

Here, There, & Everywhere

FINE ART FEATURED - Watercolor and oil paintings by Patricia Heller, a member of Illinois Valley Fine Artists, are featured through Jan. 31 in the Art Walk hall at the Boardroom in the Guild Building, 1867 Williams Hwy. in Grants Pass. The exhibit is open to the public Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Heller at 592-5330 or hellerpk@yahoo.com.

BATTER UP! - Early registration for the 2009 Little League baseball season will be held at the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Sunday, Jan. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. A \$5 discount is offered for early registrants who pay in full. See the ad on this page.

ATV RULES - Effective Jan. 1, ATV riders or off-road motorcyclists age 16 or younger — or adults who supervises those riders — are required to complete the Oregon All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety Education course before riding on public land in Oregon. The online course is available at www.rideATVoregon.org. From 1998 to 2003 the Oregon Trauma Registry recorded more than 1,200 injuries resulting from ATV crashes. ATV-related accidents rose 78 percent from 2001-2003, with more than 20 percent of ATV injuries occurring to children younger than 15.

VISITOR TICKLER - It's time to think about advertising in the 2009-2010 *Valley Visitor* travel guide, a free annual publication of the *Illinois Valley News*. Reserve your space by March 1 to lock in 2008 rates. Phone 592-2541 or stop by the *Noose* office (behind Shasta Fudge on S. Redwood Hwy. in Cave Junction).

MYSTERY TICKET - Word has it that tickets for the Illinois Valley Family Coalition's Murder Mystery Dinner are selling fast. The Jan. 31 show, a two-act number with a jazzy theme, will be held at the Selma Community Center.

NOTEPAD - Some \$9,600 has been donated by the former Illinois Valley Community Educational Foundation to the Three Rivers Schools Foundation. The fund has been renamed the Raymond Frost Natural Resources Scholarship for IVHS students in memory of the former Selma resident and co-founder of Home Valley Bank ... **T-shirts:** *Where is the Rapture when you need it? *I never said you were a monkey. Now take this banana and scram. *I'm so far over the hill that I've started over the next one. **Bumper stickers:** * So many laws, so little order. * OK. Joke's over. Bring back the Constitution.

LAST WORDS - *The average pencil is 7 inches long, with just a half-inch eraser -- in case you thought optimism was dead. (Robert Brault)

*Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. (Helen Keller)

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, Jan. 7
Cloudy with showers
High--51 Low--34

Thursday, Jan. 8
Cloudy
High--48 Low--26

Friday, Jan. 9
Sun hidden by clouds
High--44 Low--23

Saturday, Jan. 10
Clouds & sun
High--44 Low--23

Sunday, Jan. 11
Sunny
High--51 Low--28

Monday, Jan. 12
Sunshine
High--56 Low--43

Tuesday, Jan. 13
Sun
High--57 Low--42

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

*Dec. 26	38	28	.43	1.00
*Dec. 27	49	37	1.97	
*Dec. 28	51	47	3.54	
*Dec. 29	51	33	1.61	
*Dec. 30	39	33	.00	
*Dec. 31	50	38	.09	
*Jan. 1	51	42	.51	

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

*Fri., Dec. 26	43	26	.46
*Sat., Dec. 27	48	35	1.39
*Sun., Dec. 28	50	46	3.07
*Mon., Dec. 29	50	33	2.03
*Tue., Dec. 30	39	33	.03
*Wed., Dec. 31	50	37	.18
*Thu., Jan. 1	50	42	.43

Who are the news media? County board presses issue

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
IVN Staff Writer

During the past three years, Grants Pass resident Dale Matthews has produced *First Friday*, which is registered as an Associate Member Publication by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA).

However, Matthews recently has had a difficult time being recognized as a member of the news media by the Josephine County Board of Commissioners.

Matthews said that in December, he approached the office staff and asked to be added to the media list so as to be notified of coming commission actions. But to his surprise, Matthews said that he was told to provide a profit-and-loss statement from his publication.

He has thus far refused to do so, based on principle, although recent issues have been sponsored by the Southern Oregon Resource Alliance (SORA) and the Josephine County chapter of Americans For Prosperity (AFP).

"Of course, I can easily provide that, but I'm not go-

ing to do that," Matthews said. He added that such a policy would be more fair if applied to all news agencies.

Efforts to define who is a member of the news media have become more common as Internet technology enables people to communicate with a worldwide audience at the click of a few buttons.

In Lake Oswego, liberal blogger Mark Bunker attempted to attend an executive (closed to the public) session of the city council and was denied. That caused the council to begin developing a media policy.

The Lake Oswego City Council was scheduled to approve its new policy during an Oct. 7 meeting, but delayed action.

Those series of events did not go unnoticed in Independence, located 12 miles from Salem. That small town's city council also has considered a resolution defining who is and is not a member of the news media.

Josephine County Commission Chairman Dave Toler said that the board never codified any sort of resolution regarding media

policy, and decides such matters case-by-case.

"Frankly, we don't really have a policy on it at this point," Toler said.

He added that he has examined some of the media policies used by other municipalities, and he described them as "much more restrictive than what we have in Josephine County."

The criteria used to define Matthews, Toler said,

include whether or not *First Friday* is supported by subscriptions or if it has a paid staff.


"What it comes down to is, he publishes intermittently something he hands out downtown," Toler said, adding that he considers *News-WithViews* Editor Paul Walter as a member of the media. Matthews pointed out that Toler has been interviewed

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Soup & Pie Lunch

Saturday, January 10, 11-1
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Sunday, January 11, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

County Building
Redwood Hwy. & Lister St., Cave Junction

No discount for late registration at February try-outs
(date to be announced)

State certified birth certificate &
3 proofs of current residency required at sign-up.



**I.V. Little League
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Letters

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I believe that major ground water and soil contamination is a violation of state and federal laws. The couple I purchased my property from had a wonderful well drilled on the property. It had an exceptional supply, quantity and quality both, from one of our many great underground rivers.

The couple I purchased the property from also wound up with the cost of removing the contamination from the property generated by the board member. These undisclosed doings caused major budgeting issues for that owner, allowing me to become part of the issue after purchasing the property. Evidence on the property of the clean-up and old sections of original water supply piping that I have held onto, along with additional information gathered from my neighbors, will prove my statements.

I have listened to some of Cave Junction's city meetings online. One of its major concerns is very much a problem. I am an engineering technician who has had to deal with the aftermath of engineering blunders all over the world, as the one KWD has engineered for its supply.

Among conditions overlooked is negative feed system cavitation. This is created by turning on a pump at the end of a system to boost pressure and having a valve

or tap in this case turned on, or opened on the suction side of the pump. Air will be drawn in through the open valve heading to that pump at the velocity speed the pump is drawing water. This will cause air locking of the pump, causing it to stall or temporarily stop pumping.

When this condition occurs the water en route to the pump stops and sends a shock wave back to the original water source. This shock wave is called water hammer. It is not unknown to blow major valve fluid controls and supply piping. As mentioned in one city meeting, the one and only means of preventing this from occurring is to have a supply reservoir placed just ahead of the pump, at the city system end.

The city of Cave Junction, from what I have been reading during the past couple of weeks, has enough problems keeping up with its development growth and supply demands. I can guarantee that KWD and all its residents will never be able to repay the damage cost created by this nightmare, causing major financial shortfall in the city budget.

If city personnel contact me for discussing the issue of KWD engineering, I would like to fight against this system and help save the city of Cave Junction water system from being destroyed.

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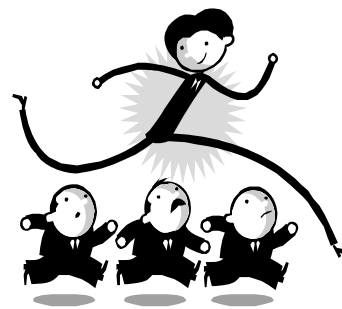
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