

Here, There, & Everywhere

FREE FISHIN' - Members of Middle Rogue Steelhead-ers will host at Lake Selmac's Trout Pavilion during a state-wide free-fishing day on Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The group will provide rods and reels, bait and instructions for all comers.

GET YOUR GOAT - Spiral Living Center will offer a class on beginning goat-herding on Saturday, June 6. Learn about shelter, food, and exercise needs, common health problems, goat husbandry and kid rearing, how to get the milk out and what to do with it, going from goat to meat, and pack-goats on the trail. Space is limited. For more information or to register phone 592-3642 or email spiral@spiralliving.org.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - Committees are forming around events to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Oregon statehood. A group organizing a Cave Junction celebration will meet at Michelle's Family Restaurant on Wednesday, June 10, beginning at noon, for those interested in helping. Phone Cory Allen at 592-4301 for more information.

BOYS (& GIRLS) OF SUMMER - Summer registration has begun for Illinois Valley Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs summer 2009 programs. From June 15 to Aug. 14 the club will offer 10 hours per day of "programs, food and fun." Phone 592-4771 or 592-6151 after 2 p.m. for more information. Or visit bgcrv.com.

TICKET TO RIDE - Raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2009 Harley Davidson motorcycle are available at Taylor's Country Store and Century 21 Harris & Taylor in Cave Junction. The bike will be given away during the Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival in Jubilee Park.

NOTEPAD - Poetry and story-telling by David Hodges and Friends will be featured at the Oregon Caves Chateau on Wednesday nights, June 3, 10, and 17 as a part of the celebration of the chateau's 75th anniversary. Phone 592-3400 for more information ... **O'Brien Family Fun Day** will be held on Saturday, June 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the O'Brien Country Store. There will be fun and games, a barbecue, music and more, organizers said. This all-comes community event is a fund-raiser for the I.V. Safe House Alliance, and a celebration of Jimmy & Salena Su and their four years of ownership of O'Brien Store. For more information, phone 592-2515 ... **Junior Golf** will be offered again this year at Illinois Valley Golf Course. Sign-ups will be held on Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the course. There is a small fee ... **Back Country Horsemen** will hold a poker ride on Saturday, June 13 at Lake Selmac horse camp in Selma. The entry fee includes a poker hand, lunch and parking fee. Phone Dick Butler at 597-4383 for more information ... **Reducing neglect** and the hidden cost of substance abuse are among topics to be tackled during the Josephine County Neglect Summit, sponsored by JoCo Juvenile Justice and the Children's Advocacy Center. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18 at 510 N.W. Fourth St. in Grants Pass. Phone 474-5483 to RSVP ...

An informal challenge has been issued to the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce by Josephine County Commissioners Dave Toler and Dwight Ellis to raise \$1,500 towards a new sign at Cave Junction's south entrance. It's still unofficial at this point, but Toler said he hopes to have the county match the \$1,500 from economic development dollars ... **A public comment** period for the Kerby Water District ditch project has been completed, which means that the bidding process can begin. "I figure they should have a contractor before the end of the month. That's what we're hoping, which gives them all summer to do the work," Commissioner Dave Toler said. "I think things are moving right on track." **T Shirts:** *Resist peer pressure. All the cool kids are doing it. *Honk if you're about to run over me. *I took a bite out of crime ... and kinda' wanted seconds. **Marquee** at a plant nursery: Life is a garden, so dig it.

LAST WORDS - A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way. (Mark Twain)

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, June 3
Sunny with t-storms
High--75 Low--51



Thursday, June 4
Sunny and nice
High--76 Low--50



Friday, June 5
Cloudy
High--71 Low--48



Saturday, June 6
Sunshine
High--76 Low--47



Sunday, June 7
Clouds and sun
High--80 Low--46



Monday, June 8
Showers possible
High--76 Low--45



Tuesday, June 9
Cloudy
High--80 Low--49



Merkley town hall

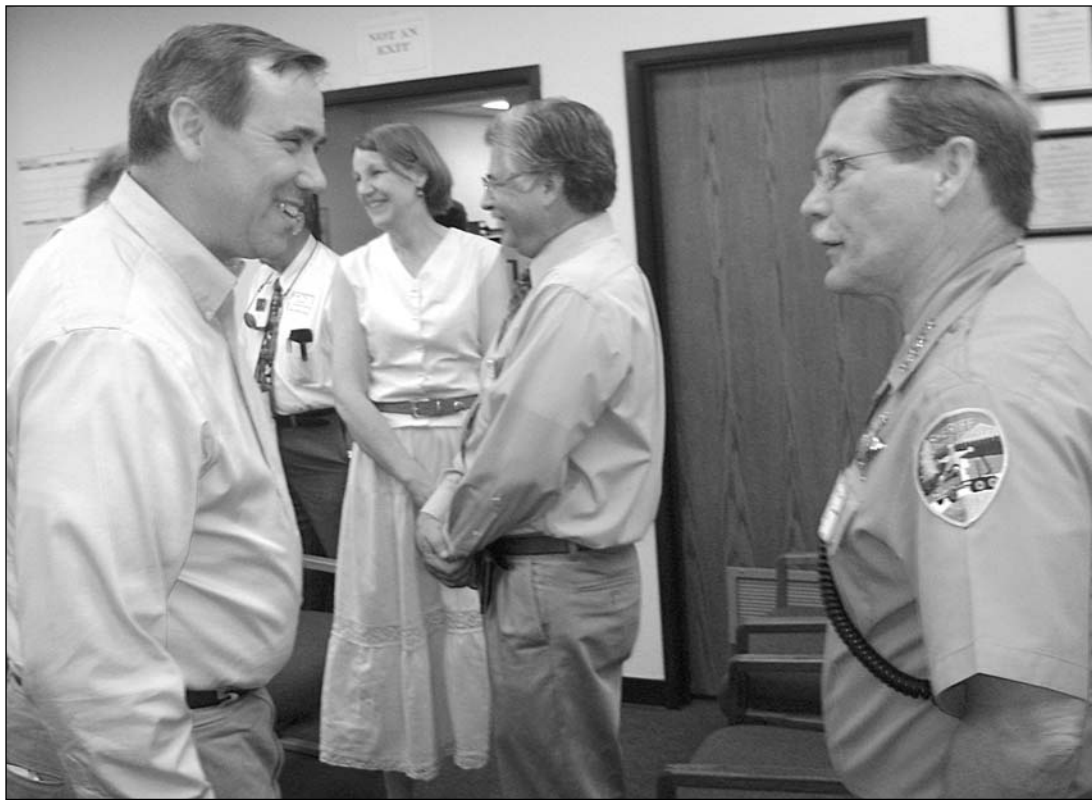
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Merkley responded that he often discusses health-care issues with his wife, who is a nurse.

President Harry Truman tried unsuccessfully to create national health care, as did President Bill Clinton, Merkley said. But there is an "historic opportunity on health care" right now, he said, because a coalition of small and large business owners and citizens "shell-shocked" about skyrocketing costs are pushing for reform.

Merkley said that he would support a single-payer system, but added that such a proposal is unlikely to reach the Senate floor. Efforts are being made to stop health-care reform, he said, and a television advertising campaign funded by special interests will be launched.

Howard Owens, a former Oregon House of Representatives candidate, asked Merkley how much longer the United States would be engaged in wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Merkley replied that an agreement is in place with the Iraqi government to withdraw most U.S. combat troops by 2011, and that security responsibilities are being transferred to Iraqi personnel.



Senator Jeff Merkley chats with Josephine County Sheriff Gil Gilbertson. (Photo by Scott Jorgensen, *Illinois Valley News*)

Afghanistan can be "potentially every bit the quagmire Iraq has been," Merkley said, adding that the United States should limit its goals for that nation.

Also discussed by Merkley were efforts to bring the country out of its economic recession. Merkley stated that 40 percent of the federal stimulus package consisted of tax credits for small businesses and families. The rest went to state governments for sustaining health care and education programs, and for forest health and transportation projects, he said.

Merkley expressed doubt as to whether there would be another federal stimulus package.

Angstadt earns high marks

Rogue Community College President Peter Angstadt has received a positive evaluation from the RCC Board, which also extended his contract for one year.

A President's Evaluation Committee solicited comments from faculty, support staff, college managers, and students for the annual evaluation. The committee found "more than satisfactory" responses to the presi-

dent's 2008-09 performance in every category, said RCC Board member Joe Zagorski, committee chairman.

"The responses were very, very positive, and the board is very pleased with his performance," said Zagorski, a retired community college executive. "We feel we are most fortunate to have a person of Dr. Angstadt's caliber as our college president."

Club & Organization notes

Rogue Valley Rose Society

"Wine and Roses" is the theme for the 64th annual Rose Show. Wine Tasting to be presented by Schmidt Family Vineyard, Longsword Vineyard and Plaisance Ranch on Saturday, June 6.

The event will be held at the Josephine County Fairgrounds. Exhibits will be accepted between 7 and 9:30 a.m.; the show will be open to public from 1 to 4 p.m.

There will be free door prizes and a raffle.

For further information contact Jacque Sue & Harry Harvey at 955-5345.

Rotary Club of Illinois Valley

I.V. Rotary Club was honored during a District Assembly held May 31 in Corvallis.

The club received a 2008-09 Presidential Citation for "outstanding efforts to reduce child mortality and *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children." The club also was recognized for highest overall member retention and for meeting Rotary International President D.K. Lee's "Ten-Percent Challenge," for club donations to the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Club of Illinois Valley was chartered in October 2007, and is one of the youngest clubs in the District 5110, which includes Southern Oregon and part of Northern California.

I.V. Rotary meets Tues-

day at noon at the Junction Inn in Cave Junction.

I.V. Food Coalition

A new group has emerged to focus attention on local food security.

Cave Junction Mayor Don Moore stated that Illinois Valley is vulnerable to a national crisis such as a flu pandemic or major earthquake, when delivery trucks would not be able to get here. Now we have the opportunity to ask, Where does our food come from? How much food is now produced in Illinois Valley?

What do we need to survive an emergency? What can we do to increase our long-term resilience to economic changes?

We could begin to practice more old-fashioned skills in food harvest, preserving, storing and cooking. The Food Coalition is asking about the farmers already growing food here – where are they and what are they growing? Are they selling outside the region, and could we help them find local markets? Where are the commercial kitchens that could help folks preserve more locally grown food?

For those growing food near home, there's the idea of a Row for the Hungry. This idea is to grow more than you need and donate the surplus to the Josephine County Food Bank, or other church and community meals programs.

RCC Community Education summer senior computer classes

2 hour classes • \$25 each • Kerby Belt Building

June 6
Seniors Beginners Computer Use 10 a.m.-noon
Seniors Beginners Internet Use 1-3 p.m.

June 13
Designing Your Google Website 10 a.m.-noon
Exploring the Social Media Scene 1-3 p.m.

June 20
How to Create a Google Blog 10 a.m.-noon
How to Create a Google Group 1-3 p.m.
MS Works: Creating and Editing Documents 10 a.m.-noon
Fun Presentations with PowerPoint 1-3 p.m.



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I.V. Youth Soccer Club

Fall Sign-ups

ALL of June
at ivyouthsoccer.com



Ages 5-14, \$25 per child
After June 30 late fees apply

Questions, call Annette at 659-9678

Live at Deer Creek Center

Open-Air Pops & Classics Benefit Concert
4 to 7 pm, Sunday, June 7th

Triple Feature!
Klassified – Barbershop Quartet – 4 pm
Quintessentials – Woodwind Quintet – 5pm
RCC Orchestra – T. Lund, Director – 6pm

1241 Illinois River Rd., Selma - 1.3 miles West of 199

Bring-your-own seating & a picnic! Hard Liquor Prohibited.

Food & Drink available for purchase:
Bridgeview Winery • Kate Dwyer Catering • Taylor's Sausage

Admission: \$5 per person
18 & under Free accompanied by paid Adult
Unaccompanied High School Students - \$3 in Advance or \$5 at the Gate

Future Events!
Sun. Dec. 6th - **RCC Ensembles & Family Activities** at Deer Creek Center
Sat. Dec. 19th - **Jefferson Baroque Orchestra** at Lorna Byrne M. S.

3-Concert Advance Purchase: \$12
Tickets for all concerts available at: **Listen Here** - Grants Pass,
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