

Here, There, & Everywhere

CAVES CRAZE - Saturday, May 9 will be Community Day at Oregon Caves National Monument. Free tours are offered between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. The National Park Service advises that the route is “cold, wet, winding, mysterious and beautiful.” Jackets are recommended, as temperatures in the caves are consistently in the low 40s. Each 90-minute tour covers more than 500 uneven steps. For safety reasons, children under 42-inches tall are not permitted to tour the caves.

“This is an especially exciting year,” said Superintendent Vicki Snitzler, “because 2009 marks the 100th anniversary (of the caves) as a national monument.” For more information phone 592-2100.

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.

LIBRARY LIFT - Volunteers are asked to pitch in to clean up the Illinois Valley Branch Library grounds on W. Palmer Street in Cave Junction on Saturday, May 16 beginning at 10 a.m. Participants are asked to bring rakes, brooms, trash bags and even lawn mowers, if available. Phone Linda Naydol at 592-3289 for more information.

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.

SELMA SAMPLER - Saturday, May 16 is scheduled to be a busy day at Selma Community & Education Center (SCEC). From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a spring starter plant sale outside under the farmer's market pole shed, and inside the gymnasium a flea market will be held. At 6 p.m. SCEC will host a Mexican dinner. Contact Ruth at 592-3759 for information about the plant sale; phone Jim at 597-2455 for flea market information.

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 at 596-2104.

TRACK ATTIRE - An anonymous donor has provided some 31 sweatshirts for this year's Lorna Byrne Middle School track team. Athletes will get to keep them, as stipulated by the donor. The donor contacted coach Perry Sheehan about the matter, which Principal Damien Crowson calls “very generous and nice.” He estimates the donor's cost at \$600 to \$700.

NOTEPAD - **Lovejoy Hospice** can be supported during its “Sweet Invigation” Heart of Summer Team Fund-raiser. Order by Thursday, May 7 to have 4 ounces of Cary's of Oregon fine chocolate and a Mother's Day card sent to your mom for a donation to Lovejoy. Proceeds support children's Grief & Loss, children's hospice and adult bereavement programs. Phone 955-5545 to order ... **Oregon Caves** National Monument is participating in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program this summer. Two enrollee positions available. YCC is a summer employment program for men and women aged 15 through 18 who work and learn by participating in conservation work on public land. Phone Pat Fine at 592-2100, Ext. 221; and leave a message including name and address to send an application and information packet. Applications are due by May 26 ... **Greater Grants Pass Rotary** Club will host *First Crush*, an annual event “showcasing the finest wine, food, cheese and chocolates” from Southwestern Oregon. Proceeds will benefit Josephine County Food Bank. The event will be held at the Von Coeln residence at the Josephine County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 30 from 3 to 7 p.m. For tickets, phone Nancy Venuti at 476-9616, Ext. 103 or email nancy@grantspasshomes.com ... **Raffle tickets** are available at Illinois Valley Visitor Center, and Sterling Savings Bank (Cave Junction) to win a doll house replica of the Chateau at Oregon Caves. The drawing will be held on July 5 during the annual I.V. Alumni picnic. Proceeds will benefit the IVHS Alumni & Friends Scholarship fund ... **T-shirts**: *Celebrate take yourself to work day. *Watch out! Whatever hits the fan will be distributed evenly. *All work completed. All customers satisfied. All staff happy. All pigs fed and ready to fly ... **Bumper stickers**: *Spell check ... it's impotent. *I like to jam the copier. *Dangerously overeducated.

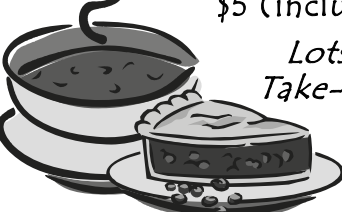
LAST WORDS - We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude. If we run into such debt, as that we must be taxed in our meat and in our drink, in our necessities and our comforts, in our labors and our amusements, for our calling and our creeds ... [we will] have no time to think, no means of calling our mis-managers to account to rivet their chains on the necks of our fellow-sufferers ... And this is the tendency of all human governments. A departure from principle in one instance becomes a precedent for [another] till the bulk of society is reduced to be mere automatons of misery ... And the fore-horse of this frightful team is public debt. Taxation follows that, and in its train wretchedness and oppression. (Thomas Jefferson)

Soup & Pie Lunch

Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
\$5 (includes soup refills)

*Lots of Choices
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Immanuel United Methodist Church
200 W. Watkins St., CJ



Cassanelli questions development funds allocation

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
IVN Staff Writer

Josephine County Commissioner Sandi Cassanelli said that she disagrees with the use of economic development funds to the county's planning department.

Economic development projects include \$10,000 for expanding the city of Grants Pass Urban Growth Boundary; \$6,500 for sewer improvements to the North Valley Industrial Park; \$6,800 for an airport rezoning; and \$50,000 for an economic development facilitator.

Cassanelli stated her ob-

jections during the Budget Committee's meeting Thursday, April 23. She said that some of the economic development allocations involve the Paradise Ranch Resort project in Merlin, and added that small developers don't ask for public dollars.

“I can't approve so much money going to the planning office for this project,” she said.

Committee Vice Chairman Dave Toler said that he thinks it is “justified” to use economic development funds for use by the planning office. Chairman Dwight Ellis agreed, and stated that citi-

zens have asked the county to bring in more businesses and increase the tax base. The Paradise Ranch project will help accomplish both goals, Ellis said.

Slightly more than 20 people attended the Budget Committee meeting at Anne G. Basker Auditorium in Grants Pass, and most were county department managers. However, a couple of citizens who attended did sound off on budget-related issues.

Grants Pass resident Dale Matthews asked the committee how the county is planning for when federal safety net money runs out.

George Long, also a Grants Pass resident, requested that the county bolster its military veterans ser-

vices by budgeting for an additional two or three positions for that purpose.

For more information on the county's proposed budget, visit co.josephine.or.us.



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Letters

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Educational materials will be available for different types of projects and information on which projects require permits and inspections and which ones are exempt. The public is encouraged to participate and learn about the essential safety work of the county Building Safety Dept.

Those who have further questions or need additional information can contact me.

From Ashley A. Massey
Public Affairs specialist,
Oregon State Marine Board
Salem

When it comes to outdoor recreation, few places compare to the beauty of Oregon. But every year, what starts out as a day of boating fun turns into tragedy because people threw caution to the wind in an effort to be spontaneous and care-free, in the name of “fun.”

Thirteen people lost their lives in water accidents dur-

ing 2008. In fact, nearly 85 percent of the victims would have survived had they worn a life jacket. A simple, inexpensive device could have spared many family and friends countless hours of emotional agony.

Another contributing factor is alcohol -- It removes inhibitions and impairs a person's judgment. Alcohol is a major factor in 35 percent of recreational boating accidents statewide, and an even larger factor in other water-related drownings.

The effects of alcohol are intensified on the water when combined with sun glare, wind, wave action and motion of the boat. Did you know that one drink on the water has roughly the same effect as three on land?

Drunken passengers are at higher risk for accident or injury. Many people who fall overboard (leading cause of drowning) are impaired passengers.

Club & Organization Notes

Rogue Valley Rose Society

The 64th annual presentation of “Wine & Roses” will be on June 6 in the Arts & Crafts Bldg. at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass.

There will be wine-tasting courtesy of Schmidt Family Winery, Longsword Winery, and Plaisance Ranch. There will be free admission to the event, open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information phone 955-5345.

Laureate Beta Beta Chapter

Members of Grants Pass City Council of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated the 78th anniversary of the organization during a Founders Day dinner on April 30 in Grants Pass.

Members of chapters from Grants Pass and Cave Junction attended. Grants Pass City Council officers were installed, including Jean McHie of Laureate Beta Beta as incoming secretary.

Laureate Beta Beta had a successful spring fund-raiser for its scholarship program. Raffle prize winners were Ginger Nordal, Doug Stohlman, Ken Phillips, Diana Reardon, and Meadow Martell,

with the grand prize going to Marcia Wellen.

Officers of Laureate Beta Beta for 2009-2010 are President Kathy Simmons, Vice President Virginia Gilliam; Treasurer Kathy Young, Recording Secretary, Dorothy Stohlman, Corresponding Secretary Ethel Pose, and Extension Officer Jean McHie.

For more information about the organization, contact Gilliam at 592-2293.

Rotary Club
of Illinois Valley

Interact is coming to Illinois Valley. A new chapter of the international youth service organization is being formed at Illinois Valley High School.

Interact is open to youth aged 14 to 18, who share a desire to serve their communities. Interactors also can take advantage of leadership camps and global exchange programs through Rotary International.

Home-schooled and privately schooled youth are encouraged to get involved. The next meeting will be on Friday, May 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the foods room at IVHS.

Phone Gail Bauer at 471-0471 for more information.

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Clothes

Give-Away!
Saturday, May 16
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Takilma Bible Church
10343 Takilma Rd.

Safe and Sober Grad Night

Annual Dinner and Silent Auction Fund-raiser

Cougars Show Your Spirit—Let's Paint the Night Red and White!
Thursday, May 14, Illinois Valley High School

- Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.
- Silent Auction Begins at 5:45 p.m.
- Dinner Served at 6 p.m.
- Live Auction Begins at 8 p.m.
- Dinner: \$11 per person, \$20 per couple
- FREE Admission for Silent Auction Only

Phone Bobbie Loyd 541 -659-2028 for info.



Auction Items (partial list)	Vintage Ware
Overnight Stay, 7-Feathers Casino	Wildlife Safari Tickets
Overnight Stay, Mill Casino	Rogue Jet Boat Tickets
Jewelry	YMCA Day Use Tickets
Jammers DJ Service	Club Northwest Membership
Gift Baskets	CD Holder
Front Row Seats, IVHS Graduation	17" Flat Screen Monitor
10 yards of Shale Rock	Locally Grown Organic Eggs
10 yards of 3/4 minus rock	Eagle Wall Hanging
Handmade Quilt	Scroll Work Wood Art
Day Bed	Vintage Wall Hanging
King Size Brass Headboard	Kitchen Canister Set
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May 9 & 10 • 11am - 5pm

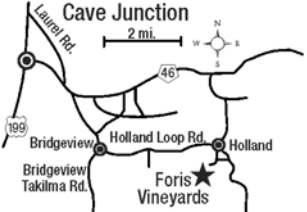
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