

Here, There, & Everywhere

HOLIDAY CONCERTS - Vocal and instrumental sounds of the season will be performed during free of charge concerts by student musicians directed by Sean McKee. The Lorna Byrne Middle School presentation will be given Wednesday, Dec. 17. The Illinois Valley High School performance will be on Thursday, Dec. 18. Both will begin at 7 p.m.

CHOO-CHOO - At Kerbyville Museum, *A Christmas Circus Train & Village* and the museum are available for viewing with a special \$1 per person admission fee for adults and children, plus one can of nonperishable food. The display and museum will be available to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the weekends of Dec. 13 and 14, and Dec. 20 and 21. The showings are due to Dennis Strayer, a railroad enthusiast and president of the museum board of directors.

TECHNOLOGY BEAT - *Battle of the Rock Bands* will be held Thursday, Dec. 11 at Illinois Valley High School. Sponsored by the I.V. Grad Night Committee, the fundraiser for the annual drug-and-alcohol-free party will run from 6 to 9 p.m. The event, with a small admission fee, is open to the public. All ages can participate in three categories: elementary, middle school, and high school & adult. The event will utilize *Rock Band* technology.

FOOD MOOD - A benefit concert to raise funds for food and receive donations of food will be held Saturday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. The location will be announced in next week's *I.V. Moose*. The valley's own *Jefferson* Bluegrass band will perform, and there will be Christmas carol sing-alongs for the audience. Admission will be cash or food: All proceeds will be donated to Illinois Valley food banks.

FRESH VS. PLASTIC - The Oregon Farm Bureau wants to inform consumers that despite what they may have heard previously, buying a fresh Christmas tree is a better environmental choice than buying a plastic tree. Why? Live trees from Oregon are local, renewable, recyclable; are not made from petroleum; nor did they use the energy to be shipped half-way around the world from China. Some people mistakenly believe that trees are clear-cut en masse from forestland. But like wheat or corn, farmers grow Christmas trees in fields or nursery plots. And instead of an annual harvest, the trees typically take five to six years before they are ready for sale. After a crop is harvested, another is planted. There are approximately 720 licensed Christmas tree growers in Oregon. Its trees are so preferred that the state is the number-one producer of Christmas trees in the nation. Oregon ships some eight million Yule trees each year. Last year, Oregon's Christmas tree production was valued at \$114.4 million. And of course fresh Christmas trees are biodegradable.

NO FREE CASH - "If it looks like a scam, it probably is a scam," notes Josephine County Sheriff Gil Gilbertson. He's referring to a recent play from "Desjardin Financial Group" promising cash winnings if the recipient follows certain instructions. Said the sheriff, "I phoned the number listed, and got a recording that said there was no more room on the recording device."

NOTEPAD - **Bingo game** sheets (one per can of food for Cave Junction Christmas Basket) will be given away Wednesdays, Dec. 10 and 17 at Illinois Valley Senior Center, where games begin at 6:30 p.m. The offer also will be honored during other days until Dec. 17 ... **Thursday bingo** is held on third Thursdays (Dec. 18 next) at the American Legion Hall on Caves Hwy. Early bird at 6 p.m.; regular games at 6:30 ... **Newspaper slips:** *Because of a broken water line, the wedding ceremony was moved outside to the lawn. *On the occasion of his 30th wedding ceremony, the sanitation chief recalled that he first met his wife in the city park, and that they continued to meet in the dark until they became engaged. *The pitcher's record was not good during the week because he was worried about his wife, who was in bed with the umps ... **T-shirts:** *Struggling hair farmer. *Somebody has to boss you around. Might as well be me. *I feel like a dung beetle. Does that answer your question?

LAST WORDS - We shall find peace. We shall hear the angels, we shall see the sky sparkling with diamonds. (Anton Chekhov)

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson:

*Fri., Nov. 28	46	40	.00
*Sat., Nov. 29	48	37	.00
*Sun., Nov. 30	46	34	.00
*Mon., Dec. 1	55	37	.00
*Tue., Dec. 2	53	36	.02
*Wed., Dec. 3	43	36	.01
*Thu., Dec. 4	43	31	.00

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in Cave Junction at Illinois River Farm:

*Fri., Nov. 28	45	39	.01
*Sat., Nov. 29	54	34	.07
*Sun., Nov. 30	55	41	.00
*Mon., Dec. 1	59	36	.01
*Tue., Dec. 2	60	36	.01
*Wed., Dec. 3	45	36	.01
*Thu., Dec. 4	48	30	.00

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geant. I was Carol Dickson's supervisor while she served the department as a dispatcher. She was one of the best, and she was voted as Dispatcher of the Year by the other sheriff's office employees. She attended classes at Rogue Community College during her off-duty hours and earned her associate-of-science degree in business administration. Her additional education qualified her for the position of senior dispatcher.

Her ambition prompted her to apply for and be hired for a patrol position. She patrolled on various shifts, in various areas, making car stops, investigating crimes, writing excellent reports, making arrests and appearing in court. She was highly respected by her peers and employees of other agencies (Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety, OSP, D.A.'s Office, Juvenile Dept.). Because of her exemplary performance on patrol, she was selected to fill a rotating position in the Detective Division. There she investigated and solved a variety of major crimes. She was the first woman in the Detective Division and was well respected by her peers. Again, members of the sheriff's office elected her Detective of the Year.

If that's the kind of employee Gilbertson would fire, that makes him an even less-qualified person to fill the office of sheriff. He should be proud to have employees like Carol Dickson. Perhaps his flawed investigation of Deputy Dickson's past performance is an indication of his ability as an investigator.

If I were a resident of Josephine County today, I would join Dickson to point out misuses of county funds and mishandling of responsibilities by elected officials. In fact, I hope that more Josephine County citizens become involved in holding their elected officials responsible.

And I wonder what the sheriff is thinking now.

'Time for Cha-Cha-change' From Miguel Kime Cave Junction

Many good people smoke marijuana. Most people who do not smoke marijuana know a good person (or two, or more) who do. The courts and jails are full of good people who smoke marijuana.

For those concerned with America's 4.5 million uninsured children, the federal deficit or the soon-to-be bankrupt Social Security system, here's the math: Each year there are 700,000 arrests for marijuana-related offenses at a cost of more than \$7 billion. In an open letter to the president from 500 economists, including Nobel winner Milton Friedman, it was estimated to cost taxpayers \$2.4 billion on the federal level and \$5.3 billion on the state level.

The fact is that Josephine County is a very poor county in a very green state. I suggest Josephine County become the Mendocino County of Oregon. Save the county, smoke a joint and then go to the library and read a book.

Hayes Hill et al. From Greg Walter, Jefferson State Financial Group, Cave Junction

I think I might be able to provide some clarity (or open a can of worms) to last week's letter to the editor from Larry Smith.

According to the *Oregon Geographic Names* book, seventh edition, by Lewis McArthur, Hayes Hill was named for Jarvis Hayes, a pioneer settler from the 1860s who homesteaded on the

Applegate side (I found this in some further research).

Interestingly, Hayes Hill proper is due east of the Hwy. 199 Hayes Hill that we all know so well. This name is established in this reference, and I think can only be changed with an application to the OGNB (Oregon Geographic Names Board).

Here is where this story takes a turn, and Larry may have to build a case on this to have it hold: Fort Hay (or Hays) was first established as a Donation Land Claim by William Hay in November 1854 and would be used for a brief period (as was Fort Briggs) as a fortified farmhouse during the 1855-56 Indian wars. Hence the spelling Fort Hay or, Fort Hays.

The importance here is that I think we are dealing with two different families, and clarifications can get generalized as to the proper spelling and subsequent confusion. A similar case can be found in Curry County with regard to the Frye Family of Marial and Powers area and the "Fry Place," south of Agness, Ore.

More research data can be found at Kerbyville Museum at 592-5252 (by appointment), and the Josephine County Historical Society. I hope this helps.

Children's gifts needed From Louise Voice Cave Junction

If we people of Illinois Valley don't step up and make donations and/or buy a toy for the CJ Cares Christmas program, many children will not get a gift for Christmas.

I want to challenge everyone who works in the valley to donate to the CJ Cares Christmas program. We can make a difference to a child, and Christmas is for kids, so let's take care of our own.

(Editor's Note: Donations of cash or toys can be taken to Fred & Sarah Ball at Bi-Rite Auto Parts behind Michelle's Family Restaurant).

Concealed weapons view From Raul Ramirez, retired Marion County sheriff Chief Executive Officer Oregon State Sheriffs Association

The Oregonian is flat wrong in its op ed, "Keep weapons permits public," in a number of respects. Of course, the newspaper is absolutely right when it guards the public's right to know what its elected officials and governments are doing.

Sunshine and transparency are central to U.S. democracy, as is the oversight role of the press. This does not mean that every public record should be subject to review by all who request it. While requests by the press are often not objectionable (as recognized by our Open

Meetings Law, which grants media access to closed meetings but prohibits disclosure), there is no basis for a public body to differentiate and grant access to public records and documents to some (a responsible press) and deny access to others such as criminals, mass mailers, gun groups and the like.

The Medford *Mail Tribune* filed a suit against Jackson County Sheriff Mike Winters, who denied its request for all concealed weapons permits he had issued, including that of school teacher Shirley Ann Katz. Among other arguments, the sheriff contended that ORS 192.502(2) relating to personal privacy exempts the record from disclosure. Under this law, public disclosure may be withheld if it would constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy unless the public interest by clear and convincing evidence requires disclosure in the particular instance.

Oregon's sheriffs are taking steps to ensure that personal information of concealed weapons permit holders remain private. In *Guard Publishing Co. v. Lane County School District*, the court clearly established that individuals (public employees, school teachers and substitutes, gun permit holders, and the like) may individually request that personal information remain private.

Oregon's sheriffs have taken or are considering steps to afford gun permit holders this opportunity under current law. And, this is the right thing to do.

The courts of Michigan have recognized privacy re-

lated to identity of gun permit holders in *Mager v. Dept. of State Police*. Those with legitimate need for a gun permit will not want their need, their name and address, and the fact that they carry a weapon to become known publicly. Indeed, disclosure would defeat the purpose of the concealed weapon permit. The point of having the permit is to be able to be armed safely without public knowledge. Privacy of this information makes sense.

The information should be deemed private in the case of any permit holder. To do otherwise invites trouble, whether it be aggression directed at an armed permit holder or a burglary in search of firearms.

The Oregonian editorial is off base in other respects when the newspaper suggests that there should be public oversight of the permitting function in the interest of public safety, to be sure that only the right sorts of people are obtaining concealed gun permits. There is little point. Oregon law does not permit Oregon's sheriffs any discretion to deny concealed weapons permits except in very limited circumstances.

Stripping sheriffs of discretion to say "No" was a bad idea when the law was last amended and remains so today. However, the answer to *The Oregonian's* public safety concern is to change the law restricting sheriffs' discretion -- not to grant access to personal information where individual and community safety clearly and convincingly demonstrate that the personal information should remain private.



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Come to the Coalition to select your ornament from Monday, November 17 - Friday, December 19.

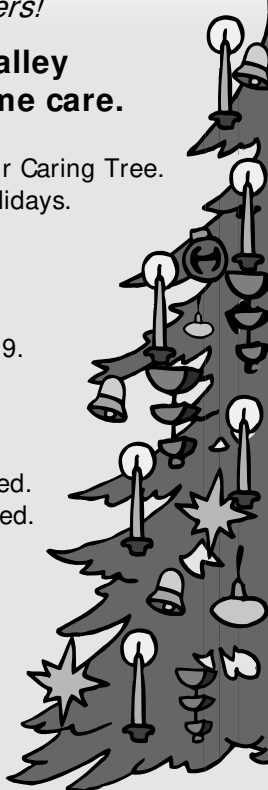
Gifts must be at the Coalition by Saturday, December 20 for distribution.

Gifts not received by the deadline will be purchased. Donations of funds for those wishes are appreciated.



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