

Here, There, & Everywhere

GOTTA HAVE ART - In a salute to the Oregon Caves and Chateau, Cave Junction artist Karen Stiles' painting of the caves will be displayed at Evergreen Federal Bank in Cave Junction from Monday through Friday, May 4 through 8. Stiles will be at Evergreen from 4 to 6 p.m. during Second Friday ArtWalk on May 8. Her painting will be featured as one of 33 "Doors of Oregon" in a Downtown Grants Pass display this summer.

LE PETIT CHATEAU - Mike McDermott, a 1959 graduate of Illinois Valley High School, has created a doll house replica of the Oregon Caves Chateau. The rendition will be displayed at Illinois Valley Visitor Center until the July 4 weekend, when it will be raffled to raise funds for the I.V. Alumni Scholarship Fund.

DONATED DUDS - Takilma Bible Church will hold its semi-annual clothing give-away on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The location is 10343 Takilma Road.

CLASSIFIED CON - Several newspapers in Oregon recently reported that some classified advertising customers were contacted by a person identifying themselves as a representative of the newspaper. The customer is notified that the newspaper requires immediate payment amount for running ads, and the caller attempts to obtain credit card information.

Established advertisers with the *Illinois Valley News* have accounts that are billed. Private parties placing classified ads have to pay in advance of publication. In any event, the *News* does not accept credit cards. If you receive this type of call, contact Josephine County Sheriff's Office at 474-5123.

CIRCUS SITUATION - A public showing of the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus will be welcomed by Cave Junction Lions Club on the Junction Inn lot in Cave Junction on Monday, May 11. Show times are 5 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Coffee Heaven, Evergreen Federal Bank, Home Valley Bank, Lue-van-o's, SOFCU Community Credit Union, Michelle's Family Restaurant, Taylor's Country Store, River Valley Restaurant, Sterling Savings Bank, and Illinois Valley Visitor Center.

NOTEPAD - An organizational meeting and sign-ups for Toastmasters International will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 1 in the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction. Contact Buster Van Der Wood at 660-2354 for more information ... **Illinois Valley Little League** will hold a bake sale fund-raiser during the five games scheduled on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 9 a.m. ... **Cinco de Mayo** Family Activities Night will be held on Tuesday, May 5 at Lorna Byrne Middle School. Students and their families are invited to a free, fun-filled evening of activities in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Students must accompany their parent/guardian to be admitted. The evening will begin with a free enchilada dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the LBMS cafeteria. There also will be arts-and-crafts, and a performance by Mexican Folk dance group, *Ballet Folklorio Ritmo Alegre*, sponsored by Illinois River Valley Arts Council ... **Evergreen Elementary** will hold a Jog-athon fund-raiser on Thursday, April 30, from 9 to 11 a.m. Also, Evergreen will hold a "Buy-one, Get-one Free" book fair on Wednesday through Friday, May 6 to 8, and Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. ... **Free cave tours** will be offered during Oregon Caves Community Day on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information phone 592-2100 ... **T-shirts**: *It's T-shirt Day! *Some of my best friends wear T-shirts. *I'm only wearing this because my kids gave it to me ... **Bumper stickers**: *Careful: I back up fast. *Official U.S. Taxpayer. *Don't honk. I'm pedaling as fast as I can.

LAST WORDS - We never lost a game. Occasionally, we ran out of time. (Vince Lombardi)

Club & Organization News

Siskiyou Project

A hike along the spectacular Illinois River Canyon trail from Briggs Creek to York Creek Botanical Area will be led on Sunday, May 3 by Siskiyou Project ecologist Rich Nawa and members of the Native Plant Society of Oregon.

This hike features *Kalmiopsis leachiana*, a beautiful Rhododendron-like flower discovered by botanist Lilla Leach in 1930.

"Bring a lunch and plenty of water for this all-day, 6-mile (total), moderate hike on mostly level ground. The hike will be held rain or shine, so come prepared."

Hikers will meet at 10 a.m. on the highway side of Ray's Food Store parking lot in Selma and carpool to the trailhead. Phone 476-6648 for more information or go to www.siskiyou.org

I.V. Safe House Alliance

The alliance will host the first 2009 ArtWalk on Friday, May 8 with featured artist Mary Reynolds showing her intricately and exquisitely beaded miniature quilts.

From 6:30 to 7 p.m.,

Ability will never catch up with the demand for it.

~ Malcolm Forbes ~

Daniel Emery will host a presentation on photo composition. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information phone 592-2515.

The Rogue Valley Rose Society

The society, the only rose society in Southwestern Oregon, will present "Wine & Roses" with the 64th annual free rose show at the Jose-

phine County Fairgrounds on June 6.

There will be wine-tasting courtesy of Schmidt Family Winery, Longsword Winery and Plaisance Ranch. There will be door prizes and a "Rose Wine" wall hanging raffle. Rose entries will be accepted.

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Recession wrecks county revenues

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
IVN Staff Writer

Because of the lingering economic recession, some Josephine County agencies that typically give money to the general fund may need some of those dollars to maintain basic operations.

During the Budget Committee's meeting Thursday, April 23, Chief Financial Officer Rosemary DeLashmutt stated that the clerk and recorder's office will need to draw from the county's general fund instead of contributing to it.

DeLashmutt said that recordings and passport requirements for that office have dropped and that its revenues are down

"substantially."

County Forester Vic Harris said that he plans to return approximately \$13,000 to the general fund during the 2009-10 fiscal year. Forestry generates more revenue in most years, but due to a lack of demand, Harris said he does not plan to offer any timber sales in the immediate future.

Overall, Harris said that forestry requires a budget of around \$874,000, and plans to generate some \$884,000.

Planner Michael Snider said that his department is down to six full-time employees and is only open to the public for 20 hours per week. In contrast, he said, it had 10.5 full-time equivalent employees during the 2007-08

fiscal year.

During the 2007-08 fiscal year, Snider said, planning handled approximately 184 pre-applications, 593 applications and 841 development permits, for a total of 1,618. But in 2008-09, there were 120 pre-applications, 509 applications and 573 development permits, for a total of 1,202, he said. Figures represent a 26 percent drop.

Overall, Snider said that the planning department anticipates receiving approximately \$408,000 in revenues, some \$88,000 shy of the \$496,000 required to maintain its operations.

In order to make up the difference, planning will need around \$37,200 from the general fund and \$50,000 in economic development funds.

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grain roll, butterscotch pudding

Sexual assault vigil set

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVSHA) will honor the occasion with its annual Take Back the Night event.

IVSHA has participated in the event since 2001. Past events have included marches around Downtown Cave Junction, but that won't happen this year.

Rather, IVSHA advocate Grace Auzenne said that all Take Back the Night activities will occur on Thursday, April 30 between 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the CARES Center, across from Cave Junction City Hall next to the DMV office.

"Usually, we have a candlelight vigil to remember the

ones who have died, and do something to honor the ones who have survived," Auzenne said.

Aside from the vigil, five domestic violence survivors will sing, Auzenne said, and there will be a poetry reading.

This is the first year that IVSHA has participated in the Clothesline Project, which involves survivors writing their stories on T-shirts that are hung together.

Such shirts have been displayed at several locations around Cave Junction this month, but will all be brought to the CARES Center for Take Back the Night.

For more information, visit ivhsa.org or takebackthenight.org.

Swine Flu ...

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and say they are prepared to handle this sort of situation, a press release said.

According to the release, cases of a novel Influenza A virus have been reported throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada. It is an H1N1 strain, and is a combination of swine and human strains that appear to be easily transmissible from human to human, the release stated.

The current cases in the United States are of the mild variety and not much different than the seasonal flu. However, the release said that in Mexico, the strain seems to be more fatal. News sources

relate that nearly 100 persons have died and that hundreds have been sickened.

Health officials are asking the public to take the normal precautions to avoid respiratory illness. Those include frequent hand-washing, covering coughs but not with hands, staying home from work or school when sick, and seeking attention and advice from a physician if experiencing flu-like illnesses, the release said.

The public also is advised to wash their hands thoroughly after any contact with animals, and that swine flu cannot be contracted by eating pork or pork products.

ODOT projects

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tion where we can get funding, up to \$100,000, to do overlay curb and sidewalk work," Moore said. "We're looking at a couple of streets here where we might be able to get a new overlay done and get sidewalks put in."

Also discussed during the April 21 meeting was possible installation of a turning lane on Hamilton Street, Moore said.

Lutheran Women's

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, May 2
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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