

Here, There, & Everywhere

COLUMBUS CLOSURES - U.S. Postal Service offices, SOFCU Community Credit Union; and Home Valley, Sterling Savings and Evergreen Federal banks will be closed on Monday, Oct. 12 in observance of Columbus Day. Evergreen Elementary, Lorna Byrne Middle and Illinois Valley High schools will be open Monday, but closed on Friday, Oct. 9 for statewide in-service training. The middle and high schools also will not have classes Thursday, Oct. 8 for parent-teacher conferences.

Cave Junction City Hall will be open on Columbus Day, as will the *Illinois Valley News* office, and the Cave Junction branch of DMV. But DMV will be closed on Friday, Oct. 16.

GREEN FOR KIDS - Boys & Girls Club of Rogue Valley will present its second annual "Golftoberfest" on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Illinois Valley Golf Course. The event, co-sponsored by Home Valley Bank and the Eye Care Group, offers food, fun and raffles. Prizes include a \$10,000 hole-in-one award.

BOYS BEING BOYS - A "Boys Day Out" for youth 10-to-14-years-old with a parent or adult is planned for Saturday, Oct. 10. There will be free activities, prizes, and workshops including firearm safety, archery safety and fishing. The event is co-sponsored by the Commission for Children and Families, combined Kiwanis clubs of Josephine County and the JoCo Sportsman's Association. Running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the program will be held at Sportsmens Park, 7407 Highland Ave. in Grants Pass. Contact Dawn Sells at 474-5234 for more information.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL - October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. One in every four women has been or will be the victim of domestic violence. In Illinois Valley, approximately 2,153 women -- our neighbors, our friends, and our co-workers -- will be abused or have already been abused at some point in their life. The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance, in conjunction with the rest of the state, will remember those who have lost their lives to violence, and honoring those who survived, at a candlelight vigil on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at the Alliance office, 103 S. Kerby Ave. next to the DMV office, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

"Please come join us to learn what you can do to help someone who has been abused and to learn how to stay safe. No one deserves to be abused," said Chris Mallette, executive director.

SANTA'S HELPERS - Rotary Club of Illinois Valley will present the I.V. Bikers Toy Run on Saturday, Oct. 24 to collect toys and cash for the Christmas Toy program sponsored by CJ Cares. Poker run registration will begin at 10 a.m. at the Junction Inn, and music by *Broadway Phil & the Shouters* will start at 1 p.m. Bring a toy or cash donation and prepare to bid on some excellent auction items.

NOTEPAD - Illinois Valley High School's two league home football games on Fridays, Oct. 9 and Oct. 30, will feature varsity and junior varsity games. The JV games will start at 4 p.m. followed by the varsity. The normal admission charge to get into the JV game will be in effect, but attendees will not need to pay again to attend the varsity game. Cost for tickets: seniors, \$3; adults, \$5; students, \$3; Students 6 years and younger are free (if accompanied by an adult). Only adults and opposing team representatives will be allowed to leave between games. Only unopened beverages are allowed to be brought onto the school grounds ... **Also, IVHS is selling** raffle tickets to raise funds for attendance incentives for students. Prizes are 1/2 steer or 1/2 hog. Tickets cost one-dollar apiece or six for \$5 and they are for sale at IVHS. The drawing will be held on Friday, Oct. 30 ... **The Takilma Bible Church** free, clean clothes give-away will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. TBC is located at 10343 Takilma Road ... **Tap dance classes** for adults of all ages will be offered in Cave Junction beginning Tuesday, Nov. 3. Phone 592-5082 for more information ... **Daylight-saving time** will conclude this year on Sunday, Nov. 1. Really, Bob looked it up ... **Bumper stickers:** *Ugly Car Club of America Charter Member. *Boldly going nowhere. **"Vegetarian" is an old Indian word for "Lousy Hunter."

LAST WORDS - "The trouble is that we are looking on narcotic addiction solely as a vice. It is a vice, but like all vices, it is based on human nature. The use of narcotics ... represents an effort on the part of the individual to adjust himself to some difficult situation in his life. He will take one thing to stimulate him, another to quiet him ... And until we develop young men and young women who are able to suffer a little and exercise a certain amount of control, even though it may be inconvenient and unpleasant to do so, we are going to have a considerable amount of addiction to narcotics and addiction to other drugs." (Dr. William Woodward, AMA lobbyist speaking to Congress in 1937).

Letters to the Editor

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recovery were grueling and she walks no better.

Drug companies also rake us over the coals. An employee at my husband's business recently compared the price of a medication sold to people and to veterinarians. The same medication sold for more than \$500 in the human side and only \$7 and change on the animal side.

We should do something about this. We should give insurance companies some competition and insist that they cover us better at rates that we can afford. We should look seriously at the extensive care that is pushed on the elderly that they should have the right to question and refuse. We should tax more

those who make obscene amounts of money at the expense of the rest of us. I don't understand why people become angry about change that is so clearly needed.

I fear that the public outcry is more about personal feelings regarding the president then it is about wanting to keep the system we have. Though Barack Obama may lose a political point by the failure of health care reform, he and Congress will keep their terrific health care plans. But, if it loses, my daughter won't get to go to the doctor to find out why she has chronic stomach aches, and there are thousands of other Americans who will experience much more drastic consequences.

Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away.
~ Philip K. Dick ~

OED: Emergency benefits extended for unemployed

Unemployed Oregonians who have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits may be in for some relief.

Gov. Kulongoski signed HB 3483 during the summer, which established the Oregon Emergency Benefits (OEB) program. OEB provides up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment benefits.

Oregonians who have exhausted their regular unemployment and whose claim expired after May 1, 2007, may be eligible for OEB. Claimants' weekly benefit amount would equal that of their original claim.

Potentially eligible claimants received notices from the Oregon Employment Dept. (OED). The first effective date of the program was Sunday, Oct. 4. The program will end Jan. 2, 2010.

OED encourages individuals who think they may be eligible for OEB to file claims as soon as possible.

In addition, Oct. 4 marked the beginning of a

new calendar quarter. With the change in the calendar quarter comes an influx of new claims for unemployment insurance benefits.

OED reminds Oregonians that the fastest way to file for benefits is online at www.WorkingInOregon.org/ocs. Also, most routine functions of an unemployment insurance claim, such as claiming a week of benefits, changing your address, and checking the status of your claim, can all be handled efficiently online.

Having as many Oregonians as possible conducting their business online will reduce the amount of time callers to the unemployment insurance centers are on hold.

OED asks for patience during this time as it works to serve Oregonians as quickly and efficiently as possible. As of the week ending Sept. 26, there were more than 162,000 Oregonians receiving unemployment insurance benefits.

For more info, visit www.WorkingInOregon.org.

Bear Camp closed for repair

From Thursday, Oct. 8 through Wednesday, Oct. 21, Forest Road #23 (Bear Camp Road) will be closed for road repair work at milepost 32.5 on the Gold Beach side.

A detour route through the Burnt Ridge (Forest Road #2308) will be established.

Bear Camp Road, known also as the Bear Camp Coastal Route, is a popular route from the Oregon Coast to Galice. The road is a one- and two-lane narrow, winding, mountain road with turn-outs.

Last year, the Bear Camp Road was affected by winter storm damage which narrowed the road surface to 12 feet at milepost 32.5. A con-

tractor will install a concrete block wall to repair the road and re-establish width.

The U.S. Forest Service expects slight traffic delays of up to 15 minutes once the road is opened. The continuing road repair work is expected to be completed within 30 days. Travelers are urged to use caution when traveling and look for posted detour and road closed signs.

Hwy. 199 and Hwy. 101 are recommended for trailers, motor homes, oversized vehicles and all winter travel.

Motorists also are advised that the Bear Camp Coastal Route is not maintained for winter travel from Nov. 5 through May 31.

Club & Organization News

I.V. Food Coalition

The event on Saturday, Sept. 26 was a big success, as hundreds of people meandered through Jubilee Park buying produce, watching Iris Chinook spin yarn next to sheep and alpacas, tasting fresh-pressed apple cider, and learning about the I.V. Gleaners, IVSHA's community garden, and local food banks.

There were dozens of activities and demonstrations, including knot tying, cob building, canning, raising chickens, and making compost tea for garden fertilizer. Children held sack races, and made bird feeders and felted rocks.

The winners of the Local Food Contest were 1. Jams, Jellies, Preserves: Ann Padgett (apple butter), 2. Pickles, Relishes: Eric Hanson (Dill pickles), 3. Salsa: Feral (Chipotle) and 4. Naturally fermented food: Joe Ninneman (Kimchi).

Plans are under way for a second festival of free fun and learning in 2010. To teach a workshop or help plan the next event contact the Spiral Living

Center, Illinois Valley Food Coalition at 592-3642 or spiral@spiralliving.org. The group will continue to meet during the fall, and is open to the public.

The Illinois Valley Booster Club would like to thank SOUTHERN OREGON FOOD AND BEVERAGE (Daryl Whicheloe)

for the generous support during the "Cycle Oregon" event.

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