

Here, There, & Everywhere

BABY BOTTLES - Illinois Valley Pregnancy Center is conducting its annual Baby Bottle Drive. The goal is to raise funds by placing cash in special bottles. They can be picked up from noon to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the center on Caves Hwy. behind Rachel Goodman's Massage Therapy location. During 2008, the center recorded approximately a 45 percent increase in pregnancy test visits. Phone 592-6058 for more information.

LEVERETTS IN SPOTLIGHT - On Sunday, Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m., O'Brien residents George & Anwyn Leverett, who perform Celtic music as *Around the Hearth*, will be featured on a PBS segment of "Art Beat," which highlights Oregon artists. The couple will be featured building and decorating hurdy gurdy instruments; mechanical violins that can be traced back 1,000 years to France, predating the modern violin by 600 years. George is one of only three hurdy gurdy makers in the United States. "Art Beat" host K.C. Cowen even purchased a custom hurdy gurdy from the Leveretts after filming the segment, and may play it during the closing credits.

FOOD AID - A benefit concert for Brothers Keeper Food Bank will be held Sunday, Jan. 25 at Illinois Valley Grange Hall on Holland Loop. *East Fork* will perform from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission will be a donation of \$5 to \$10 or cans of nonperishable food.

'MONEY SHOT' - Illinois Valley Booster Club is conducting a fund-raiser at basketball games in Ken Mann Memorial Gym. During halftime of home games, three winners will get a chance to make "The Money Shot" and claim cash. Money will be carried over at each game until there is a winner. The next home games are scheduled for Friday, Jan. 23 (Cougar girls vs. Phoenix); and Friday, Jan. 30 (Cougar boys vs. Henley).

LBMS CONFERENCES - Second trimester conferences will be held Thursday, Jan. 29 at Lorna Byrne Middle School. They'll be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 4 to 7 p.m. Open arena conferencing will be held in the cafeteria, where progress reports will be available. Phone 592-2163 for more information. Conferences also will be held at Illinois Valley High School the same day.

FAC FESTIVITIES - Illinois Valley-based Forestry Action Committee (FAC) will hold its first "evening of music, food and fun" on Friday, Jan. 30 at the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction. *Southern Oregon Blues Band* will perform, and there will be a number of raffle items including a chocolate tower from Harry & David, an hour-long flight over Illinois Valley from The Flying Machine, and handcrafted jewelry from valley artisans. FAC is involved in several community efforts including its riparian tree-planting project, which provides free seedlings to land owners. To donate or for more information, phone 592-4098. Watch *Illinois Valley News* for additional details.

SPEEDERS BEWARE - On Friday, Jan. 16, the Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) was awarded a \$3,300 Oregon Dept. of Transportation Speed Enforcement Grant to obtain equipment for JCSO's recently established Traffic Enforcement Unit. The grant will supplement the purchase and installation of a radar speed detector to target speeders in Josephine County, and a laser speed detector. The latter will increase targeting accuracy. The equipment should be in a traffic car by mid-February.

BIRTHDAY BOYS - After reading co-publisher Bob's self-serving *Corner* in last week's issue, Cave Junction resident Ward Winter wrote: "Just to let you know, all great men are seemingly born the same day. I will have my 70th birthday on the 20th of January. I marched 6.5 miles in Kennedy's Inaugural Parade on my 22nd birthday, and that has remained a special memory for me. Happy birthday to Bob." And we say, "Happy birthday (belatedly) to Ward."

NOTEPAD - Rock Band Tournament II, an Illinois Valley High School Grad Night fund-raiser, is returning to IVHS on Wednesday, Jan. 28. Sign-ups are being taken in the IVHS office, or phone Bobbie Loyd at 659-2028. Watch *Illinois Valley News* for further details ... **Baring arms** is the theme for Thursday, Jan. 29 when the American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at Illinois Valley Senior Center. For an appointment or more info phone (800) 448-3543 ... **Youth art** by Boys & Girls Club members is displayed through Jan. 31 at the Rogue Community College FireHouse Gallery in Grants Pass ... **Baby-sitter training** on Saturday, Jan. 31 is offered in Medford by the American Red Cross. There is a fee. Phone 779-3773 ... **Help is** available from the AARP Tax Aide program for senior citizens, disabled persons and families. Phone I.V. Resource Center/Family Coalition at 592-6139 ... **T-shirts:** *Top 10 reasons to procrastinate -- 1 ... *I'll try to be nicer if you'll try to be smarter. **Bumper stickers:** *Honk if you see parts fall off. *Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.

LAST WORDS - Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you. (Maori proverb)

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

*Fri., Jan. 9	47	30	.05
*Sat., Jan. 10	39	27	
*Sun., Jan. 11	39	27	
*Mon., Jan. 12	47	28	
*Tue., Jan. 13	43	30	
*Wed., Jan. 14	37	31	
*Thu., Jan. 15	36	28	

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

*Fri., Jan. 9	46	30	.01
*Sat., Jan. 10	42	28	
*Sun., Jan. 11	45	29	.04
*Mon., Jan. 12	53	28	
*Tue., Jan. 13	44	30	.01
*Wed., Jan. 14	38	31	.01
*Thu., Jan. 15	36	30	.01

CJ Library needs reviewed

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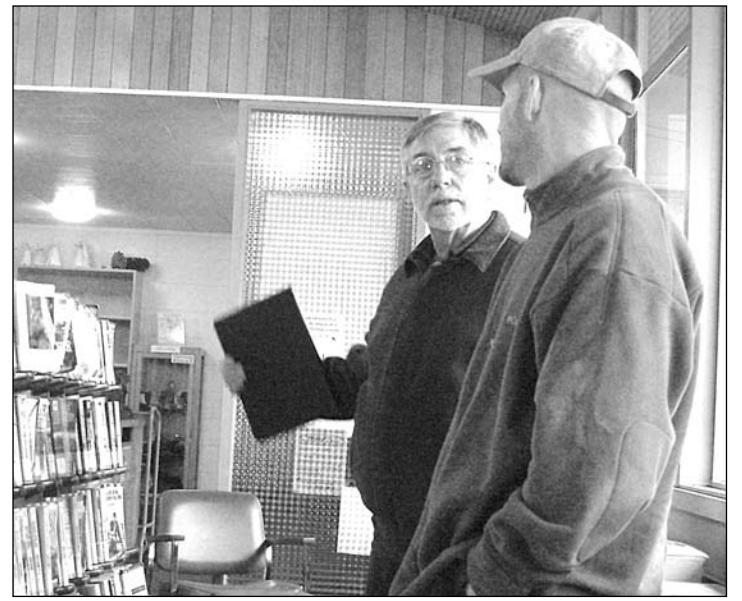
Board has prioritized the opening of additional branches before adding more hours to the Grants Pass branch, which has already opened. But the group may have enough volunteers in Grants Pass to be able to do both within the next few months, he added.

Alves said the group planned to report back to JCLI's Board after compiling cost estimates for operating the other branches.

"The idea is that we're

trying to get all the libraries as efficient as possible," Alves said. "We have to get the process started. It takes a while to get everything geared up."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening for the Grants Pass branch of the library system will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 11:30 a.m. The branch, located at 200 N.W. "C" St., is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 4 p.m.



JCLI board member Doug Walker (right) and volunteer Rick Alves at CJ Library. (Photo by Scott Jorgensen, I.V. News)

Fatal traffic accidents reported in Grants Pass areas

Two Josephine County residents recently perished in a pair of automobile crashes.

On Friday, Jan. 9 at 1:19 p.m., Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) deputies responded to Upper River Road near Country Aire Drive regarding a crash.

Grants Pass resident Sharon Marie Moore, 67, had driven one of the cars involved. She was transported by Mercy Flights medical evacuation helicopter and taken to Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford, where she was pronounced dead

upon arrival.

The driver of the second vehicle, Rose Ward, 68, was transported by American Medical Response (AMR) ambulance to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass and admitted for treatment of her injuries.

The sheriff's office is still investigating the cause of the crash and requesting help from anyone who may have information about it.

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, fire and police personnel from the Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDP) and AMR

responded to a reported accident in the 600 block of N.E. Agness Avenue. The crash was reported to involve a bicyclist and a motor vehicle.

Emergency personnel found the bicyclist, 39-year-old Grants Pass resident Douglas West, deceased.

Investigation revealed

that West was riding his bike when he was struck by a vehicle traveling northbound. The driver, Shonna Willson, 48, was not reported injured.

At this time, no criminal charges are anticipated. However, the incident still is under investigation. Phone GPDP at 474-6370 with information.

Gun issues hot topic ...

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pressing support for the privacy of concealed weapon permit holders. Those petitions may be presented to members of the Legislature if the issue comes up during the current session in Salem.

"We're going to fight this tooth and nail to protect you," Gilbertson said. "All the sheriffs are behind you on this."

Gilbertson said that the sheriffs of every county in Oregon are elected officials sworn to repel threats foreign and domestic.

"You're not going to have your weapon taken away by this person," Gilbertson said, which prompted applause. "Unless you use it wrong," he added, resulting in laughter.

Gilbertson also addressed the concept of Restricted Shooting Districts. He said that since becoming sheriff, he's received many complaints of reckless shooting in high-density rural parts of Josephine County.

Washington County used to have a process by which neighbors could petition to

create Restricted Shooting Districts, Gilbertson said. However, the law subsequently was changed.

"We can't do it, so it's a dead issue," Gilbertson said.

Gilbertson said that the districts were intended to dissuade reckless shooting. Even though reckless shooting is a crime, Gilbertson said neighbors are often too scared to testify in court against offenders.

If shooting in the county, Gilbertson said, people need to make sure to do it safely and have a backstop.

"Just do it safe, that's all I ask," Gilbertson said. "Make sure it doesn't ricochet. That's another issue."

One audience member asked Gilbertson about the possibility of troops from the United Nations being used to disarm local residents. Gilbertson responded that he briefly worked for the U.N., and is determined to defend his constituents against any such intrusion.

"They'll never step foot on this turf," Gilbertson said. "They are not a good group."

SUPPORT IVHS ATHLETICS

Come to Home Basketball Games and Play

MONEY SHOT

TICKETS
\$1.00 each
or
6 for \$5.00

At Halftime of Each Home Game 3 Lucky Winners Will Get A Chance to Make THE MONEY SHOT and Claim Prize Money

THE PRIZE MONEY WILL BE CARRIED OVER AND ADDED TO AT EACH GAME UNTIL WE HAVE A WINNER!

IVHS HOME BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE			
Jan. 22	Boys vs. North Valley	Feb. 10	Boys vs. Phoenix
Jan. 23	Girls vs. Phoenix	Feb. 17	Girls vs. Henley
Jan. 30	Boys vs. Henley	Feb. 20	Boys vs. Hidden Valley
Feb. 3	Girls vs. Hidden Valley	Feb. 24	Boys vs. North Valley
Feb. 6	Girls vs. North Valley		

Help local food banks...

East Fork in Concert

Sunday, January 25
1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
I.V. Grange #370
3763 Holland Loop
Cave Junction

Suggested Donation \$5 to \$10
Non-perishable food items gladly accepted.
Info: 592-3857 (Denny Hare) or 592-2914 (Ryan Nolan)

Senior Nutrition Menu
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True Value

592-3562

Meals are served in the CJ County Bldg.
592-2126, 955-8839

FRIDAY, JAN. 23
PORK PATTY WITH GRAVY

Whipped potatoes, country trio vegetables, sunflower seed bread, ranger cookie

MONDAY, JAN. 26
SCALLOPED POTATOES & HAM

Broccoli Normandy, pickled beets, cracked wheat bread, butterscotch pudding

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28
CHICKEN PASTINA

Green peas, marinated vegetable salad, seven grain roll, frosted cake

Club News

Josephine County Republican Women

Gayle Ellison, Southern Oregon contact for the Eagle Forum, will speak during a public meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22 at Elmer's Restaurant in Grants Pass.

The meeting will begin at noon. The Eagle Forum's mission "is to enable conservative and pro-family men and women to participate in the process of self-government."

Retired Public Employees Association of California

"Retirement Funds" will be the topic Wednesday, Jan. 28 during a noon meeting at The Black Forest in Grants Pass. Contact Don or Hazel Griffith at 592-6433 for more information.

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, Jan. 21 Clouds and sun High--57 Low--30	
Thursday, Jan. 22 Cloudy High--50 Low--33	
Friday, Jan. 23 More clouds High--50 Low--31	
Saturday, Jan. 24 Clouds High--49 Low--29	
Sunday, Jan. 25 Showers High--42 Low--25	
Monday, Jan. 26 Rain High--47 Low--34	
Tuesday, Jan. 27 Rainy High--41 Low--28	

KERBY BELT LODGE #18

Crab - Salad - Spaghetti - Bread
\$20 per dinner

Saturday, February 7
1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (seating now limited)
or 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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