

Here, There, & Everywhere

SQUARE DEAL - In conjunction with the Illinois Valley Fiber Arts Festival, the second annual Valley Girls Quilt Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17, at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River St. in Cave Junction. There is a \$2 admission fee. A drawing for a 92-by-92-inch quilt titled *Valley Chicks* will be held, with tickets available. Proceeds will benefit the Illinois Valley Section of Boys & Girls Club, and the Illinois Valley SMART Readers program.

Picket Fence Fabrics at 379 Caves Hwy. will also host fiber arts displays. Additionally, the Southern Oregon Guild's Fiber Show & Sale will be held at Rogue Community College's Kerby Belt Bldg., 24353 Redwood Highway in Kerby. The show will feature items ranging from hand-spun yarns, knitted, felted and woven goods to hand-made beads and buttons. Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

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. Must be 21 or older to enter the Timber Room.

FLEE FLU - Josephine County Public Health Dept. is offering seasonal influenza vaccinations on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction. The fee is \$30 for those without Medicare, Oregon Health Plan or BlueCross/BlueShield coverage (bring current insurance card). Pneumonia and tetanus immunizations will be available for an additional fee. Phone 474-5337 for more flu information.

H1N1 Q&A - What is it? How is it transmitted? What are the symptoms? What is the community concern? How is this different from other flu? Answers will be available during a Q&A session with Dr. Daniel Selinger to be held on Monday, Nov. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the OHMS Community Health Education Center, 128 S.W. "I" St. in Grants Pass. Phone 471-4208 for information and reservations.

NOTEPAD - **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 ... ***Oregon Trails and Horse Camps*** is the topic of a presentation by Bend author Kim McCarrel slated for Saturday, Oct. 17 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cave Junction. The presentation, set to begin at 6:30 p.m., is open to the public; refreshments and a Q&A will follow. McCarrel's two books about camping and trail riding will be available. Contact Dick Butler for more information: 597-4383 ... **Trail building will resume** on Saturday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m., at the new hiking and equestrian trailhead off Westside Road at milepost 3. Workers should bring shovels, loppers, water and snacks. No experience is necessary, and help is needed to continue building the trail network. For more information, contact Sue Riegel Williams, 592-6921 ... **Distribution of emergency food** boxes throughout the Oregon Food Bank Network skyrocketed to historic highs, according to the OFB Networks' annual year-end report (July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009). Distribution of emergency food boxes increased more than 13 percent from 792,000 in 2007-08 to 897,000 in 2008-09, an annual increase of 105,000 additional emergency food boxes ... **Wheelchair sports** and recreation basketball games are held Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Fruitdale Elementary School, HASL Independent Abilities Center announced recently. Phone Bob Rose, Southern Oregon Wheelchair Sports & Recreation coach, at 479-4275 ... **Bumper stickers:** *A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries. *I won't rise to the occasion, but I will slide over to it. *Where there's a will, I want to be in it. * **One liner:** *Two peanuts walked into a bar, and one was a salted. "

LAST WORDS - "The men the American public admire most extravagantly are the most daring liars; the men they detest most violently are those who try to tell them the truth." (H. L. Mencken)

Say you saw it in the *Illinois Valley News*

Club & Organization News

Illinois Valley Garden Club

During the Friday, Oct. 16 meeting, speaker Karen Goodrich from Buck Canyon Gardens will speak on "Iris and Peony Care and Dividing."

The club meets on third Fridays at the RCC Kerby Belt Bldg. on Redwood Hwy. in Kerby.

Coffee time begins at 12:30 p.m.; the meeting at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in plants and gardening can attend. For more information phone 592-4257.

Rogue Valley Rose Society

The Rogue Valley Rose Society will hold its next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Fruitdale Grange Hall, 1330 Parkdale Drive in Grants Pass. Nonmembers can attend.

Siskiyou Project

Ecologist Rich Nawa on Sunday, Oct. 25 will lead a free hike to view spawning salmon on the Applegate and Rogue rivers.

Hikers will meet at the Fish Hatchery Park parking lot

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Recent enforcement action against at least one miner in Illinois Valley by federal agencies seems to coincide with complaints from environmental groups.

Barbara Ullian and Lesley Adams from Friends of the Kalmiopsis and Rogue Riverkeepers/Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center wrote a letter, dated Sept. 8, addressed to Joel King, district ranger of the U.S. Forest Service Wild Rivers Ranger District.

On Sept. 9, Gold Hill resident Clifford Tracy, 37, was arrested by USFS law enforcement personnel during a traffic stop after leaving his mining claim on Sucker Creek in Illinois Valley.

The letter states concern about a mining operation that began around Aug. 6 on a portion of the Illinois River classified as "scenic." It also included photos showing evidence of mining activity taken by Rogue Riverkeepers and KS Wild staff members, and alleges that miners are engaged in overnight camping and the use of off-road motorized vehicles on protected lands.

However, the contents of the letter indicate that USFS may have been initially reluctant to pursue enforcement of mining activities.

"KS Wild also contacted Karla Gallegos of your office and was told that the Forest Service has no authority in this matter," the letter said.

In the letter, Adams and Ullian argue that the mining activity "violates the conditions and restrictions of the Illinois River Recreation Development Plan.

"We believe the mining

operation is in violation of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act," the letter states. "The Act requires the Forest Service to administer the Illinois Wild and Scenic River to protect and enhance its outstandingly remarkable values."

The letter states that the mining operation "has clearly not been monitored," and asks USFS to step up its regulatory enforcement efforts.

"In conclusion, we request that the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest immediately prohibit further mining of this site until a mining plan of operation has been submitted and the required environmental analysis is completed under the National Environmental Policy Act," the letter states.

King said that the mining enforcement is "part of ongoing litigation. We need to respect that process."

King stated that USFS has seen no increase in complaints about mining, as far as he knows. He added that miners are an "important part of the community."

KS Wild Campaign Director Joseph Vaile said that the agencies have a mandate to engage in such enforcement activities.

"They're supposed to implement the laws which govern mining on public lands," Vaile said. "Those laws relate to miners having to show that they have a valid claim and that they will abide by the other laws, which include not harming salmon, affecting water quality and not harming old-growth forests."

Because the mining is occurring on public land, Vaile said, special precaution must be taken to ensure compliance with environmental restrictions.

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall recorded at The End of the Road in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson:

*Fri., Oct. 2	65	35	.00
*Sat., Oct. 3	60	34	.02
*Sun., Oct. 4	50	38	.04
*Mon., Oct. 5	62	33	.00
*Tue., Oct. 6	69	35	.00
*Wed., Oct. 7	73	34	.00
*Thu., Oct. 8	74	36	.00

Following are the high-and-low temperatures and rainfall recorded at Oregon Builders Guild in Cave Junction:

*Fri., Oct. 2	66	30	.00
*Sat., Oct. 3	60	30	.01
*Sun., Oct. 4	51	35	.03
*Mon., Oct. 5	63	30	.00
*Tue., Oct. 6	71	28	.00
*Wed., Oct. 7	74	28	.00
*Thu., Oct. 8	75	30	.00

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Cloudy and breezy
High--62 Low--43



Thursday, Oct. 15

Mostly cloudy
High--75 Low--44



Friday, Oct. 16

Clouds and sun
High--75 Low--43



Saturday, Oct. 17

Rain
High--70 Low--39



Sunday, Oct. 18

Sun hidden by clouds
High--68 Low--40



Monday, Oct. 19

Sunny
High--64 Low--43



Tuesday, Oct. 20

Sunny and warmer
High--73 Low--47



Restoration

Lomakatsi, Siskiyou Project and the U.S. Forest Service

invite you to join us in

Building a Restoration Forestry Culture and Economy in the Illinois Valley

Participatory Field Tour

Saturday, Oct. 17th, 10am – 2pm,
meet at Page Mountain Snow Park

Community Forum:

Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 6:30pm –
8:30pm, Lorna Byrne Middle
School cafeteria, Cave Junction

Siskiyou Project, Lomakatsi Restoration Project and the Wild Rivers District created a 10 year, ten thousand acre partnership to develop and implement ecological restoration projects on Forest Service lands of the Illinois Valley. This year we are implementing the Hope Mountain Stewardship Project, 1,500 acres of restoration activities.

Lomakatsi is currently implementing a 220 acre portion of the project at the Page Mountain Snow Park. Please join us there, October 17th, to see and evaluate ecological thinning operations and treatments. At the site you will meet with logging operators, forest workers and partnership staff to learn about the emerging restoration forestry industry.

Join the partnership again on November 17th to hear more about the work we have done this year, and where we plan to go in the future. Hear how the partnership has utilized stewardship contracting to create jobs, restore the ecological services of our wildlands and reduce the risk of fire.

Additional Topics and Discussions Include:

- Ecological prescriptions & operational approaches for restoring forest health and future old growth habitat while utilizing saw logs, biomass and small diameter materials;
- Ecological monitoring protocols for forest restoration;
- Lomakatsi's Restoration Workforce Training Program;
- Siskiyou Project's Community Forestry and Restoration Program; and
- Much more, so please bring your questions and curiosity!

Contact Oshana Catranides for more information: oshana@siskiyou.org 541.621.6999

Jobs

Community

Forest Edge Farm



Cloche with textured knit hatband

Find fiber arts and materials galore at the
Fiber Arts Show & Sale
Special collection of Yarn & Fabric at bargain prices

RCC Kerby Belt Bldg
Friday & Saturday
Oct. 16 & 17
10:00 am to 4:00 pm