

Here, There, & Everywhere

COLLEGE CASH - Illinois Valley High School will host a meeting about college financial aid on Wednesday, Dec. 2 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Information about how to apply for federal and state financial aid and scholarships will be provided. Parents of high school seniors are strongly encouraged to attend. The event also is open to other parents and community members interested in learning about the financial aid process.

SANTA SIGHTING? - All are welcome to attend the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas tree lighting and sing-along on Saturday, Dec. 5 on the Junction Inn parking lot beginning at 5 p.m. The chamber will provide hot chocolate and cookies, and Santa will be on hand with candy canes for the kids. Remember: 5 p.m.

DICKENS DELL'ARTE - Dell'Arte Company will present its 29th annual holiday show, *A Commedia Christmas Carol*, an adaptation of Dickens' classic holiday tale, in a rambunctious commedia dell'arte style with masks, magic and music. The free performance will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Lorna Byrne Middle School on N. Junction Avenue.

SICK NICKS - Josephine County Public Health Dept. will hold a free, H1N1 vaccination clinic on Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Josephine County Bldg., 101 S. Redwood Hwy. in Downtown CJ. The clinic is for H1N1 influenza vaccine only; no seasonal vaccine will be available at that time. There is no charge for the shot, but attendees should bring an insurance card if available.

GATHERING GIFT BOXES - Donations are sought for the annual Christmas shoe box drive for Illinois Valley High School students in need. Fill a shoe box with unwrapped boy or girl gifts and deliver them to IVHS or phone Heather Merrill at 592-2116 and she will pick them up. Deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 9. Among suggested items are jewelry, makeup, perfume, socks and school supplies for girls and for boys, a wallet, aftershave, socks, watch, hat, or school supplies. Also accepted are cash donations, which are used to shop for items to fill even more shoe boxes. More than 80 students received gift boxes last year.

NOTEPAD - **IVHS teacher** Jaime Szijarto has posted a project material request with the online education donation clearinghouse DonorsChoose.org. The project, "Illinois Valley Lives," will provide writing resources and experience for 85 students through interviews with area senior citizens and creation of nonfiction accounts of their lives. Donations can be made to this and other projects on DonorsChoose.org ... **The yuletide season** will kick off during a Grants Pass "First Friday Art Night" on Dec. 4. In conjunction, the Grants Pass Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will hold its annual Crèche Festival. Participants will display Nativity scenes from around the world. The festival will be displayed in the cultural hall of the Grants Pass LDS Stake Center, at 1969 Williams Hwy. The event is free and open to the public from 5 to 9 p.m. The program will include live music and refreshments ... **Throughout December**, Josephine Community Libraries Inc. volunteers will be staffing a holiday gift-wrapping booth in the lobby at Evergreen Federal Bank in Grants Pass. Evergreen is providing all the wrapping materials, and the cost is by donation. Gift wrapping will take place on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., ending Dec. 21 ... **The deadline** for businesses to enter the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas decorating contest is Tuesday, Dec. 1. Judges will visit participating locations on Saturday, Dec. 5. Phone 592-3326 for more information ... **Headline goofs:** *The Wildwife League will meet tonight. *Nine volunteers put in church furnace. *Man found dead in cemetery ... **Smile Line:** When a mother told her boy that he had his shoes on the wrong feet, he replied, "These are the only feet I have."

LAST WORDS - "Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything." (Mother Teresa)

State agencies will be closed Friday, Nov. 27

Most Oregon Dept. of Human Services (DHS) offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27.

DHS and other state agencies will be closed Friday, Nov. 27, as 26,500 state employees take mandatory, unpaid furloughs on that day – the day after Thanksgiving.

The Nov. 27, closure is a result of budget cuts adopted by the Legislature due to the current recession. It is the second of 10 closure dates the state has scheduled during the current two-year budget period. Each day of closure will save an estimated \$2 million in personnel costs statewide.

Oregon ski areas blessed with heavy, early snowfall

With recent storms dumping snow in the mountains and more on the way, most Oregon ski areas will be open by Thanksgiving. For many, this will be the earliest opening in 15 years.

"Oregon's ski resorts are off to an amazing start," said Karen Siegle of Ski Oregon. "Heavy early-season snow and cold temperatures have allowed Oregon's resorts to not only open early, but to boast some of the deepest base depths in the country."

The following ski areas are open: Mt. Hood Meadows, Timberline, Mt. Hood SkiBowl. Mt. Bachelor pro-

jected a Nov. 20 opening, and Hoodoo a Nov. 28 opening. Visit www.skioregon.org for links to each ski area and information on opening times, rates and conditions.

DHS branch offices that serve Oregonians in their communities will be closed. However, Public Health employees responsible for the state's H1N1 flu response and certain DHS employees who ensure client safety and care for the state hospital's patients will remain on the job.

Besides Nov. 27, the state has scheduled the following 2010 dates as closure days with mandatory unpaid furloughs (all are Fridays):

March 19, 2010, April 16, June 18, August 20, September 17, November 26, March 18, 2011, May 20.

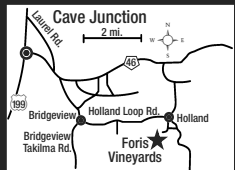
Thanksgiving Open House

FORIS VINEYARDS

Fri. and Sat., Nov. 27 and 28 11am - 5pm

- Barrel Tasting
- Wine Tasting
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Create a Gift Basket
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Tasting Room Open Daily, 11am - 5pm
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Receive this notice via e-mail!
Contact us at aliciagerber@foriswine.com



An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.

~ Irv Kupcinet ~

Illinois Valley Family Coalition Announces our...

5TH ANNUAL "CARING TREE" for the holidays.

Illinois Valley Senior and Disabled persons receiving home care will have their gift wish noted on an ornament on our "Caring Tree".

We need your help to make these Holiday Wishes come true.

Stop by the Coalition after December 4th to select an ornament.

Shop for that person and return your gift to the Coalition by Friday, December 18th.

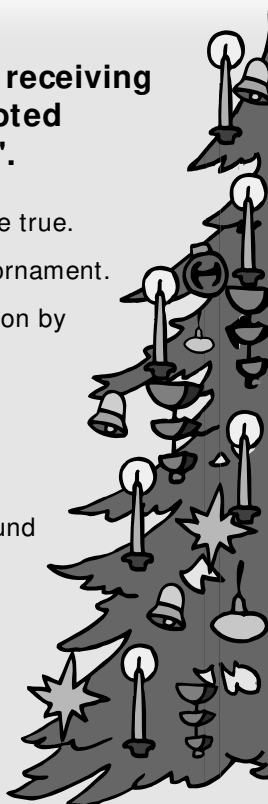
You may also donate cash and shopping will be done for you!

The Care You Show Will Bring Joy to A Homebound Senior or Disabled Person in Our Community.



The Illinois Valley Family Coalition

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Letters to the Editor

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The same sad events can be read in Matthew 24, in Mark 13, and in Luke 21, but also in Jeremiah 4, especially verse 19 on.

The what, in men's nature, can be found in 2 Timothy 3:1-17. These are reasons why, within humanity, that are the causes, of the why of, world news. So why can any true Christ man or woman, take joy in these awful events?

You should have already read Jer. 4:23+ and know this speaks to the end, as we know it, and the end, for 1,000 years, of Satan's and his little helpers among men, and Christ's return. How can I know this truth?

Simple, I used to be addicted to smoking, for 40+ years. Oh, like most, knew that this habit could be put aside, anytime, in fact several times per day.

However it was not until my honestly felt prayers, asking for my need, desire and thoughts about tobacco, be removed from me, that it was so, instantly. Never wanted another "hit."

Most of us have heard, or know of one, about whom we can say, "Never get between that person and their next 'fix.'" This too, and much more, are but a prayer for help

away. It matters not what the addiction is, He is able and yes, willing to remove it from you, just be honest with self and Jesus, and you'll be amazed!

We need more of that we read in 1 Corinthians 6:8-10 + 13:3,4. Charity.

End medical marijuana From Carol Dickson Cave Junction

So the guest opinion headline in the Grants Pass *Daily Courier*, "More medical marijuana is needed," about made me fall out of my chair. Who is Laird Funk kidding? His arguments for legalizing marijuana will never end.

Advocates pushed for total legalization and settled for a foot in the door with "medical marijuana." This little test has proven to me that they won't obey any drug law. Don't get me wrong: Cancer or terminally ill patients should get whatever they need, marijuana included.

However, like most well-intended laws, it wasn't thought out, and it's totally abused. Medical marijuana cards are a joke and are handed out to anyone who asks for them, and some doctors even offer them to patients with minor, healing

injuries without being asked. I think I could get cards for my dogs, but I don't have to bother because permit-holders all around give it away to friends; some of whom I know personally don't have a medical need.

Another joke is the medical marijuana-growing operations that are about as obvious in our community as acne on a teen-ager. Yes, they can grow legally for permit holders, but who are all of those out-of-state cars coming and going from their property, and how come those who have been busted have hundreds of pounds, guns and other drugs -- just trying to make a living right?

So legalize it and tax it -- right? If you think these criminals are going to claim their earnings from growing marijuana -- legal or otherwise -- and pay their taxes, there's a bridge for sale somewhere. Maybe when you are issued a medical marijuana card, you should have to list the grow site and it would be open for unannounced inspection by law enforcement.

Oh, I know, that would be a violation of their rights. The bottom line is that you are dealing with people who break the law. I say repeal it - don't legalize it.

Cave Junction

Memory Tree Dec. 3rd - 31st
Opening Reception Dec. 3rd, Noon
Home Valley Bank
135 S. Redwood Hwy.

Rogue River

Memory Tree Dec. 4th - 31st
Opening Reception Dec. 4th, Noon
Rogue River Public Library
412 E. Main St.

Grants Pass

Evening Ceremony Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 6 - 8 pm,
Lovejoy Hospice, 939 SE 8th - Off M St, near the river
At the evening ceremony share memories,
a beautiful lighting and name-reading ceremony,
music and refreshments.

For information or to share a picture of your loved one at the ceremony, please call Lovejoy Hospice

474-1193

Pet Memorial Tree

Located at the Grange Co-op, Hwy 199 & Dowell in Grants Pass. Drop by, place an ornament on the tree & share a picture of your pet. Dec. 10th to the 31st.