

Here, There, & Everywhere

DIRTY DETAILS - Spiral Living Center is offering *Soil Testing with Christine Perala-Gardiner* on Thursday, March 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Frog Farm in Taklima. Learn how to test soil and utilize the results to improve its productivity. Using the Frog Farm as a laboratory, participants will take samples, analyze the soil for percentages of sand, silt and clay, and look at other types of analysis, including nutrients, microbiology and other tests. Class size is limited. For more information visit spiralliving.org, phone 592-3642, or contact spiral@spiralliving.org.

FASHION FUN - A fashion show will be held Friday, March 20 at Illinois Valley High School to benefit the Safe-n-Sober Grad Night party. Desserts will be available and there will be door prizes. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. There is a small admission charge.

WELSH WISHES - The sixth annual Welsh dinner is set for Selma Community Center on Saturday, March 21. On the menu: carrot-and-apple soup, Welsh lamb stew, Anglesey eggs, roasted veggies, and Mum's fruit trifle. Tickets are available at the center office from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays, or phone 415-1000.

HORSEY HELPS - *Acupuncture & First Aid for Horses, On or Off the Trail* is the title of a free presentation by Dr. Beth Kraft, a veterinarian. The talk, sponsored by Back Country Horsemen Sourdough Chapter, will be held Saturday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthias Episcopal Church at the north end of Cave Junction near Z Coffee. Phone 596-2488 for more information.

YOUNG MOTORISTS - Driver education will be offered this spring at Illinois Valley High School through Rogue Community College. Classroom sessions will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 7 through May 26 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. On-the-road instruction will be scheduled with the instructor. Students must register by April 1. Registration forms are available at IVHS, or contact Jennifer Marsden, 592-2116, for more information.

BETTER BANKING - The use of live willow structures to stabilize and restore riverbanks is the topic of a presentation by Dr. John Gardiner during the regular monthly meeting of Illinois Valley Watershed Council. Gardiner will highlight a recently completed project on the Mad River, near McKinleyville, Calif. The talk and slideshow will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction.

DONOR DUTY - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, March 26 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River St. in Cave Junction. Phone (800) 448-3543 to schedule an appointment.

WORKERS WANTED - Glass Rail Outfit Community Center will hold a workday on Saturday, March 28 beginning at 10 a.m. to prepare a site for a therapeutic riding area. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves and wear appropriate clothing. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Phone 592-4658 for more information.

CALLING ALL CARS - Vendors are sought for the Cave Junction Lions Club annual Classic & Antique Car Show to be held Saturday, June 27 in Jubilee Park in Cave Junction. For an application or more information contact Cori Allen at (541) 226-6570.

NOTEPAD - **Evergreen Elementary SMART** (Start Making A Reader Today) Program Coordinator Willa Gustafson reports that volunteers have logged more than 1,000 hours reading to students. This year the program has given away more than 1,000 books ... **Pregnancy Center** of Grants Pass will present *The Silver Ring Thing* on April 24. Volunteers 18 and older are sought to help with the abstinence event. Student volunteers are needed to help promote the event at area schools. Phone 470-6264 for more information ... **Spring term** at Rogue Community College will begin March 30, and registration is already under way. Students can review the schedule of classes and register by visiting roguecc.edu. Students also may register for classes in person at any RCC campus: Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Hwy., Grants Pass; Riverside Campus, 117 S. Central Ave., Medford; Table Rock Campus, 7800 Pacific Ave., White City; and at the Illinois Valley Learning Center, 24311 Redwood Hwy., Kerby. Returning students may call Rogue Central for more information: 956-7501 or 245-7501 ... **Hospice care** volunteer training is being offered by Lovejoy Hospice. There is no charge for the classes, which will start Friday, March 27. Applications for the March training must be received by Friday, March 20. For an application, or for more information phone Lovejoy Hospice at 474-1193 ... **The RSVP/AARP**-sponsored Tax Aide program, offering free tax preparation assistance for low-income Illinois Valley residents, has been extended two more weeks -- through Tuesday, April 14. Phone I.V. Family Coalition at 592-6139 to secure one of the 20 remaining appointments ... **A day hike** on the Damnation Creek Trail is offered by Siskiyou Field Institute on Friday, April 3. There is a fee for the trek, which winds from the redwoods to the ocean. Transportation to and from trailhead is provided. Register by March 25, by phoning 597-8530 or visit thesfi.org. **T-shirts:** *Friends actually let friends do lots of stupid things. *Forget science, I'm donating my body to magic. *Stop destroying the planet, it's where I keep my stuff ... **Bumper stickers:** *This vehicle protected by anti-theft sticker. *Don't worry about what people think, they don't do it very often. *You looked better on MySpace.

LAST WORDS - It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird; it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad. (C. S. Lewis)

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Club & Organization News

American Legion Glenn Morrison Post 70 & Auxiliary

Past Post Commander James Fuller, Acting Commander since December 2008, is to be replaced in April by Robert Sorca, who recently was elected to that position.

Past President Michelle Colbert has returned to command the Post 70 Auxiliary.

Post 70 has been moving toward the American Legion purpose, "to serve the American veteran, their families and their communities." During the past two and half years, post and auxiliary members have added individual and group projects that are more community based.

They have sponsored Youth Soccer, Little League, Tiger Cubs, Boy Scouts and Boys State. Past Commander Don Stafford, who is now Grand Chef de Gare Du Oregon 40 et 8 oversees the 40 et 8 Nurse Scholarships.

The Post 70 Auxiliary elected three presidents this year. Colbert took command on Feb. 1. The auxiliary oversees several community based programs such as Girls State, a program designed to educate high school women in the workings of government, a Post 70 Auxiliary scholarship at Illinois Valley High School; and the auxiliary donates backpacks, school supplies and rainy day games to Evergreen Elementary School. Each year members honor a Cave Junction teacher, and volunteer with SMART, a reading program.

The auxiliary helps cook meals for Illinois Valley Cares at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and donates food to the Forestry Action Committee tree-planting celebration; and sells poppies which help with funding. The auxiliary takes great pride in its Color Guard which participates in the Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Parade.

The Color Guard also provides ceremony support for Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day observances, and places U.S. flags at veteran burial sites on Memorial Day weekend. Boy Scout Troop 880, sponsored by Post 70, does various community service projects and helps the auxiliary and Legionnaires.

With all these programs by the post, the auxiliary and Scouts, the community is being well served.

In response to a U.S. government survey that indicated 40 percent of all military veterans are homeless, Fuller testified during a recent Oregon Governors Task Force. Three of Post 70's concerns -- housing, transportation and education for homeless veterans -- were selected by the task force as top priority and are on the governor's desk awaiting legislative action in 2009.

Veteran and auxiliary information is available by visiting the Post Hall at 2110 Caves Hwy. (2 miles out) at 6 p.m. on first Wednesdays.

Currently, the post and auxiliary have a few fundraisers. Bingo is held on third Thursdays at 6 p.m.; tickets are available for a raffle for a collectors pistol; and bingo is held during the I.V. Lions Club

Labor Day Festival.

The post and auxiliary appreciate the Illinois Valley Family Resource Center for its generous support for this article.

The Spiral Living Center

The second annual Selma Skill Share, co-sponsored by The Spiral Living Center and the Selma Center, will be held Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Selma Community Center next to Selma Baptist Church.

This free event will feature more than 18 workshops, with hands-on activities such as friction fire-starting, learning to repair your bicycle, tool sharpening, finger weaving, crocheting string bags, and children's seed planting (eggshell garden starts).

There will be presentations on seed-saving, building compost and soil, burning small-diameter wood to add carbon to the garden (biochar), and raising chicks. Also, making tonic beverages, practicing communication skills, discussing universal health care and the benefits of natural spring cleanses.

Teachers from throughout Illinois Valley offer their talents for free during this community-building event.

"So bring something to contribute to a potluck lunch, seeds from last year's garden to trade, your crochet hook and yarn, inquisitive mind and adventurous spirit," said an aide.

For information phone 592-3642; email spiral@spiralliving.org; or see the schedule posted at www.spiralliving.org.

Illinois Valley Garden Club

Herbs have had many uses for centuries: flavoring for food, making clothes and bodies have a nice aroma, and the most important for years -- medical.

Jeannette Rogers will speak on *Medicinal Herbs* during the Friday, March 20 meeting. The horticulture show-and-tell table will feature *Herbs From Our Gardens and From The Wild*.

The club meets on third Fridays at the RCC Business & Entrepreneurial Center in Kerby across from Kerby Mart. Coffee time begins at 12:30; the meeting at 1. Anyone interested in gardening and plants can attend. For more information phone 592-4257.

Coming the first part of May will be the Spring Plant Sale, a good time to get shrubs, trees, house plants, bedding plants and tomatoes. Watch for our ad.

Rogue Group Sierra Club

Al Collinet, overnight hike leader, will present a multimedia program and slide-show featuring 2008 backpacking adventures to Towhead Lake and Mountain Lakes.

The program will be held on Monday, March 23 in the Marie Hill Room, at 510 N.W. Fourth St. (in the former Washington School), behind the courthouse in Grants Pass. Socializing will begin at 7 p.m., the program will run from 7:30 to 9. Light refresh-

ments will be served.

Bring backpacking questions, suggestions and ideas of where to go. Al Banner and Darin Banner (outings chairman) will discuss and show the "how to's" of a successful backpacking trip, including gear, equipment and how to go "ultra-light."

Attendees need not be members to participate in this family friendly event. Phone Kristin Biechler at 840-7236 or email kbiechler@wave.net for more information.

Illinois Valley Grange 370

On May 16 volunteers throughout the community will gather at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction to conduct much-needed clean-up in conjunction with SOLV.org and Oregon150.com.

"We are joining with other projects being held throughout the state during May to celebrate Oregon's 150th birthday," said I.V. Grange Vice President Kendall Phillips. An organizational meeting to prepare for the event will be held on Friday, March 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction.

"For more than 140 years the Grange has worked to advance the interests of rural Americans by providing a legislative voice for their political

concerns and by showing them how to strengthen their neighborhoods through community service," Phillips said. "During Take Care of Oregon Days, we want our community to know that the Grange is a living organization that has a lot to offer."

For more information, contact Phillips at 592-4478 or write to Illinois Valley Grange #370, POB 974, Cave Junction OR 97523, or email ivgrange@cavenet.com.

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Mon. March 23-Bowling
Tues. March 24-Movie (rated G/mild PG)
Wed. March 25-Jacksonville Kids Museum
Thurs. March 26-Roller Skating
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