

Here, There, & Everywhere

BASEBALL BUCKS - Illinois Valley Little League will hold a "Big Event Fund-Raiser" on Sunday, June 14 beginning at 10 a.m. in Jubilee Park. There will be a car wash, bat-athon, barbecue, dunk tank, live music and other family fun activities. Said organizers, "Come and support the youth of the valley; and enjoy some good, wholesome fun, food and entertainment while getting your car washed."

BOYS (& GIRLS) OF SUMMER - Summer program registration has begun for the Illinois Valley Section of Boys & Girls Clubs. 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 on the final day of the Illinois Valley Lions Club three-day Labor Day Festival in Jubilee Park in Cave Junction.

PARADE PREPARATIONS - "Labor Day is coming," says Harry Johnson, of Illinois Valley Lions Club. "It's time to get your floats dusted off or start making them," he said. This year's Labor Day Parade theme is *150 years of Oregon History, Hear the Past, See the Future*. Float entries should be designed to fit the theme. The parade will be held Monday, Sept. 7. For assistance or questions phone Johnson at 596-2104. A sign-up form is in this issue.

NOTEPAD - Membership fees at Illinois Valley Senior Center will rise as of July 1. The current fee for a lifetime membership is \$35. The center, which boasts some 800 members, has an exercise room and lending library, offers numerous classes and hosts poker, pool and bingo tournaments. Membership is open to those 55 and older, and volunteers are often needed. Phone 592-6888 for more information ... **Poetry and story-telling** by David Hodges and Friends will be featured at the Oregon Caves Chateau on Wednesday nights, June 10 and 17, as a part of the celebration of the chateau's 75th anniversary. Phone 592-3400 for more information ... **Junior Golf** will be offered again this year at Illinois Valley Golf Course for kids ages 5 to 15. 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 gathering will be held on Thursday, June 18 at 510 N.W. Fourth St. in Grants Pass. Phone 474-5483 to RSVP ... **Josephine Community Libraries** and Williams Friends of the Library will host a wine-tasting/concert/silent auction garden party from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 21 at Herb Pharm, 110 Bonlinda Lane in Williams. There will be refreshments, garden tours and live music by classical guitarist Ray Reussner. Tickets are available at the Grants Pass branch of Josephine County Library or by phoning 846-6718 ... **Oregon Gov.** Kulongoski and First Lady Mary Oberst are scheduled to serve ice cream at Oregon Caves Chateau on Saturday, July 11 to help celebrate the monument's 100th birthday. Other events are planned for the anniversary weekend. Watch *Illinois Valley News* for additional details ... **T Shirts:** "Come to the Dark Side. We have cookies." *Paddle faster. I hear banjos. *Bad spellers of the word: Untie! **LAST WORDS** - Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it. (Robert Frost)

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butterscotch bar

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vegetable salad, sunflower
seed bread, pistachio pudding

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Council elects to seek ODOT road funds

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
IVN Staff Writer

Around seven people turned out Monday evening, June 8, for the 40-minute Cave Junction City Council meeting in the council chambers of city hall.

Councilors considered a resolution to apply for funds through the Oregon Dept. of Transportation for improvements to N. Caves Avenue, between River and Lister

streets.

A total of \$1 million is available to be administered by the Oregon Transportation Commission to be spent in cities of less than 5,000 persons on streets that are not part of the state highway system and are inadequate for the capacity they serve.

City Recorder Jim Polk said that individual cities get awarded the "special city allotment" every two to

KUHS/RCC park project ...

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relaxation area for Rogue Community College students studying in the Belt Bldg.

Kenny Houck, RCC business development coordinator, said that representatives from RCC and the Josephine County Board of Commissioners are "supportive of this idea," but that some roadblocks remain.

The property would need to be transferred to RCC, Houck said, but the college doesn't want to commit funds for staffing or maintaining it.

Houck said that there is a possibility the county could lease the property to RCC for \$1 per year. RCC could then provide liability insurance coverage, and a community group could help take care of

the property. But to get to that point, the KUHS Alumni Association would have to document that there is long-term support for maintenance through letters of commitment, Houck said.

In the immediate future, he said, the association should approach the commissioners about leasing the property to RCC on the group's behalf.

"There are a lot of little steps in there," Houck said.

He suggested that association members determine what regular hours they would like to see the park area open; formulate a management plan for the property; and establish an advisory board of some sort to coordinate with RCC.

Toler pushes biomass

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ryone can agree to so we don't have the kind of timber wars that have paralyzed us for almost 20 years now."

Despite the advantages of biomass, Toler said that it is unlikely to completely replace county payments on a short-term basis.

"If we can come up with 30 to 50 percent of the county payments, that, to me, is a good start," he said. "It means we don't have to rely on our taxpayers to completely replace that hole."

Although the North Valley Industrial Park site in

Merlin would be the first pick for a biomass facility, Toler said "there is the potential for some production" to be in Illinois Valley.

Much of the federal, private and county forestlands that would produce biomass materials are in Illinois Valley area. Toler stated that I.V. Airport also could serve as a possible site for a production facility.

Letters

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the country," has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Wow.

After a fine meal in one of our valley restaurants the other night, I talked with the owner who told me that "business is a little slow right now, but it should pick up."

I wonder. I see some empty buildings along main street that just a few weeks ago were operating businesses. Some -- locally owned. Others operated by large entities located elsewhere. The larger ones decided to shut down some of their smaller "unprofitable" operations regardless of the local effect. So the problem is coming here. We are not immune.

We're a small community, and most of us live here for that reason. We like the quality of life. Well, if we are going to continue living here it is important to support our local businesses. I know, you can save a few pennies, or even a couple bucks by shopping in the big town down the road. But when you consider time, transportation cost, miscellaneous money spent (dinners, etc.), what are you really saving?

And if our local businesses go under, who will you turn to in tough times? We need our local businesses as much as they need us. We need a well-rounded, balanced community that can continue functioning in these times.

Support your neighborhood businesses, shop in town.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



To our little town of Cave Junction and surrounding communities... The Illinois Valley High School 2009 Grad Night Committee and the Class of 2009 appreciate all that you did for us. The support was so great. I, Bobbie Loyd, would like to thank Darlene & David Anderson for all their time. I appreciate them both so very much. Thank you, wonderful committee members -- Rachael & Erik Anderson, Patrice Carlton, Sue Boigdon, Nancy Allen, Karen Tyler, Lisa Heiss, and Judy Hatch.

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