

Here, There, & Everywhere

FLYING FUN - Rogue Valley Flyers radio-control airplane club will host a Fun/Fly Day at the Josephine County Skypark off Kerby Mainline on Sunday, April 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public can view the variety of aircraft which will take to the skies. An instructor will be on hand with a "trainer" aircraft for those who would like to try RC flying.

FREE FOOD - Our yards, gardens and fields are filled with wild-growing, nutritious greens this time of year. Learn to identify, harvest and eat these healthy greens in a variety of dishes at the *Wild Spring Greens* class to be taught by Suzanne Vautier and sponsored by Spiral Living Center. The class will be held on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Frog Farm in Takilma. There is a fee. Phone 592-3642 or visit www.spiralliving.org for more information.

SERVICE SOUGHT - The Glass Rail Outfit Community Center, at 27742 Redwood Hwy., needs volunteers to work on Saturday, April 18. Bring gloves and wear appropriate clothing. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Said Shirley Rusk, "This is a great opportunity for students in need of community service hours to graduate to meet the requirements and help the community." Phone Rusk at 592-4698 for information.

EAT 'SMART' - Several Rogue Valley restaurants have pledged to donate a portion of their proceeds on Wednesday, April 22 to benefit the Start Making a Reader Today (SMART) Program. In Cave Junction, Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. is participating; also Elmer's and Matsutake Japanese restaurant in Grants Pass.

PARADE PREPARATIONS - "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 - Three Rivers School District's Summer Food Service Program provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to all children within the district throughout the summer months. TRSD is looking for qualifying sites interested in providing meals. Phone Michael Morris at 476-4183 for more information ... **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, Lomakatsi Restoration and Siskiyou Project. The meeting will be held at the Takilma Community Building (Dome School) on Thursday, April 16 beginning at 7 p.m. ... **Josephine County** Artists Association will hold its Spring Art Show Luncheon/Critique on Monday, April 27 at the Brewery Restaurant, 509 S.W. G St., Grants Pass. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. There is a fee to participate. Contact Carol Smith at 479-1602 for more information ... **Food security** in Illinois Valley is the topic of a meeting to be held Tuesday, April 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction. This is in advance of a "Farm Festival" and conference on the issue of food security to be held in May. Phone John Gardiner at 415-2613 for more information ... **I.V. Visitor Center** recorded 940 visitors during March, said Dulcie Moore, I.V. Chamber office manager. The total is 301 more than the 639 recorded during March 2008, and 720 more visitors than the 220 noted during February this year ... **T-shirts:** *My career as a psychic ended due to unforeseen circumstances. *Actually, medicine is the best medicine. *I'm not bitter, I'm just unsweetened ... **Bumper stickers:** *A good bumper sticker makes me feel like I'm done thinking for the day. *Bumper stickers are not the answer. *My other car's bumper sticker is funny.

LAST WORDS - We shall not grow wiser before we learn that much that we have done was very foolish. (Friedrich August von Hayek)

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

*Fri., April 3	54	32	.00
*Sat., April 4	67	26	.00
*Sun., April 5	74	31	.00
*Mon., April 6	79	33	.00
*Tue., April 7	60	40	.00
*Wed., April 8	55	44	.00
*Thu., April 9	48	40	.47

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

*Fri., April 3	55	33	.00
*Sat., April 4	67	26	.01
*Sun., April 5	75	27	.00
*Mon., April 6	79	30	.01
*Tue., April 7	62	38	.00
*Wed., April 8	54	44	.01
*Thu., April 9	50	40	.64

Letters

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with love, time, and affection. It breaks my heart to do this because he is such a wonderful spirit, and we are so attached, but this is painfully necessary.

If anyone has it in their heart to give him a home and the love and care he deserves, contact Earth Friendly Kids at 592-3098 and talk to Rebecca.

Turning around a life From Annette McGee Cave Junction

Many have followed the saga about homeless folks in Cave Junction. While it's hard for some to understand how a person can live and drink on the streets, each one of those folks has a story that would likely break your heart.

Once hopelessness sets in, sometimes people no longer take steps to improve their lot.

But now we have a story about one of our homeless women, Crystal, who is trying to turn her life around. She recently was rescued by a man who helped her get sober. He has found Crystal a place in a shelter in Grants Pass. The problem is that Crystal needs a home for her dog.

As a dog trainer, I frequently am called about dogs needing new homes. The nice man who rescued Crystal called me to see if I could help. As a community, I believe we must go beyond complaining about situations we don't like, and become part of the solution instead. Emotionally, Crystal needs her dog to be safe in order to get on with her own life.

The famous "Dog Whisperer," Cesar Milan, frequently states on his weekly television program that homeless people's dogs are often the best dogs. Because they spend so much time with other dogs and are constantly being walked, they are usually friendly and adaptable animals.

That is certainly the case with this young Pit Bull-mix *Mister*. He is gentle with other pets, kids and adults. And just like homeless people themselves, Pit Bulls often have a bad reputation, whether they've earned it or not. But it should be remembered that a Pit Bull is a terrier. Cir-

cuses train terriers because they are so intelligent.

While there can be a tendency for dog aggression in Pit Bulls, whether or not this is expressed has far more to do with the people who shape the behavior of the individual dogs. There are millions of friendly Pit Bull-mix dogs in America, and *Mister* is one of them. If someone adopts him, I offer free dog training, although I doubt he'll require much. We can help Crystal help herself via a good temporary or permanent home for *Mister* to give Crystal the peace of mind she needs to heal.

Matsutake and land management From Susan Chapp Cave Junction

We have at this time a great opportunity for mushroom harvesters to make input to the Forest Service on management of public land where there are good matsutake mushroom harvest areas. The Butcherknife/Slate Creek Fuels Reduction Project starts at the top of Hay's Hill on U.S. Forest Service land, with the great majority of the acreage on the north side of Hwy. 199. There are a wide variety of proposed activities ranging from commercial and pre-commercial thinning to controlled burns and noxious weed control. And there are good matsutake production areas with the 5,834 acres of this project area.

The draft environmental assessment for Butcherknife/Slate has been out for public comment for some time. There may only be a short amount of time left in the regular input period, and I apologize for getting this letter out so late. The good news is that our district ranger, Joel King, is very open to the total range of input, whether timely or not.

The Forestry Action Committee is founded on the belief that ecosystem balance can only be created from the bottom up and can only be maintained by the people actually occupying that space. This philosophy puts fungal health and the knowledge of fungi harvesters front and center in terms of forest health, with the implication that we will not fully achieve balanced forest management until mushroom harvester input is integrated and utilized.

You can reach the Wild Rivers Ranger District at 592-4000. The address is 26568 Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction. If you want to share your thoughts with the Forestry Action Committee, phone us at 592-4098. We would like to hear them.

Spiral Living Center Presents:

Wild Spring Greens
with Suzanne Vautier
Saturday, April 25th, 10 to 1 \$20
Frog Farm in Takilma



Free Food! Learn to identify and prepare delicious and nutritious wild growing greens.

Space is limited. Call to pre-register.

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1 ONLY, PERSONAL ROOM
private pay or estate pay
Day Care Also Available



Nona's Place
210 South Old Stage Road - 592-6309
Senior Adult Foster Home

St. Patrick Church Hall
RUMMAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday, April 24 & 25, 9 am - 2 pm

Bag Sale Saturday, 1-2 pm only

407 W. River St.



The Sky's the Limit
2009 Josephine County Teen Awards

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We Appreciate the Contributions from our Community...

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We appreciate the contributions from these individuals and business contributors. With their generosity, awards were presented to eleven Josephine County teens recognized for positive life changes and reaching for their goals.

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Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, April 15
Sunny
High--54 Low--27



Thursday, April 16
Cloudy, a little sun
High--60 Low--39



Friday, April 17
Clouds
High--67 Low--40



Saturday, April 18
Sunny and warm
High--75 Low--42



Sunday, April 19
Cloudy and warm
High--76 Low--41



Monday, April 20
Clouds
High--68 Low--47



Tuesday, April 21
Sun hidden by clouds
High--78 Low--46



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THURSDAY, APRIL 16
Grilled cheese, popcorn chicken, pepperoni or veggie pizza, turkey salad sandwich, chicken salad wrap, chef or garden salad.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
Salisbury steak, cheese-burger, soft chicken taco, totally turkey sandwich, classic wrap, Cobb or garden salad.

MONDAY, APRIL 20
Hot diggity dog, hamburger, cheese quesadilla, totally turkey sandwich, clever club wrap, garden salad.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21
Totally teriyaki dippers, chicken nuggets, sausage or cheese pizza, super dupe sub, crispy chicken wrap, chef or garden salad.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
Spaghetti with meat sauce, hamburger, chicken burger, tuna torpedo sandwich, it's Italian wrap, popcorn chicken garden salad.

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Recycle Round-Up (Can Slam)

Saturday, April 18

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. I.V. Visitor Center

* **TIN CANS & ALUMINUM:** *Labels ok*

* **NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES**

* **CARDBOARD & PAPERBOARD**

Cereal-type boxes, fiber egg cartons, shoe boxes, 6 or 12 pack cartons, cardboard tubes
Remove waxed or foil-lining

* **PLASTIC BOTTLES #1's 1-7:** *Neck smaller than base.*

NO motor oil or antifreeze containers. NO buckets, NO furniture.

* **MIXED WASTE PAPER:** *Junk mail, scrap paper, paper bags, paperback books & phone books*

NO glass this time (take to Kerby Transfer Station)

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