

Here, There, & Everywhere

SPICY BENEFIT - Four kinds of chili, including a vegetarian option, will be offered during a fund-raiser dinner at Selma Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The center is at 16255 Redwood Hwy., next to Selma Baptist Church. Sourdough or corn bread, beverages and dessert will be included. Proceeds will go toward repair and improvement of the center.

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. Featured refreshments will be 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.

BIBLIOPHILES WANTED - Josephine County Community Libraries will hold a meeting concerning reopening the Illinois Valley Branch Library on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. 102 S. Redwood Hwy. in Cave Junction. "We will identify what's required, set the goals and map a strategy," said JCLI.

FIELD OF DREAMS - In little more than two months, 30 sports fields from among hundreds nominated nation wide will be chosen for restoration through Kellogg's Frosted Flakes' "Earn Your Stripes" program. The softball field at Illinois Valley High School has been nominated, and the community can demonstrate its support by visiting frostedflakes.com and voting to keep I.V. in the semifinals.

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.

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. The final home game for the season is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 24 (boys vs. North Valley). See the IVHS Activities Calendar in this issue.

NOTEPAD - The **DADS** program, offered through the Pregnancy Center of Illinois Valley, is available to men who are parenting or have a child on the way. Parenting Nights are held on the first and third Tuesdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. Child-care is available. Phone 592-6058 for more information ... **Thompson Creek** tract forest management, current and future projects will be among presentations by Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District at Selma Community Center on Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. Phone 592-3731 with questions ... **Calling all thespians:** A theater group is forming this spring through Selma Community Center. All ages are welcome to participate. Phone 592-4348 for information ... **Soup for the Souls**, Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance's annual event to mark International Sexual Assault Awareness month, is set for Saturday, April 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. ... **T-shirts:** *I supplement my personality with witty shirts. *Procrastinators: Leaders of Tomorrow. *You read my T-shirt. That's enough social interaction for one day ... **Bumper stickers:** *Sanity is back-ordered; sarcasm is in unlimited supply. *Honk if you love peace and quiet. *My life has a superb cast, but I can't figure out the plot.

LAST WORDS - There is no defense against adverse fortune which is so effectual as an habitual sense of humor. (Thomas W. Higginson)

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, rainfall and snowfall recorded at The End of the Road in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson:	
*Fri., Feb. 6	55 42 .24
*Sat., Feb. 7	57 34
*Sun., Feb. 8	49 30 .16
*Mon., Feb. 9	41 27 .05
*Tue., Feb. 10	38 28 .31
*Wed., Feb. 11	38 331.22 3.1
*Thu., Feb. 12	44 33 .71 2.1

Following are the high-and-low temperatures and rainfall recorded at Illinois River Farm in Cave Junction:	
*Fri., Feb. 6	56 42 .14
*Sat., Feb. 7	58 31 .00
*Sun., Feb. 8	51 29 .12
*Mon., Feb. 9	43 28 .10
*Tue., Feb. 10	36 24 .32
*Wed., Feb. 11	39 32 1.17
*Thu., Feb. 12	42 33 .54

CJ seeks collection of LUBA judgement from Sommer

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
IVN Staff Writer

It's been more than two months since the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) ordered land-use activist Holger Sommer to pay more than \$7,000 in attorney fees to the city of Cave Junction.

However, the city has yet to receive any payments and is beginning the collections process against Sommer, who lives in Merlin.

LUBA's decision came down on Dec. 10, 2008, stemming from Sommer's appeal of a zone change and annexation approved by the Cave Junction City Council

in May 2007. Sommer requested that the council dismiss the fees, but the request was denied during its Jan. 12 meeting.

City Attorney Patrick Kelly said that he's tired of waiting for Sommer to make good on LUBA's order.

"At the moment, I've waited since December for a payment and I haven't been paid," Kelly said recently.

On Feb. 2, he filed a certified copy of the LUBA order with Josephine County Circuit Court. He said that he did so in order to receive access to judicial remedies for collection of the debt.

"When you get a judg-

ment out of a state board, nothing shows up in the local courts, because they don't have access to normal judicial remedies for collection," Kelly said. "What it does do is create liens on his property and guarantees payment. It's a perfectly normal thing to do."

A notice of the filing was sent Feb. 5 via certified mail to Sommer and Bernard Moore of the Medford-based law firm, Frohnmayer, Deatherage, Jamieson, Moore, Armosino & McGovern.

"Demand is hereby made on you ... for payment within 10 days of your receipt of this notice, of that certain award entered against you in the above mentioned Land Use

Board of Appeals cases," the notice read. "Please take notice that your failure to pay may result in further court proceedings such as debtor exam, garnishment or sheriff sale of real property."

Sommer responded in a Feb. 9 e-mail to the city that Kelly's collection efforts were a "waste of time" because he never disputed his obligation to pay his debt. He wrote that "a simple demand letter would have had the same effect."

But in that same e-mail, Sommer asked the council to extend his deadline for payment to April 15.

"I am currently in (a) situation increasing difficulty since my divorce becomes
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Citizen, business of year among I.V. Chamber topics

Seven of 13 directors turned out for a regular meeting of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, enough for a quorum on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Meeting at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., those present covered a wide range of topics. They included secret ballots for 2008 Citizen and Business of the Year. Awards, based on community service, will be given during the annual dinner-dance on March 14 at Junction Inn.

Nominees for top citizen are Lynn Boucher, of Cave Junction Cares; and Tina Palmer, of The Pregnancy Center of Illinois Valley.

Business nominees are Oregon Caves Chevron, It's A Burl, River Mountain Printing, The Pregnancy Center, Taylor's Sausage/Taylor's Country Store, and Outback Septic Service. Three individuals, longtime I.V. residents and business community supporters, also were chosen by the board for special awards.

Dulcie Moore, chamber office manager and board secretary, reported that the I.V. Visitor Center count for December 2007 was 170 and for December 2008 was 285

for an increase of 115. The count for 2007 was 12,896 and for 2008 was 12,779; a decrease of 117.

She said that 222 persons went to the I.V. Visitor Center during January. That represents a decrease of 32 from January 2008.

She added that by request she sent five relocation packets during January. Moore also reported that membership is at 110, including two previous members who decided to join again.

The meeting was conducted by many-time past-President Terri Hill, who has taken the president's job again. She was serving as vice president, but as Don Moore (no relation to Dulcie) has stepped down as president, she agreed to lead again.

Lelo Kerivan, of Bridgeview Vineyards Winery, is the new vice president; and Chris Smith, of SOFCU Community Credit Union, continues as treasurer.

Moore, who is actively involved in the community, including being mayor of the city of Cave Junction, will serve as the chamber's representative on the newly reinstated I.V. Airport Advisory Board. He also is heavily involved with I.V. Lions Club.

Letters

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curve?

I think I might feel safer and maybe actually be safer if he were to take up the job of walking a beat in Cave Junction. Maybe then he and Basco could catch that guy smoking marijuana on the parking lot.

**Freedom of the press
From Juliet Hansen
Harbor**

As a child during World War II, I was impressed by Norman Rockwell's Four Freedom posters displayed in all schools, offices and store display windows. Two paintings were "Freedom froms" — Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear. Two were "Freedoms of" — Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Religion.

The Bill of Rights lists even more freedoms. During the 200-plus years of our country's history, we have come chillingly close to losing some of those freedoms. The sacrifices of blood, sweat and tears spent to obtain them have at times been disregarded in the causes of expediency, crises or disguised self-interest.

In any government intent on total control of its citizens, one freedom is destroyed first, often violently. That is the freedom of the press. Other times it can be lost through negligence and inattention by the population.

Broadcasts of the news are helpful and convenient, but spoken words may be misunderstood or misleading, and they disappear into the air. The printed word is solid.

It can be held in the hand and referred to and verified as needed. For example, the U.S. Constitution is written.

All newspapers are important. We can choose to read or not read, and to add our own opinions to the rest.

Regarding letters to the editor, and community newspapers, the sheets of such publications contain written news and ideas that we might never see if we did not have small-town, small-population newspapers. As we read them we hold in our hands the one freedom that supports and secures the rest of this country's basic foundations, the local newspaper — the freedom of the press.

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**8th Annual
Mardi Gras
Masked Ball**

Saturday, February 21, 8 p.m. till Late
Takilma Community Building, 9367 Takilma Rd.

Featuring the **Altered States** band

Music
Dancing
Food
Local Wine & Beer

Admission: \$8-15 (sliding scale) **Adults 18+ only**
Masks available at the door.
A Benefit



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and Evergreen.

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TRSD employees and
IVHS students.

To register contact
Deb Murphy or
Jen Marsden at
592-2116.

Taught by Josiah Dean, RCC Instructor

**Weather
Watch**

Cave Junction

Wednesday, Feb. 18
Sun hidden by clouds
High--52 Low--26

Thursday, Feb. 19
Cloudiness
High--56 Low--27

Friday, Feb. 20
Low clouds
High--58 Low--30

Saturday, Feb. 21
Cloudy with rain
High--56 Low--34

Sunday, Feb. 22
Rain
High--56 Low--34

Monday, Feb. 23
Clouds
High--54 Low--37

Tuesday, Feb. 24
Rainy
High--47 Low--31



Stand-Up Comedy Comes to the Valley!

Miles Kehoe
accomplished comedian (A&E, MTV and Comedy Central)
at Taylor's Country Store, Saturday, March 7

Tickets \$20 - Includes dinner and show! Seating begins at 7 p.m.

IVHS National Honor Society fund-raiser
Limited seating, get your tickets NOW at Taylor's or IVHS.
For info, call Patrice at 592-2116

**I.V. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AWARDS DINNER
& DANCE**

Saturday, March 14, 5 to 10 p.m.
Junction Inn \$25 per person
Music by "Jefferson"

Name _____

Number of Guests _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Prime Rib _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

RSVP Chamber Office, 201 Caves Hwy. (I.V. Visitor Center)
or P.O. Box 310 (deadline March 9)

