

Here, There, & Everywhere

JOYFUL REJOICING - *Joyful Noise* and the Southern Oregon Davidic Dancers will hold a community potluck and Passover celebration, *Praising Jesus in Song, Dance & Testimonies*, on Friday, April 10. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction. To help or for more information phone 659-8403 or 592-3818.

THE BALANCED WEIGH - A free information meeting about a proven health-and-weight management program, The Balanced Weigh, will be presented Monday, April 13 from 7 to 8 p.m. in Bldg. H-2 on the Rogue Community College campus in Grants Pass. The presenter will be Linda Willis, who holds a doctorate in health education, and who has been in S.W. Oregon for 19 years. Her background includes being professor of health and physical education at Eastern Oregon State University for 11 years, teaching nutrition and exercise physiology. She uses "humor, common sense and the facts" in her presentations. Said Willis, "What we weigh is not the most important factor, however, if what we weigh is negatively affecting our physical, mental or spiritual health and enjoyment of life, it is time to consider living 'The Balanced Way'."

'SMART' EATING - Several Rogue Valley restaurants have pledged a portion of the day's proceeds on Wednesday, April 22 to benefit the Start Making a Reader Today (SMART) program. "Help promote literacy, supply books to children and have fun dining out with family and friends," organizers said. In Cave Junction, Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. is participating; also Elmer's and Matsukaze Japanese restaurant in Grants Pass.

FLOAT ON - "Labor Day is coming," says Illinois Valley Lions Club member Harry Johnson. "It's time for all of you to get your floats dusted off or start making them." This year's Labor Day Parade theme is *150 years of Oregon History, Hear the Past, See the Future*. Float entries should be made to fit this theme. The parade will be held on Monday, Sept. 7. For assistance or questions phone Johnson, 596-2104.

BOOK BARGAINS BECKON - Spring session Scholastic Book Fair at Lorna Byrne Middle School will begin on Wednesday, April 29 and be open through May 12. Book Fair is a fund-raising opportunity for parents, students, and community members to purchase books and other items, while at the same time helping the LBMS library save on providing additional reading material. A portion of each sale is credited to LBMS toward the purchase of books and materials. Book Fair is open to students before the first bell in the morning, during lunch time, and after school until 3:30 p.m. during regular school days. Scholastic Book Fair also will be open during third Trimester Conference Day on Thursday, April 30, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

NOTEPAD - Illinois Valley Lions Club will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt in Jubilee Park on Sunday, April 12. See page 15 for the I.V. Lions' ad and other Easter specials ... **Ron Thornhill**, a 1964 graduate of Illinois Valley High School, has published a children's book, *Hungry Harold (a Story Too Gross For Girls)*. This is his first nationally published book. Thornhill will be at Evergreen Elementary School on Thursday and Friday, April 9 and 10, to read his books, tell stories and share his artwork. His books and art will be featured at Taylor's Country Store Friday night, April 10 ... **Those aged 8 to 14** who are interested in competition cheerleading should phone Cricket Alvarez at 761-8308 ... **Siskiyou Project** will hold a community meeting to discuss aspects of the Hope Mountain Stewardship Project, a facet of the Master Stewardship Agreement (MSA) recently entered into with the U.S. Forest Service. The meeting will be held at the Takilma Community Building (Dome School) on Thursday, April 16 beginning at 7 p.m. Said Oshana Catranides, outreach and collaboration contact for Siskiyou Project, "The first projects under the MSA are currently being developed to restore diversity and resiliency to previously managed and degraded public lands, with a focus on restoring aging tree plantations and advancing ecologically based hazardous fuels reduction in fire-suppressed forests adjacent to roadways and community interface areas." Catranides can be reached at 621-6999 ... **Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance** will hold its third annual Soup for the Souls fund-raiser for Sexual Assault Awareness Month on Saturday, April 11. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Said Iris Chinook, development coordinator, "Join us for an all-you-can-eat soup and bread dinner with raffles, door prizes and cake walk." Anyone can attend. Phone 592-4147 for more information ... **T-shirts:** *I liked homework better when it was called coloring. *My creative juices may contain pulp. *Nostalgia was better in the old days ... **Bumper stickers:** *I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks. **LAST WORDS** - There are 10¹¹ stars in the galaxy. That used to be a huge number. But it's only a hundred billion. It's less than the national deficit! We used to call them astronomical numbers. Now we should call them economical numbers. (Richard Feynman)

Weather Watch Cave Junction

Wednesday, April 8 Cloudy High--58 Low--39	
Thursday, April 9 Drizzle High--56 Low--36	
Friday, April 10 Showers High--57 Low--37	
Saturday, April 11 Cloudy High--59 Low--37	
Sunday, April 12 Sun hidden by clouds High--62 Low--38	
Monday, April 13 Rain at times High--62 Low--28	
Tuesday, April 14 Clouds High--56 Low--31	

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 27	70	40	.00
*Sat.,	March 28	63	37	.09
*Sun.,	March 29	50	31	.00
*Mon.,	March 30	62	28	.00
*Tue.,	March 31	64	32	.00
*Wed.,	April 1	58	42	.00
*Thu.,	April 2	55	40	.20
Following are the high-and-low temperatures and rainfall recorded at Illinois River Farm in Cave Junction:				
*Fri.,	March 27	72	39	.00
*Sat.,	March 28	68	36	.03
*Sun.,	March 29	54	30	.01
*Mon.,	March 30	63	27	.00
*Tue.,	March 31	69	30	.00
*Wed.,	April 1	61	39	.00
*Thu.,	April 2	58	41	.11

Unemployment figures show February increase

In February, Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 10.8 percent from 9.8 percent in January.

The last time Oregon's unemployment rate was in double digits was in January 1984, when the rate was 10.0 percent. The last time Oregon's rate was 10.8 percent or higher was in July 1983 when the rate was 10.8 percent.

Oregon's unemployment rate has now risen in each of the past 13 months, dating back to January 2008, when the rate was 5.3 percent.

The increases in Oregon's unemployment rate have been particularly rapid during the most recent four-month period. In October 2008, Oregon's unemployment rate was 7.2 percent. This means that during the past four months, the average increase in Oregon's unemployment rate was nine-tenths of a point per

month. The number of unemployed Oregonians jumped to 236,286 in February from 211,979 in January. In February 2008, 115,714 Oregonians were unemployed.

Unemployment in Josephine County continues to rise, with no immediate end in sight.

January's figures accounted for a total civilian labor force of 36,073. Of those, approximately 30,837 were employed and 5,236 were unemployed, for a total unemployment rate of 14.5 percent.

The figures for February were even worse, and showed the county with a total civilian labor force of 36,392, of which 30,544 were employed and 5,848 were unemployed. As such, the county's unemployment rate for that month was 16.1 percent.

Thus, the number of unemployed more than doubled during the past 12 months.

The Oregon Employment Dept. plans to release statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March 2009 on Monday, April 13.

SCHC to receive stimulus grant to retain personnel

On March 27 it was announced that Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC) will receive the full amount of the first phase of stimulus money for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) in Oregon.

This grant is to increase the number of patients receiving services, retain current personnel and employ additional personnel. SCHC will receive \$280,380 during a two-year time frame.

The award is part of the Increased Demand for Services which all FQHCs were eligible for. There was a base of \$100,000. The remainder of the funds was based on a formula of \$6 per patient seen during 2008 and \$16 per uninsured patient.

The first phase was to establish new FQHC sites.

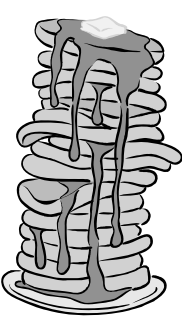


- IVHS School Menu -
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SISKIYOU COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
25647 Redwood Hwy.
592-4111

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 Pasta with marinara / meat sauce, bean & cheese burrito, chicken burger, cheeseburger; cheese, barbecue chicken or supreme pizza; Italian sandwich, turkey & cheese sandwich, spicy chicken wrap; chef, antipasto, fruit & veggie, or garden salad.
FRIDAY, APRIL 10 Nacho supreme, corn dog, spicy chicken burger, hamburger; pepperoni, cheese, supreme or taco pizza; ham & cheese or turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden, fruit & veggie, or Mandarin chicken salad.
MONDAY, APRIL 13 Beef soft tacos, chicken strips, spicy chicken burger, hamburger; pepperoni, cheese, vegetarian, or sausage pizza; ham & cheese or turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden, fruit & veggie, or Mandarin chicken salad.
TUESDAY, APRIL 14 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, APRIL 15 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.

Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser



Saturday, April 11
8-11 a.m. at Jubilee Park
Adults: \$5
Kids: \$4 (younger than 12)

Boy Scout Troops
79 & 880



Soup & Pie Lunch



Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
\$5 (includes soup refills)
Lots of Choices
Take-out Available

Immanuel United Methodist Church
200 W. Watkins St., CJ

A Time to Rejoice!

Celebrate passing from death to life (I John 3:14)
Praising Jesus in song, dance, & testimonies!

Community Potluck Passover Celebration

with

J Joyful Noise

& Southern Oregon Davidic Dancers



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to help or for info: 659-8403 or 592-3818



1439 N.E. 6th St.
Grants Pass
479-8820

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- * **Tuxedo Rentals**
- * **Gorilla Grams**
- * **Avon**

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Help Local Food Banks

CONCERT

with **Dale Hopper**
& featuring **Claude**
the singing dog

Friday, April 10
6 to 8 p.m.
I.V. Grange 370

Suggested Donation:
\$5 to \$10
Non-perishable food items gladly accepted.

3763 Holland Loop

Denny Hare: 592-3857
Ryan Nolan: 592-2914



I.V. Library Membership Drive

HEAR STORIES, SONGS, & POETRY

at

Taylor's Country Store

Thursday, April 16, 4-7 p.m.

Help open the I.V. Branch of the Josephine County Library!

