

Arts & Entertainment

Youth summer reading offered by JCLI at main library in Grants Pass

For the first time in three years, children in Josephine County will have the opportunity to participate in a summer reading program at the main library.

Sign-ups for the program are under way in the Children's Room of the Grants Pass branch of the library at 200 N.W. C St. during regular library hours.

"Summer days are hot and long," said Russell Long, library director, "so for many boys and girls, trips to the library and participation in summer reading is a seasonal highlight. We're delighted that once again the library is able to provide the outlet."

Resumption of a summer reading program is good news not only for harried parents and bored children, but for educators and the community as well. Research shows that summer reading programs help students avoid "summer reading loss," which cumulatively, by the sixth-grade, can cause a two-year lag behind students who maintain their reading level over the summer months.

Debbie Bennighof, who volunteers as Children Services manager for Josephine Community Libraries Inc. (JCLI), has planned a fun-

filled trip around the world -- through books and activities - for this year's program, *Creativity at the Library*.

Children are invited to "take a trip around the world" with an exciting itinerary that includes nine countries in nine weeks: Kenya, Ireland, the United Kingdom, France, Russia, India, Japan, Mexico, and then back to the United States. Activities will include weaving, learning a jig, skits, art appreciation, decorating eggs, batik, origami, and sculpture.

"We are excited about the children's summer reading program, especially having a storyteller/musician, being taught origami, being exposed to Shakespeare, and much more," says Bennighof. "We hope that children will be involved with reading while also learning about different countries."

The libraries in Josephine

County closed on May 17, 2007. In September '07, committed community members formed JCLI, a nongovernmental, nonprofit organization dedicated to reopening and operating the libraries in the county using a public radio/public television membership model. The main branch of the library opened in December '08.

The main is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. People interested in getting involved with the library effort can e-mail info@josephinelibrary.org. Those interested in becoming a member can send their check or money order payable to "Josephine Community Libraries" to P.O. Box 1684, Grants Pass OR 97528 or make a secure donation at www.josephinelibrary.org.

Submissions sought for new directory of artists

Art Works, an organization of volunteers dedicated to building an arts economy, is accepting submissions for the next printing of the

Grants Pass and Josephine County Artist Directory.

It is a joint venture of artists and Art Works, and includes a sampling of the artists residing in Southwestern Oregon. The full-color booklet is distributed to hotels, visitors centers, galleries and shops.

Work will be juried for inclusion in the directory. Participating artists will share production costs; therefore, a co-pay will be required of artists whose work is chosen for inclusion.

The deadline for submissions is July 1. Submission forms are available at the RCC FireHouse Gallery, 214 S.W. Fourth St., Grants Pass, or at www.artworksgp.com.

For more information, phone the RCC Galleries at 956-7339.



A 2009 Harley Davidson motorcycle, shown by Steve Lyons, will be raffled on Labor Day by the Illinois Valley Lions Club. The bike typically is displayed at Taylor's Country Store in Cave Junction, where tickets are available. Tickets also can be obtained from Lyons at Century 21 Harris & Taylor in CJ. Only 300 tickets at \$100 each are available for the \$16,900 ride. (I/VN Photo)

DEQ lists fines for violations

Twenty-four penalties totaling \$253,439 for May were issued by the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Through May, DEQ has issued 79 penalties totaling \$594,784. At the same time a year ago, DEQ had issued 90 penalties totaling \$686,295.

Of the 24 penalties served to environmental law violators this May, the two largest (\$77,744 and \$28,400) were related to improper handling of hazardous waste. Another 13 were for violations of water quality permits.

None of the penalties were in Josephine or Jackson counties.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 17
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Thursday, June 18
- Ben, presents a special musical performance, 6:30 p.m. at Nacho Mamas

Friday, June 19
- Tim and Michelle, great jazz, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- Original music by Jen Ambrose, 7-10 p.m. at McGrew's in O'Brien
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Saturday, June 20
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Sunday, June 21
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Save the Dates!
Tuesday, July 7 & July 14, 6:30 p.m. Songwriters Circle at Nacho Mamas
Saturday, July 18 Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival at Lake Selmac presented by I.V. Chamber of Commerce

PHONE 541.592.2541 TO ADD AN EVENT TO THIS CALENDAR. ONLY \$5 PER ITEM.

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Kids offered Evergreen library

Like your child to read this summer? Frustrated because the Illinois Valley Library Branch is not open?

Why not try the Evergreen Elementary School Library in Cave Junction, where there are more than 20,000 titles.

It will be open Mondays through Thursdays from July 6 through 30 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Any student of elementary or middle school age will be able to check out books.

Parents need to bring proof of residency (driver license). If you have questions about the Evergreen library phone Jannie Heller at 592-3136 starting July 6.

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How to Play Sudoku

- Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.
- Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.
- The numbers 1 to 9 can appear only once in each 3 x 3 grid.

Across

- Head honcho
- Matures
- Vitality
- Thought
- Scotia
- Chapter in history
- Bird's bill
- Part of a list
- Break a Commandment
- Doctrine
- Fall guy
- Male sheep
- Piano part
- Luau greeting
- Recede
- Bill of fare
- Fire

Down

- Top part of an
- Continental coin
- In the past
- Honeydew, e.g.
- Small band
- Female sheep
- Loosen, as laces
- Sever
- Watch
- Tibetan priest
- Expel
- Sense organ
- Kitchen appliance
- Hindu dress
- Arid
- Look after
- Exposed

Across

- Drop (skydiver's target)
- Propel with oars
- Leopard-like cat
- juice (milk)
- Inspired
- Secondhand
- Not far
- Mexican currency
- "Maria"
- Chess pieces
- Navigator's need
- Wrath
- Bolivian export

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The Grad Night Committee and Senior Class say,

“Thank you”

to Mayor Don Moore

for the excellent dinner

for the silent auction.

It is much appreciated!

Concerts in the Park 2009

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Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce

Thursdays, June 25 - August 6
6 to 8 p.m. Jubilee Park, Cave Junction

Thursday, June 25 - Dos Gardenias
July 2 - Dale Hopper

Serving hamburgers & more: I.V. Little League

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Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce presents

Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival 2009

Eastfork Siskiyou Summit

The Goldman Family Wire Conductors

Jefferson The Mighty Lonesomes

Gold River Bluegrass Band
Band scrambles, dancing & 50/50 drawings * Admission \$10

Saturday, July 18
Lake Selmac, Oregon

Lawn seating, bring chairs or blankets * Gates open at 9:30 a.m.
Food and beverages available * No outside alcohol
This is a Family Event * Everyone welcome, please NO DOGS!

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