

Here, There, & Everywhere

VALENTINE SOCK HOP - Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance will host a sock hop on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. at I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River St. Said the sponsor, "Pull on your favorite duds from the '50s and '60s, and boogie on down for dance contests, a Limbo contest, kissing booth, prizes, and more." Suggested donation for admission is \$10. For more information, phone "Susie" at 592-2515.

COUGAR CASH - Illinois Valley Booster Club is conducting a fund-raiser during halftime of home basketball games in Ken Mann Memorial Gym. Three ticket-holders get a chance to win "Cougar Bucks" and claim cash. Money is carried over at each game until there is a winner. Next home games are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 17 (girls vs. Henley) and Friday, Feb. 20 (boys vs. Hidden Valley). See the IVHS Activities Calendar in this issue.

FREE PARK DAY - To celebrate Oregon's 150th anniversary, Josephine County Parks Dept. is offering a free-use day on Saturday, Feb. 14. Excluding yurts and reserved campsites, day-use and camping will be free on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact JoCo Parks at 474-5285 for information.

HONORS HUMOR - Comedian Miles Kehoe (A&E, MTV and Comedy Central) will perform at Taylor's Country Store in Cave Junction on Saturday, March 7. The event is a fund-raiser for the IVHS Chapter of the National Honor Society. Dinner seating will begin at 7 p.m.; the show will start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Taylor's and the IVHS office; or phone Patrice Tucker at 592-2116.

WOODY GOODY - Siskiyou Field Institute is offering a class, *Winter Woody Twig Species Identification*, from Feb. 28 to March 1. Participants will learn about winter adaptations specific to woody plants in Illinois Valley. There is a fee. Phone 597-8530 or visit thesfi.org.

ARTSY PARTY - Illinois River Valley Arts Council will hold its sixth annual Winter Gala on Sunday, Feb. 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Deer Creek Center, 1241 Illinois River Road in Selma. The event will feature music by Celtic music duo George & Anwyn Leverett, of O'Brien, plus the *I.V. String Band*, and Wally Aiken. Silent and live auctions of distinctive art-and-craft items, vacation get-aways and more will help raise funds for Learning Through Art and Art Walk. Refreshments feature complimentary appetizers by several area caterers and a cash-bar offering of Foris Winery vintages. Tickets are available at Embroidered Adaptations, Jefferson State Financial Group and Evergreen Federal Bank in Cave Junction. They also will be available at the door. Phone 592-5333 for further information.

BAKING FOR RELAY - It is time to start raising money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event on June 13 & 14; hosted this year by North Valley High School in Merlin. SOFCU Community Credit Union's team is *The SOFCU Believers*. It is one of 50+ teams throughout the Rogue and Illinois valleys that will participate. *The SOFCU Believers* already are beginning to raise money for the cause, and the Women's Ministry group from Cave Junction Assembly of God Church is helping. It will offer Valentine floral arrangements and baked goods on Friday, Feb. 13 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in front of the Cave Junction Post Office. All proceeds will go toward *The SOFCU Believers'* fund-raising goal. For those who belong to a group that would like to help, or if anyone would like to join the SOFCU team as it strives to reach its goal, phone SOFCU at 479-2601 or visit sofcu.com and use the Relay for Life link on the front page.

CHEAP FIX - SNYP (Spay/Neuter Your Pet) is offering discount spay/neuter certificates during its February "Prevent a Litter" campaign. The discounted prices are \$25 for a cat spay/neuter and \$65 for a dog up to 60 pounds. The certificates are available at Grants Pass Mini Pet Mart on Sixth Street and redeemable at a number of veterinary offices. Visit spayneuter.org or phone 858-3325.

NOTEPAD - Sesquicentennial anyone? Cave Junction Lions Club will host a community discussion on Monday, Feb. 16 about Illinois Valley's role in Oregon's 150th anniversary. The open gathering will begin at noon at Michelle's Family Restaurant in CJ. ... **An informational** meeting about reopening the Cave Junction Branch Library will be held Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Josephine County Bldg. in CJ. Volunteers are sought to fill operational positions. Contact Linda Naydol at lnaydol@cavenet.com or 592-3289 for information. ... **Getting More from Microsoft Office** is the title of a free 21st Century Community Learning Center four-part series at Illinois Valley High School. The class is a hands-on series for parents and guardians of students at IVHS, Lorna Byrne Middle or Evergreen Elementary schools. It also is open to Three Rivers School District employees and IVHS students. Classes will be held Wednesday evenings beginning March 4. Josiah Dean, a Rogue Community College instructor, will teach. To register, contact Deb Murphy or Jen Marsden at IVHS at 592-2116. ... **T-shirts:** *Instant Human: Just add coffee. *If idiots grew on trees, this place would be an orchard. *Danger: Mouth operates faster than brain. ... **Bumper stickers:** *Hybrid Human: Runs on beer. *Dare to be indifferent. *Life is too short to worry about how short life is.

LAST WORDS - It is better to die on your feet than live on your knees. (Emiliano Zapata)

Board OKs grant; eyes charter review, fire service standards; appoints budget committee

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
IVN Staff Writer

A \$25,000 economic development matching grant was approved 2-0 by the Josephine County Board of Commissioners during an administrative meeting at the conference room in the courthouse in Grants Pass on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The grant pitch was made by Colleen Padilla, Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development Inc. (SOREDI) business development manager; and Larry Holzgang, who serves as a business development officer for the Oregon Economic & Community Development Dept. (OECD). Project Carriage is a company that started in March 2008 and manufactures fire-suppression utility pieces that attach to helicopters. Padilla and Holzgang said that the company has strong support from Oregon and Utah's Congressional delegation, the U.S. Army and the National Guard. More than \$210,000 in private equity has been invested in the company, they said.

The company also has requested funds from the state and a regional investment board. Padilla and Holzgang said that it will create 17 Josephine County jobs, support at least seven other local companies and help add seven indirect jobs. Firms that would benefit from Project Carriage include

Merlin-based K&J Precision, and Wilderville-based All-trax, Padilla and Holzgang said. They added that Project Carriage also would support companies based in Portland and Bend.

County Commissioner Dave Toler suggested that the grant be set up as a match for the pending requests before the state and regional investment board. He moved to approve the grant, and board Vice Chairman Sandi Cassanelli seconded. Commission Chairman Dwight Ellis was absent.

On Thursday, Feb. 5, the board met with its legal department to discuss the possible formation of a committee to review the county charter.

Ellis said that he had promised former commissioner Jim Raffenburg that he wouldn't bring up the issue while Raffenburg was still in office. But since Raffenburg has been replaced on the board by Cassanelli, Ellis said that he asked for the item to be placed on the agenda.

A resolution to form the committee has been drafted, and has been presented to the county's legal department for consideration. Ellis said that he wants the legal office to bring it back to him in the next couple of weeks.

County Counsel Steve Rich said that the committee would consist of nine members. Four would be selected by the board, four would be

selected by the county's state representatives and senators, and the ninth by the other eight committee members.

Ellis asked that the board revisit the matter some time later this month.

Also discussed during the legal meeting was the implementation of standards for the three private companies that provide fire protection service for parts of the county not included in existing fire districts. Ellis and Toler indicated that current mutual aid agreements with other agencies may be jeopardized by lack of standards.

Rich pointed out that such standards would be essentially useless without an enforcement mechanism in place.

Toler suggested making the standards comparable to those of the county's smaller fire districts, including those in Wolf Creek and Williams. He said that he would try to obtain that information from

those districts and bring it back to the board.

On Friday, Feb. 6, the board voted to appoint two new members to the county's Budget Committee. Members Charlie Didato and Brian Bayley stepped down, and 16 people applied to fill their positions.

Those 16 are Jack Swift, Richard Siler, Steve Croniger, Dale Matthews, Randall Smith, Stan Wolfe, Margaret Goodwin, Roy Lindsay, John Rickert, Larry West, Andy Margeson, Jeff Wolf, Claudelle King, former sheriff Dave Daniel, Jon Jordan from the Josephine County Chamber of Commerce, and former county Chief Administrative Officer Marie Hill.

Of the 16, only Hill, West, King, Margeson and Wolf were interviewed by the board. West and Hill were ultimately chosen, and will join Cassanelli, Toler, Ellis and Ron Strom on the committee.

Soup & Pie Lunch

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Bubble Gum Blowing Contest
Hoola Hoop Contest

Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance

\$10.00 per person

Kissing Booth

Call 592-2515 for information

Is it the end of free lunch?

By ZINA BOOTH
IVN Staff Writer

"Harvest Kitchen, a free lunch program, might close unless a new coordinator is found," says Linda Butler, who is retiring after eight years as coordinator.

"I am ready to move on. I want to spend more time working with youth," she continues. Butler volunteers with the SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) program at Evergreen Elementary School in her spare time.

The Harvest Kitchen opened in 1994 and now serves up to 85 people a day, "and these are not just the 'street people.'"

"We have a lot of people in need, many who come in at the end of the month because they have run out of money,"

- IVHS School Menu -
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THURSDAY, FEB. 12
Pasta with marinara / meat sauce; bean & cheese burrito; chicken burger; cheeseburger; barbecue chicken or supreme pizza; Italian sandwich, turkey & cheese sandwich, spicy chicken wrap; chef, antipasto, fruit & veggie, or garden salad.

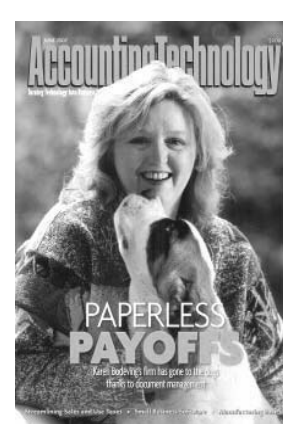
FRIDAY, FEB. 13
Nacho supreme, corn dog, spicy chicken burger, hamburger; pepperoni, cheese, supreme or taco pizza; ham & cheese sandwich, turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden, fruit & veggie, or Mandarin chicken salad.

MONDAY, FEB. 16
Presidents Day
No Classes

TUESDAY, FEB. 17
Chicken fajitas, BBQ chicken sandwich, chicken burger, cheeseburger; pepperoni, cheese, or Hawaiian pizza; Italian sandwich, turkey & cheese sandwich, spicy chicken wrap; chef, antipasto, fruit & veggie, or garden salad.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18
Taco salad, sweet & sour chicken rice bowl, spicy chicken burger, hamburger; pepperoni, sausage, cheese or Italian griller pizza; veggie sandwich, turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden, fruit & veggie, or Mandarin chicken salad.

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For further information, call 592-5333 or 592-5033. Explore our website at www.irtvac.com
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