

Cemetery clean-up set May 16

Saturday, May 16 beginning at 9 a.m. a volunteer clean-up event will be held at Laurel Cemetery, on Laurel Road in Cave Junction. Approximately 60 volunteers are needed.

The event is scheduled as part of "Take Care of Oregon Days" in connection with the Oregon sesquicentennial celebrations. Participants will collect trash, rake leaves and pull weeds in the cemetery, helping to prepare the site for Memorial Day.

Volunteers are asked to bring buckets, shovels, nonelectric weed mowers, rakes, wheelbarrows, loppers, litter grabbers and buckets. Volunteers with

pickup trucks will be needed to haul away trash and garbage.

The clean-up is being coordinated by Illinois Valley Grange 370 Community Service Dept., which will provide water, refreshments, lunch, and gifts for each participant.

Taylor's County Store is donating lunch meat; Southern Oregon Sanitation is waiving dump fees; and D&D Porta-Potty is providing services. Trash bags, signs, safety vests and work gloves will be provided by the Oregon Lottery, SOLV.org and Oregon150.com.

By organizing the clean-

up and participating in the May "Take Care of Oregon Days" events, Illinois Valley Grange 370 hopes to bring attention to the cemetery and gain support for continuing efforts to keep the cemetery clean and well-maintained. The site is not a perpetual-care cemetery and its board relies on families to take care of the graves and surrounding lots.

More information can be found at SOLV.org. Volunteers are encouraged to register online at solv.org.

More information may also be obtained by phoning Project Coordinator Kendall Phillips at 592-4478.



Witnesses reported a commotion and 'flaming bales of straw' littering the roadway in the 1800 block of Rockydale Road on Friday evening, May 8. The bales, a witness said, were thrown into the ditch from the back of a pickup truck, presumably to prevent the rest of the load catching fire. Neighbors pushed the bales back into the roadway, to stop the fire's spread. Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) personnel responded to fully extinguish the straw. No reason was determined for the blaze, IVFD said. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/IVFD Media Dept.)

Selma Center gearing up for Farmers Markets, Cycle Oregon

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Since becoming chairman of the Selma Community Center's Board of Directors last November, Jim Tehan has started to lay a foundation for its future.

At the top of Tehan's list is making the facility, the former Selma Elementary School, as self-sufficient as possible. To do that, he has increased efforts to rent several of the rooms in the building to community groups.

"We want to do that just enough that it pays the liability insurance, heating and the power bill," he said.

Tehan also would like to establish some savings for capital improvements. The center still is owned by Three Rivers School District (TRSD), but Tehan said that body has "absolutely no funds" for the building.

The TRSD Board of Education recently approved a 10-year lease for the facility. Tehan hopes to someday change that arrangement. "I'd really like to get in a position where someday we'd be able to buy

it off them," he said.

In the short term, Tehan is concentrating on the Selma Farmers Market, which will open at the center in June. Tehan said that he would like to establish a flea market and other activities in conjunction with the market.

Also being considered by Tehan are ways to expand the programs offered at the center; establish monthly community dinners; and improve the landscaping.

"I have a lot of things I'm trying to do, it just takes time," he said.

But perhaps most exciting of all is the fact that more than 2,200 riders from Cycle Oregon plan to stay at Lake Selmac on Sept. 15. Riders will represent 12 countries and all 50 U.S. states.

"This is one of their favorite rides in Southern Oregon," Tehan said.

Many area nonprofit organizations, including Selma Community Center, will assist with events, Tehan said. The Illinois River Valley Arts Council will handle hospitality, he said, and the I.V.

Boosters Club will coordinate meal service and toting luggage.

"That will generate around \$6,000 for the Booster Club for the kids of the Illinois Valley," Tehan said.

Aside from all that, Tehan said that he plans to ask the center's board of directors about possibly applying for grants to help clear some of the algae at Lake Selmac.

"It's the only lake in Josephine County," he said. "It's the only safe place we've got for youngsters to go fishing."

A grant is being pursued to help heat the center's gymnasium, which also serves as its performing arts center. Auditions are being held for a melodrama production.

Tehan said that he mostly wants to make the center open and inclusive to as many people as possible.

"We're really pushing that we're nonpolitical," he said. "This is for the people of the community."

For more information regarding Selma Community Center, phone 597-2455 or 660-5232.



The operator of a red Honda motorcycle, Robert Pope, 18, of Selma, was taken by Mercy Flights helicopter to Rogue Valley Medical Center with serious injuries on Thursday evening, May 7, after he collided with a Ford passenger vehicle driven by Jeff Combs, 55, also of Selma. According to OSP, Combs was stopped in the southbound lane of travel on Redwood Hwy. near milepost 19 to make a left turn onto a drive. The motorcyclist, also traveling south, reportedly passed several vehicles before striking Combs' vehicle. Illinois Valley Fire District and AMR Ambulance personnel responded. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/IVFD Media Dept.)



Auction, dinner to benefit Grad Night

The place to be at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, is the silent auction and dinner at Illinois Valley High School sponsored as an annual fundraiser by the IVHS Grad Night

Committee.

The event accounts for a major portion of the monies needed to finance the 2009 IVHS Safe and Sober Grad Night Party.

The sit-down dinner, served by the IVHS Class of 2009, offers a "sumptuous meal" prepared by Cave Junction Mayor Don Moore (including a surprise dessert). There also will be an I.V. Booster Club booth, a live auction with the infamous Jim Frick at the mike and more surprises.

Booster Club members will be present in support of the night's theme, "Show your Spirit, Let's Paint the Night Red and White!" They will have information brochures available for guests, as well as club members to answer questions.

"Joining us in showing your spirit, by wearing red and white, could result in a few surprises around the room during this event," said Bobbie Loyd, Grad Night chairman.

"This year we will also have a 20-minute live auction at the end of the evening for several larger items," she said. "This will be a memorable event, regardless of the economy."

She further noted, "If you do not want to join us for dinner, come for the auction. Admission is free for auction attendees not having dinner."

"You still have time to make a donation for the auction or get tickets."

Phone Loyd at (541) 659-2028 to arrange for donated items to be picked up and to obtain dinner tickets.

Dog rally at lake May 16

The valley will be going to the dogs this weekend.

Beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 & 17 at Lake Selmac's Trout Pavilion, Saint Bernard enthusiasts from several states will converge with their animals for a Saint Bernard Specialty, Sweepstakes, and Jr. Showmanship competition.

Additionally, there will be All-breed Obedience Trials and All-breed Rally Trials on Saturday. According to Cave Junction resident Karen Bodeving, whose own Saint Bernards will be among contenders, 73 dogs are slated to compete on Saturday.

"The most fun to watch is the All-breed Rally," Bodeving said. "It's like a driver's test with your dog. The judge sets up a course and the handler and dogs have to do what the signs tell them to."

The public is welcome to attend.



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FRIDAY, MAY 15
Nacho supreme, wiener wrap, 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, MAY 18
Beef soft tacos, chicken nuggets, 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, MAY 19
Chicken fajitas, Rib-B-Que sandwich, chicken burger, cheeseburger; pepperoni, cheese, or Hawaiian pizza; Italian, or turkey & cheese sandwich, spicy chicken wrap; chef, antipasto, fruit & veggie, or garden salad.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
Taco salad, teriyaki beef rice bowl, spicy chicken burger, hamburger; pepperoni, sausage, cheese, or Italian griller pizza; veggie, or turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden, fruit & veggie, or Mandarin chicken salad.

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