

Here, There, & Everywhere

DONOR DUTY - A blood drive will be held by the American Red Cross 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.

BETTER BANKING - The use of live willow structures to stabilize and restore riverbanks is the topic of a free program 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 slide-show will be presented on Thursday, March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction.

SKILLS SCHOOL - The second annual Selma Skill Share will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Selma Community Center, 18255 Redwood Hwy. The free event, presented by Spiral Living Center and Selma Center, will feature more than 18 workshops. Included are hands-on activities such as friction fire-starting, bicycle repair, 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), raising chicks, making tonic beverages, practicing communication skills, discussing universal health care, and the benefits of natural spring cleanses. For information phone 592-3642, email spiral@spiralliving.org or see the entire schedule posted online at spiralliving.org.

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.

STREAMING SCENE - A benefit for Hope Mountain Radio will be held at Dome School, 9367 Takilma Road, on Saturday, April 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Besides food and raffles, dancing and live music from *Bob and the Lunatics*, *Hard Rain*, *Tribe* and *Mosaic* will be featured. Admission is on a sliding scale: "No donation too small or too huge," said organizers. Phone 592-4799.

ROCK ON - Roxy Ann Gem & Mineral Society will host its 54th annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show on Saturday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Medford Armory, 1701 S. Pacific Hwy. in Medford. There will be more than 50 exhibits and 20 dealers. Proceeds will help provide geology scholarships at Southern Oregon University at Ashland and maintain Crater Rock Museum in Central Point.

NOTEPAD - Do you know an Illinois Valley High School senior who is caring, has a commitment to school and community, and should be recognized as Citizen of the Year? If so, nominate the student for the Savannah Bassett Good Citizen Award in memory of Savannah Bassett, a senior at IVHS, who gave to school and community. Applications to nominate a student are available in the IVHS office, and must be returned by April 30 ... **The "world's only"** Celtic-Grateful Dead jam band, *Wake the Dead*, will perform at Rogue Theatre in Downtown Grants Pass on Saturday, April 4 beginning at 8 p.m. Visit rogue theatre.com for more information ... **The 56th annual** Southern Oregon Philatelic Society Expo is set for April 4 & 5 at Jackson County Expo, Padgham Pavilion. The show is an opportunity to buy, sell and learn about stamps and meet other collectors ... **Cheryl Walker**, former District 51 state representative, will be the guest speaker at the 17th annual Teen Awards, hosted by the Josephine County Commission for Children & Families. The celebration will be held Tuesday, April 7 at Bear Hotel in Grants Pass ... **The annual round-up** of kindergarten and first-grade students will be held at Evergreen Elementary School on Thursday, May 7. This is an opportunity to visit the school, meet teachers and submit paperwork. Students must be 5-years old by Sept. 1 to attend kindergarten. Copies of birth certificates and immunization records are required. Phone 592-3136 with questions. **T-shirts:** *Photography is not a crime. *I don't suffer from insanity ... I enjoy every minute of it. *I've used up all my sick days, so I'm calling in dead ... **Bumper stickers:** *The problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people's money. *Trust the government. It worked for Sitting Bull. *I'll worry about

global warming when the meteorologists begin accurately predicting next week. **LAST WORDS** - You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus. (Mark Twain).

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, March 25
Cloudy with showers
High--54 Low--26

Thursday, March 26
Part sun, warming
High--61 Low--29

Friday, March 27
Partly sunny
High--66 Low--32

Saturday, March 28
Sun
High--64 Low--32

Sunday, March 29
Some clouds
High--63 Low--40

Monday, March 30
Clouds and sun
High--70 Low--38

Tuesday, March 31
Clouds and sun
High--68 Low--36

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

*Fri.,	March 13	65	29	.00
*Sat.,	March 14	48	29	.28
*Sun.,	March 15	49	41	2.76
*Mon.,	March 16	48	42	1.34
*Tue.,	March 17	58	40	.22
*Wed.,	March 18	64	34	.00
*Thu.,	March 19	67	39	.00

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

*Fri.,	March 13	70	28	.00
*Sat.,	March 14	46	39	.51
*Sun.,	March 15	49	40	2.42
*Mon.,	March 16	46	41	1.27
*Tue.,	March 17	56	38	.25
*Wed.,	March 18	67	33	.01
*Thu.,	March 19	69	33	.00

Keep it in the valley -- shop Illinois Valley first!

Novelty cigarette lighters outlawed as of June 2

Gov. Kulongoski has signed House Bill 2365 prohibiting the selling or distribution of novelty (toylike) lighters in Oregon.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Paul Holvey, is designed to prevent lighters that look like toys from getting into the hands of children.

Memorial set for Ray's founders

A service to celebrate the lives of Ray and June Nidiffer, founders of C&K Markets, is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2009, at 2 p.m. in the Brookings-Harbor High School gymnasium, 625 Pioneer Road in Brookings. Family, friends, employees and the public are welcome to attend. Refreshments will follow. Rooms at the following motels in the Brookings area have been reserved at a preferred rate for those people traveling to Brookings from out of the area: Best Western Beachfront, Portside Inn, Brookings Inn, Blue Coast Inn, Harbor Inn, Ocean Suites, Wild River Motel, Sprindrift Inn.

Friends of the Nidiffers are also welcome to submit written messages to a Web site set up in honor of Ray and June. Go to www.nidiffermemorial.com.

ODA offering reimbursement for organic certification costs

The Oregon Dept. of Agriculture continues to offer reimbursement for organic certification costs from U.S. Dept. of Agriculture accredited certifiers

This reimbursement also is available to Oregon growers or processors renewing their certification. Eligibility is based on certifications dated after Oct. 1, 2007 and through Sept. 30, 2009.

Reimbursements for each of two qualifying years will be made on a first come-first serve basis.

All qualified growers or processors who obtained organic certification or renewed their organic certification during the designated two-year period are encouraged to apply. Reimbursements are limited to 75 percent of fees paid, with a maximum of \$750 for each year.

Authorized by the Farm Bill, the program is designed to assist producers, handlers,

and processors of agricultural products in obtaining certification under the national organic guidelines. USDA originally provided funds to reimburse certifications from October 2008 through September 2009, but added funds to provide reimbursements for the previous certification year, beginning Oct. 1, 2007.

ODA has been awarded \$405,000 in reimbursement funds, which will be available until all funds are depleted.

An estimated 500 to 600 certified organic growers and producers in Oregon are potentially eligible for partial reimbursement.

A reimbursement application for each qualifying year may be downloaded from the ODA Website at <oregon.gov/ODA/ADMD>.

For more information, contact ODA's Agricultural Development and Marketing Division in Portland at (503) 872-6600.

Merkley urges end to Iraq war

Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore) released the following statement on Friday, March 20, the sixth anniversary of the start of the Iraq war:

"We have now been in Iraq longer than we were involved in the Korean War, World War I, World War II or the Civil War. It is time that we end this conflict which has done so much to decrease our national security and so much to damage our standing in the world at a high cost in lives lost.

I'm glad we now have an administration committed to

ending this war so that we focus on the great international challenges we face, which require strong leadership by a respected America, especially reversing the global recession, fighting terrorism, and tackling global warming.

"Unfortunately, even as the overall number of troops in Iraq is on the decline, Americans are still being sent to Iraq -- including 3,000 members of the Oregon Army National Guard. On this anniversary, my thoughts are with those serving in Iraq and their families as we pray for their safe return home."

Clubs & Groups

Siskiyou Project

On Sunday, March 29, valley hiker and historian Greg Walter will lead a hike to Star Flat and the mouth of Deer Creek for lunch on the bank of the Illinois River.

After lunch, the trip will follow the Kerby Flat Trail back up to Illinois River Road. This moderate 3-mile round-trip, all-day hike is sponsored

by Siskiyou Project, and is suitable for children older than 12 years of age. Bring lunch and water.

Hikers should meet at 10 a.m. at the west end of Ray's Food Place parking lot in Selma.

For more information about this event, contact Rich Nawa at 476-6648 or go to www.siskiyou.org for a complete description of the hikes hosted by Siskiyou Project for the 2009 hiking season.

Josephine County Republican Women

A meeting will be held Thursday, March 26 at Elmer's Restaurant in Grants Pass beginning at 11:45 a.m. The agenda includes a report on the recent Dorchester Conference, and a talk, *Biblical Standards: Hand in Hand With Conservative Principles*.

"I am pleased the way the House and Senate worked to pass this legislation, with the full support of the governor," said Oregon State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson. "We have been working on this issue along with our fire service partners for a number of years and now we can begin the process of eliminating these dangerous devices disguised as toys."

Toylike lighters have features that are attractive to children, including visual effects, flashing lights, musical sounds, cartoon or toylike designs or other elements that would reasonably be expected to make it attractive to a child less than 10 years old.

"This was truly a bipartisan effort," said Judy Okulitch, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program manager. "The speed at which this bill was passed shows its importance in protecting children and families from inscrutable manufacturers who are making money with disregard to public safety."

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal is responsible for implementing the new law and has started notifying retailers statewide of the new regulations. Retailers have until June 2, 2009 to eliminate

their stock of toylike lighters.

"I congratulate Oregon's Fire Marshal and fire safety leaders for putting Oregon, once again, at the forefront in dealing with a new challenge - the dangers of novelty lighters," said Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.). "I am re-introducing my federal bill to ban novelty lighters because they have caused too many tragic deaths and injuries and I'm going to work to make sure that these safety hazards masquerading as toys are kept out of the hands of children nationwide."

"The Oregon Fire Marshal's office has been a national leader in bringing this issue to the attention of members of Congress. I am pleased to work with them to raise awareness of the danger these lighters pose to children in Oregon and across the country."

Oregon was the third state, behind Maine and Tennessee to pass a law banning toylike lighters. Oregon's passage was followed by similar bills in Arkansas and Virginia now waiting for signing by their respective governors.

For more information on toylike lighters, visit http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Novelty_Toylike_Lighters.shtml.



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MONDAY, MARCH 30
 * 21st Century 3:30 p.m.: yoga, welding, drama club, homework help

TUESDAY, MARCH 31
 * 21st Century 3:30 p.m.: brain bowl, sewing, guitar lessons, homework help

* Softball at Brookings Harbor Varsity girls @ 4:30 p.m.
 * Baseball at Brookings Harbor Varsity boys @ 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
 * 21st Century 3:30 p.m.: yoga, cooking, drama club, homework help, Microsoft Office class for adults

(All 21st Century events are open to parents of students at any I.V. school. Also open to homeschoolers.)

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