gardening and horticulture skills, no matter what a person's experience. The training is designed to not only teach gardening, but to prepare students to answer questions from the public at the OSU Extension office in Grants Pass. Classes will be held Thursdays from Jan. 15 through April 2. There is a fee. For more information or an application phone 476-6613.

SALUTE TO HEROES - Evergreen Federal Bank is sponsoring "A Salute to Our Heroes" with 1,000 U.S. flags that will fly Saturday through Tuesday, Nov. 8 through 11 (Veterans Day is Tuesday the 11th), at Riverside Park in Grants Pass. The recognition will be hosted by United Veterans of Josephine County. It is to be an event "honoring veterans, fallen heroes and currently serving men and women in the U.S. military." Information about sponsoring a flag to boost an existing scholarship fund to help children of "fallen and wounded heroes who have served during all conflicts" is available by phoning 659-5485 or 660-1342. The flags of honor were presented last year on the Grants Pass High School athletic field.

HOT TANGO - Argentine Tango is hot, say organizers of a dance clinic to benefit the Josephine County Food Bank. The clinic is set for Friday, Nov. 7 from 7 to 8 p.m.; Saturday the 8th from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; and Sunday the 9th from 11 a.m. to noon at the Josephine County Fairgrounds Square Dance Hall in Grants Pass. The clinic is for anyone; beginners to advanced dancers. Participants are asked to bring a can of food and pay what they can. There also will be a free Argentine buffet dinner. For more information, phone 471-4960 or visit oregontango.com.

NOTEPAD - I.V. Booster Club will hold an open meeting Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. at IVHS. Plans for the next school year will be discussed, and memberships are available ... **Halloween safety tips** are offered on page 13 in this issue in a presentation co-sponsored by Evergreen Federal Bank, Home Valley Bank, SOFCU Community Credit Union, and Sterling Savings Bank ... **A Harvest Festival** with "food, candy and fun," and open to all free of charge, will be held at Community Bible Church in Cave Junction on Friday, Oct. 31. See the ad in this issue ... **Taylor's Country Store** is featuring specials for Halloween night, plus a wide range of its other continual, unique attractions outlined in an advertisement is this week's *I.V. Moose* ... **A Halloween Dance** on Saturday, Nov. 1 will be held at the Takilma Community Bldg. to benefit Dome School. There's an ad in this issue ... **"Halloween Night Fever"** with the return of entertainment is the theme for Friday, Oct. 31 at the Junction Inn's Timber Room lounge. Check the ad in this issue ... **Shasta Fudge** Candy & More, across from Shop Smart, is featuring reduced-price goodies: There's a sweet ad on page 14 ... **King's Chinese Cuisine**, closed for the past two weeks due to a family emergency, will remain closed for around two months as Anthony & Kitty Chan take a break ... **The Governor's Council** on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs visited Grants Pass on Tuesday, Oct. 28 ... **Newspaper slips:** *Hidden Valley coach (Jim) Ficoni said most coaches in the Skyline Conference are weary of the Cougars. *The uninformed policemen narrowly escaped being shot when they answered a disturbance call that was an ambush. *Retired last year, he now lives with his wife, a beautiful blonde and a Fort Worth woman ... **T-shirts:** *Cow tipping is udder chaos. *I really like you because you remind me of when I was young and stupid. *I can see your point, but I still think you're goofy.

LAST WORDS - Sometimes one creates a dynamic impression by saying something, and sometimes one creates as significant an impression by remaining silent. (Dalai Lama)

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

~ Fred Allen ~

Letters to the Editor

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communities who will take the brunt of WOPR effects. We should write and phone our representatives, including Gov. Kulongoski, before December or until BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revision is thrown out. Otherwise we'll all be paying for the consequences in the end.

Harelson expertise noted From Isabella Brock, Curry County treasurer Gold Beach

In my position, I've had the pleasure of knowing John Harelson, not only as a colleague, but a fine man of integrity and great character.

As an appointed, then an elected county treasurer, I've always been able to call on John as a mentor for advice and counsel regarding my duties. His years of experience in this now volatile financial world are much needed for Josephine County.

Not only has he kept a safeguard over Josephine County's public funds, but he has done well with county investments. His expertise is second to none, and he should be re-elected.

Letter-writers challenged From Josiah Dean Grants Pass

One might think that in this world of instant information and Google that folks could do a little fact-checking before writing their thoughts on paper. That does not appear to be the case with some recent musings in the Oct. 22 letters to *Illinois Valley News*.

Let's start with a Mike Hunter and his questions about Obama. He should learn that there's this thing called a "search engine" and it allows looking up information on the Worldwide Web. If Hunter needs help, he can let me know, and I can help him learn these newfangled computer things.

"He introduced no new legislation," Hunter cavalierly claims of Barack Obama. The record shows that the junior senator from Illinois has sponsored or co-sponsored 625 bills since arriving in Washington.

According to Hunter, "Every country that has socialized medical care has far less the quality care than ours." But according to the World Health Organization, we ranked 37 out of its member countries in 2000 (France, that bastion of socialism, was ranked first). More recently, a comparison of the U.S. and five socialist countries found that Americans spend more than twice the others and receive the worst care.

The study concludes that "the nation will need to remove financial barriers to care and improve the delivery of care."

Let's move on to Gregory Anderson and his question, "Why do you suppose the liberal major media allows the Democrats to get by with blaming Bush & Republicans for the financial mess when it is largely the responsibility of the Democrats?" Uh, because

George W. Bush and the Republicans were in complete control of the country from 2000 to 2006, and in the last two years have tied up the legislative branch with filibusters and vetoes.

Wait, you blame Clinton? Nice try, but I ain't going for it.

Those who'd like to look at the history of this mess might take a look at the de-regulation mania that was sparked by none other than Ronald Reagan (did someone say "superstar"?). After the last financial crisis in the '80s (you remember the one: where McCain's best-friend-for-life, Charles Keating, got five years in prison for corruption and the taxpayers bailed out the S&L industry) we had the opportunity to put in place regulations to discourage financial institutions from betting on real estate; but, during the years, we forgot about it.

Then, Flo Shepherd wants to talk about the candidates records. If you look at John McCain, you will see that he is proud to have supported President Bush 90 percent of the time. That's quite a track record.

She thinks that we can drill our way to oil independence. Again, a little research shows that according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, oil production from drilling offshore wouldn't begin until around 2017. Once begun, it wouldn't reach peak production until about 2030 when it would produce only 0.6 percent of total U.S. energy consumption.

"Drill baby, drill" is a cutesy slogan for a woman to chant. It isn't a sound energy policy, especially when one considers that the United States reached its peak production in the 1970s.

While I didn't get Anderson's jokes, I did get a chuckle when I read Shepherd's comments regarding the candidates. She thinks Obama's answers lack substance, then declares Sarah Palin a

"competent, intelligent, fair-minded individual." Words fail me here.

I respect folks having different opinions about how they think the country should be run.

The discussions would be assisted if folks would do a little research, not just make knee-jerk reactions based on Fox News talking points.

Country Breakfast I.V. Senior Center 520 E. River St. Saturday, Nov. 1 8 to 11 a.m.

* Biscuits & Gravy * Pancakes
* Eggs * Bacon * Sausage
* Coffee, Milk, Juice



Adults - \$6
Children 12
& under - \$3



Spiral Living Center Fall Events

Local Foods Dinner

Saturday ~ Nov. 8 ~ 6pm
Takilma Community Bldg

Celebrate the harvest with a feast of local foods.
Best Local Foods Contest and Silent Auction
Tickets \$12 each or 2 for \$20

Entering the Fungi Kingdom: Basic Mushroom ID

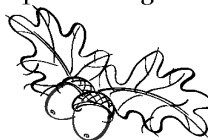
Saturday ~ Nov. 1 ~ 1 to 4pm ~ Frog Farm
Discover how to identify wild medicinal and edible mushrooms. \$25 - 55 sliding scale

Acorns & Bay Nuts: Edible Natives

Saturday ~ Nov. 8 ~ 1 to 4pm ~ Frog Farm
Learn to prepare and cook these important native foods. \$25 - 55 sliding scale

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"Josephine County needs Dwight's steady hand at the helm to help guide us through the financial storms that lie ahead."

- John Harelson, Josephine County Treasurer

"A common sense leader who listens, thinks and then acts boldly on our behalf."

- Dennis Richardson, Oregon House of Representatives

"We are fortunate to have a reliable, hard-working conservative public servant in the Commissioner's office...his name is Dwight Ellis. I asked Dwight to run for a second term because he puts our best interests above special interests. I am proud to call him my friend and urge you to join me in re-electing Dwight."

- Jason A. Atkinson, Oregon State Senator

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