

Here, There, & Everywhere

'MUSEUM SALE' - A yard sale to benefit Kerbyville Museum is set for Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4. (No museum items will be sold). Sellers can rent space for 10 bucks, but need to bring their own table. Phone 592-5252 for additional information.

GET FRESH! - Selma Farmers Market next to Selma Baptist Church on Hwy. 199 is open Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Produce from the many small farms and large gardens in Illinois Valley" is offered. Also, "a variety of unique creations by I.V.'s talented artists and craftsmen." Persons who want to rent space should phone 592-3759.

CHATEAU CHAT - Poetry and story-telling by "David Hodges & Friends" is set for Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Oregon Caves Chateau. The event is in connection with the 75th anniversary of the historic lodge, and the 100th of Oregon Caves Monument. For Sunday, July 12, it has been announced that Gov. Kulongoski will serve ice cream at the site during a day-long 100th anniversary celebration. There also will be special tours and birthday cake.

SKY LIGHTS - With the theme, "Honoring Those Who Serve" (in the Armed Forces) there will be a fireworks show, preceded by patriotic events, on Saturday, July 4 at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass. Redwood Lions Club and others are sponsoring the program. Gates will open at 7 p.m. Several levels of donation classifications to help fund the event are available. They range from "Adopt A Soldier" for \$300 to dedicate a silo of fireworks; to corporate sponsorships from \$500. Checks can be sent to Redwood Lions Club, P.O. Box 5408, Grants Pass OR 97527.

SUMMER READING - Any student of elementary or middle school age can check out books from Monday, July 6 through July 30 at the Evergreen Elementary School library. Jannie Heller, librarian, said that the site will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Parents will need to bring an Oregon driver license to get their children signed up. Phone 592-3136 after July 6 for additional information.

LOVEJOY HEARTY EVENT - Lovejoy Hospice's second annual Heart of Summer Gala will include wine-and-chocolate tasting, music and a fun-filled live auction on Saturday, July 11 at the Bear Hotel, 2101 Spalding Ave. in Grants Pass starting at 5:30 p.m. *Oregon Little Big Band* will play, and the caterer will be Aroma Café. The event will be highlighted by a live auction featuring unique items and services, including spending a day with a custom motorcycle builder, a hot air balloon ride with lunch for two, and a personal flying lesson. Tickets are available by phoning 474-1193. Other support opportunities include the Auction Online at lovejoyhospice.org and a raffle for a \$2,000 Visa debit card. Lovejoy Hospice provides bereavement support to children, families and individuals; as well as community and professional education. Funds raised through Heart of Summer help Lovejoy provide these vital services, not generally reimbursed by insurance. These services are in addition to care for children and adults facing life-threatening illness, which is the primary mission of Lovejoy Hospice. Phone 474-1193 for more information.

SUMMER FUN - "Lunch, Fun & Love" is the theme for the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance's second annual "Super Kids" summer fun program. Children 4 to 12 years of age can attend Wednesdays through Fridays: July 8 through 10, and 15 through 17, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. The alliance site (former location of Home Valley Bank) is on Kerby Avenue in Cave Junction next to the DMV office and across from city hall. Phone 592-2515 to register.

NOTEPAD - An Oregon Mt. Real Estate ad in last week's issue included, "Get it right this time." We just wanted to let you know that Oregon Mt. was talking about an error it made, not the *I.V. News* ... **Two safe house** volunteers, Sharon Seaburg and Cliff Guyton, inadvertently were not included in info given the *News* for a recent "Thank You" ad. So I.V. Safe House Alliance hereby fixes its goof ... **O'Brien Country Store** was the principle site for rigs brought for the recent McGrew Trail event. We goofed last issue by saying they were at Lone Mountain RV Resort, which had a crowd of its own ... **Eight Dollar Road** was closed temporarily Friday, June 26, as forest service officials discovered a six-band concert was planned at the green bridge. However, promoters had not bothered to secure the necessary permits, and some 50 persons were turned away peacefully ... **Men's slow pitch** softball season will begin Thursday, July 16, with games on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The team sign-up deadline is Friday, July 3. Phone 592-5284 ... **IVHS Class of '74** will gather Saturday, July 4 for a barbecue and pot-luck co-hosted by Laura Bankston Nolan and Carol Dinko Dickson. RSVP to 592-8521 ... **Free bicycle helmets** will be provided Friday, July 10 at the Illinois Valley Section of Rogue Valley Boys & Girls Club at Evergreen Elementary School by Caveman Kiwanis Club. Phone Scott Thornhill at 592-4771 ... "**Ben Rice & Youth of Blues**" will perform for the Grants Pass Chamber Concerts in the Park free series on Tuesday, July 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Riverside Park ... **Unwritten headlines** after a sky-diver in Perris, Calif. died because his main and emergency chutes failed: "He Loved Perris in the fall," and, "His final words were, 'Aw, Chute.'" **Sign inside a business:** "Notice - This department requires no physical fitness program. Everyone gets enough exercise jumping to conclusions, flying off the handle, running down the boss, knifing friends in their backs, dodging responsibility, and pushing their luck."

LAST WORDS - You talk to God, you're religious. God talks to you, you're psychotic. (Doris Egan)

Letters to the Editor

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salmon runs of Oregon's second most-productive river must mean protecting the river's fish-rearing tributaries as well. And I hope Ellis joins me, DeFazio and Wyden in wanting to protect the nearly \$20 million in economic activity generated every year by the Rogue River.

Ellis should rest assured that Josephine County would not lose a single acre of land under any of these proposals, and that none of the land would be closed to hunting, fishing, or recreation activity. Indeed, DeFazio wrote his bill to ensure that hunting would not be curtailed. These bills are specifically designed to enhance recreation opportunities of all kinds.

Our business has seen large increases in recent years based on people moving here for the clear streams, healthy lands and the quality of life

that are become increasingly hard to find in other parts of the country.

Ellis has nothing to fear in protecting what makes Southern Oregon so special. I hope he joins me in supporting these commendable legislative proposals.

'Wonderful proposal' From Jim Gurley Selma

I must respond to the *Illinois Valley News* article that ran last week, "Huge expansion proposed for Caves Monument," by Scott Jorgensen.

The article quotes Josephine County Commissioner Dwight Ellis regarding his objections to legislation which will expand the Oregon Caves National Monument and add Wild & Scenic Rivers Act protection to many of the tributaries of the Wild Rogue on Bureau of Land Management land.

First, the land is already federal land, owned by the American people, that is managed by BLM or the U.S. Forest Service. Second, the legislation does not ban fishing, hunting or recreation: it promotes them. Third, the land will stay right where it is. It will not be taken out of the county, I promise that.

Fourth, the area of the Rogue in question is within the Zane Grey area, a stretch of land that is only 20 miles long - not from "here" to Gold Beach. In fact, it is about 35 miles from Gold Beach as the crow flies. And fifth, Ellis did get this one right: There will be half-mile buffers on each side of the streams. That was determined

to be ecologically important to protect the world-class salmon spawning habitat. One of the main purposes of the legislation is to protect the \$17.5 million a year commercial and sport salmon fishery of the Wild Rogue. I don't understand why he would be opposed to protecting one of our largest economic engines.

Finally, I want to say that the grazing elimination on the Caves expansion area is a win-win. The rancher supports the legislation, and is voluntarily selling his lease to retire it.

So, now that we have the facts, I hope all of us, including Ellis, can support this wonderful proposal.

CJ settlement in limbo

A city of Cave Junction attempted settlement of a lawsuit filed by Copeland Sand & Gravel for paving work near Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC) apparently has been rejected.

Copeland filed a \$31,311.40 lawsuit on May 29 against the city and SCHC in Josephine County Circuit Court alleging breach of contract and unjust enrichment. The company is represented in the matter by attorney Jim Dole of the Grants Pass firm Cauble, Dole, Sorenson & Ransom.

Dole offered to settle the lawsuit out of court if the city paid \$14,000 to the company.

That settlement offer was discussed during an executive (closed to the public) session during the council's Monday, June 22 meeting. Councilors authorized City Attorney Patrick Kelly to offer a settlement of \$10,000.

Kelly informed Dole of the offer in a letter dated Wednesday, June 24.

"The Council believes your request for \$14,000.00 was excessive given the non-existence of any contract between our clients," Kelly wrote. "They reasoned the extra \$4,000.00 you requested would be better spent on legal fees defending the City from your suit."

In that letter, Kelly informs Dole that if the offer is rejected, the case will be transferred to attorney Duane Schultz "who has agreed to represent the City in this matter," Kelly wrote.

"We both know the strengths and defects of our cases and based upon these strengths and defects, the City's offer of \$10,000.00 is a fair and reasonable proposal," Kelly wrote.

That offer had an acceptance deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, June 26. But as of Monday morning, June 29, Kelly said that he had not heard back from Dole. As such, Kelly said, he plans to file an answer to the lawsuit.

Kelly said that in the paperwork he plans to file, he will ask that Copeland provide more specific information to the court regarding the contract dispute. He maintains that the city and the company never had a valid, legal contract for the paving work in question.

The case will later be turned over to Schultz if need be, Kelly said.

"I will be appropriately frugal with the city's money," Kelly said. "I am trying to get it solved at the least expense possible to our struggling taxpayers."

~Scott Jorgensen

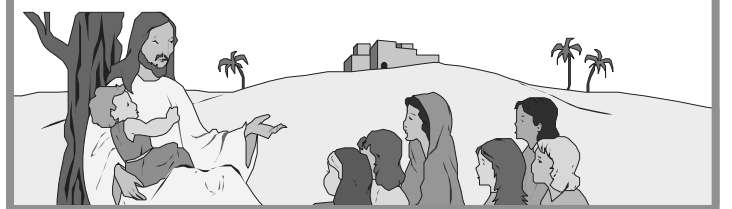
WANT SOMETHING FUN TO DO, KIDS?

FREE Vacation Bible School
Discover the Adventure of "Following Jesus"
Mondays through Fridays, July 20-24 & 27-31
9 a.m.-noon, ages 5-12

- † Sing Praise Songs
- † See Bible Stories Portrayed
- † Make Creative Crafts
- † Make New Friends
- † Discover Eight Feel Good Secrets
- † Create Healthy Fun-to-eat Snacks
- † Have Fun, Recreational Games
- † Find Your Best Friend: Jesus!

A free community service.
Seventh-day Adventist Church
265 S. Old Stage Rd. Cave Junction.
Any questions, phone Mondie, 592-2611.
Register Monday, July 20, 8:45 a.m.

DISCOVER THE JOY OF FOLLOWING JESUS!



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!

Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce (541)592-3326

Are you hungry?

I.V. Senior Center at 520 E. River St., Cave Junction will serve a **Country Breakfast** Saturday, July 4th, 8 to 11 a.m.

For \$6 for Adults, Children (12 & younger) \$3, you get the following:

Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Coffee, Milk, & Juice

And our \$3 monthly special:

Breakfast Sandwich w/sausage, egg, & cheese on a biscuit and a bowl of fresh fruit, coffee or milk or juice.

LAKESHORE DRIVE FIRE

I would thank you from the bottom of my heart, but for you my heart has no bottom. Thank you seems so small compared to the sincere gratitude we have for our community. To all the people who cared, helped, prayed and donated to our family, we are forever humbled and forever grateful. We could not have made it through this difficult time without your support.

To the Firefighters who tried to save our home, we are amazed and proud to have you to watch over us and our community. Your strength, effort and care will always be remembered.

~ Miller Family ~

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