

Here, There, & Everywhere

TURKEY THURSDAY - A free Thanksgiving Day meal will be served by "Cave Junction Cares" on Thursday, Nov. 27 from noon to 2 p.m. in Jubilee Park. The pavilion will be heated for the all-you-can-eat feast. Volunteers and donations of any kind "will be gladly accepted and appreciated." Donations can be left at Bi-Rite Auto Parts behind Michelle's Family Restaurant; or mail contributions to Lynn Boucher Johnson at P.O. Box 1841, Cave Junction 97523.

FESTIVE FUN - An auction preceded by a mixer with beer-and-wine tasting, thanks to Bridgeview Vineyards Winery and Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., will be held Friday, Dec. 5. The annual event by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce at Wild River in Cave Junction will begin at 6 p.m. with the fun auction at 7. Anna Swett, of Anna's Attic Treasures (still open for business), will serve as chief clerk; and Jim Frick, a chamber director and broker at Century 21 Harris & Taylor, again will serve as auctioneer. Donations of merchandise and certificates for the fund-raiser are requested. Items can be left at the *Illinois Valley News* office; or phone 592-2541 or 592-3326 for pick up.

FORIS BOUQUET - In the current Dow Jones Oregon Pinot Noir Index, Foris Vineyards Winery "2006" of Illinois Valley tied for "Best Value" with Yamhill Valley Vineyards "Estate" 2006. Both received "very good" ratings. However, the Foris vintage sells for \$18.99; while Yamhill's goes for \$19.95. About the Foris offering, it's noted: "Classy, with tightly wound fruit and a raspberry-spice-oak-nutmeg finish. Even a touch of chocolate. Lovely." (*I.V. News* thanks Bill Reid of Oregon Mountain Real Estate for bringing this to our attention.)

SANTA CLAUSE - *Illinois Valley News*, the valley's own actual newspaper, will publish its annual Christmas section with children's letters to Santa and original art work in its Dec. 17 issue. The deadline to submit letters and original art is Thursday, Dec. 4. And the valley's real newspaper that covers real community news will print holiday greetings from valley merchants in the Dec. 17 issue. Phone 592-2541 for more information.

'FRIENDS OF LOIS' - Only for the coming holiday eves of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's on Nov. 26, and Dec. 24 and 31 -- all on Wednesdays -- the "Friends of Lois" Al-Anon family group will change locations. On those dates the group will meet at the Illinois Valley Resource Center on E. River Street. Otherwise, meetings will be held at I.V. Senior Center on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Al-Anon family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experiences, strengths and hopes to help solve their common problems. For more information, phone (541) 326-8182.

TRUST BUCKS - Meyer Memorial Trust (not related to Fred Meyer Corp.) announced that it recently awarded some \$8.6 million in grants and program-related investments to nonprofit organizations. They include Forestry Action Committee of the Illinois Basin Interest Group in Cave Junction, which received \$15,000 for staff support and to conduct fund-raising training for the board and staff. Also, Common Ground Community Mediation Center in Grants Pass was awarded \$24,999 to conduct a community outreach program.

NOTEPAD - **Crosswalk safety** volunteers and others interested in the project for Cave Junction can attend a meeting on Monday, Nov. 24. The informal gathering is set for 7 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. in CJ. Phone 592-2491 for additional information ... **Horizon Village** is sponsoring a Thanksgiving gathering, including a salute to veterans, on Wednesday, Nov. 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at 3098 University Road near RCC in Grants Pass. Ross Welcome on guitar and Sam Kurtz on Indian flute will perform. Admission is a can of food for the JoCo Food Bank ... **A Christmas bazaar** will be held by Illinois Valley Grange 370 at the Josephine County Bldg. in CJ during the Dec. 6-7 weekend. Vendor and table information and reservations are available by phoning Ken Phillips at 592-4478 ...

Space is available for a Christmas Bazaar at Illinois Valley High School on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Phone Amy Fogg at 592-2116 for information... **T-shirts:** *National Sarcasm Society. Like we need *your* support. *Don't make me use my Librarian voice.

LAST WORDS - Looking back at the worst times, it always seems that they were times in which there were people who believed with absolute faith and absolute dogmatism in something. And they were so serious in this matter that they insisted that the rest of the world agree with them. And then they would do things that were directly inconsistent with their own beliefs in order to maintain that what they said was true. (Richard P. Feynman)

Letters

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never contacted the planning department to make sure this kennel operation was abiding by county regulations.

Animal Control also destroyed the pictures it took of these breeders' kennel because they "didn't have enough computer space to save them." It seems that many other county officials are closely linked too.

I've been told that Josephine County is the Good Ol' Boys County. One citizen told me that he calls it just the

"Old Boys" because they are not good. I don't think justice can be served in a county where officials ignore, contradict themselves, or cover up for others, but we shall see how I am treated as a victim of consumer fraud in Josephine County.

I have a Small Claims Court case coming to Josephine County soon, as I'm suing for \$7,500. I'm also testifying before the state to help District 8 Rep. Paul Holvey (D-Eugene) adopt a puppy mill bill before the state of Oregon in January.

Point of View

By ED FEULNER,
President
The Heritage Foundation

Everything seems so civil and cooperative -- on the surface. Every September, President Bush gives a friendly welcoming speech to launch the United Nations General Assembly. Every year he's greeted by polite applause.

And every year, when the real work begins, many U.N. General Assembly members will do all they can to undermine U.S. initiatives. It happens every year -- despite the fact that the United States always has been generous toward the U.N.

President Franklin Roosevelt gave the organization its name; his wife, Eleanor, worked hard to get it off the ground; and the Rockefeller family donated a chunk of prime Manhattan real estate for its headquarters. America also provides official aid to many U.N. member nations. We handed out more than \$300 billion (inflation-adjusted dollars) in assistance between 1980 and 2006.

But we're not exactly awash in gratitude. Foreign policy experts Brett Schaefer and Anthony Kim studied the last seven General Assembly sessions. They found that our aid supports governments that usually oppose our policies. More than 70 percent of aid recipients voted against the United States more often than not on General Assembly votes the State Dept. considered "important."

Perversely, even large recipients of U.S. aid failed to repay U.S. generosity by supporting us at the U.N. Of the 30 largest recipients of U.S. foreign aid that have voted during the past eight sessions, 28 voted against the United States most of the time in the General Assembly.

In a way, this isn't surprising. Our government doesn't do enough to link its aid to the actions of aid recipients at the U.N. And we don't demand the critical reforms that would spread our ideals. The United States should use foreign aid to promote the spread of freedom and democracy, which are critical to lifting nations out of poverty.

We've taken a step down the right road with establishing the Millennium Challenge Accounts (MCA). Money provided through them flows solely to developing countries that prove they're dedicated to transparent governance, economic freedom and empowering their people. Washington should expand MCA aid, and use it to replace less effective forms of assistance.

Another way to strengthen the American cause would be to create a U.N. economic freedom caucus -- a bloc of nations essentially dedicated to liberty. Economic freedom means individuals enjoy basic rights: the right to work, to produce, and to save without government telling them what to do.

Countries with greater economic freedom create more opportunities for people to get ahead. They also tend to show greater respect for human rights. Economic freedom helps create a framework that allows people to succeed.

Sending foreign aid to countries that have failed to embrace economic reform simply encourages developing nations to travel farther on the road to perpetual dependency.

Meanwhile, we should look beyond the United Nations. The United States should organize a Global Economic Freedom Forum outside the U.N. to bring together nations so they can collaborate more effectively to spread economic liberty.

As a bonus, such nations would be more likely to vote with the United States in the General Assembly. Schaefer and Kim found that "free and mostly free countries" voted with the United States more than twice as often as countries with repressed economies.

There's a reason that the United States has the world's largest economy: Our ideas of freedom and opportunity work. Our aid, and the United Nations, should advance the spread of those ideas. That way, future generations can enjoy the prosperity Americans take for granted.

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Thursday, November 20

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