

Here, There, & Everywhere

CHRISTMAS CONNECTION - Cave Junction Cares will hold its annual all-comers Christmas breakfast and toy give-away on Friday, Dec. 25 in the pavilion at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction from 10 a.m. to noon. Come rain or shine, Santa Claus will be on hand with toys for children. All are welcome to enjoy a hot breakfast in the heated pavilion. Donations are welcome, and an account has been established at Home Valley Bank for deposits. For more information or to volunteer, phone Lynn Boucher-Johnson at 592-3594, or Fred Ball at Bi-Rite Auto Parts, 592-3601.

VOTER VERIFICATION - Tuesday, Jan. 5 is the last day for new registrants to register to vote in the Jan. 26 special election. Registration forms are available at the Josephine County Clerk's office, the Cave Junction Post Office, DMV offices, or visit www.co.josephine.or.us (Clerk's office, Elections, Register to Vote).

VIRAL VIGILANCE- Anticipating additional waves of H1N1 influenza to strike during the next few months, Josephine County Public Health Dept. has announced that H1N1 vaccine is available to everyone who comes to the public health office or to area health-care providers. The vaccination previously was prioritized for "at-risk" groups. JoCo Public Health, 715 Dimmick St. in Grants Pass, is open Mondays through Fridays, 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Phone 474-5325 for more information.

NOTEPAD - Home Valley Bank is coordinating donations to Josephine County Food Bank. So far, some \$947 has been pledged, and employees have donated 350 pounds of dry food and 70 pounds of ham to the effort. Additionally, HVB is sponsoring two families, one each in Grants Pass and Cave Junction, by fulfilling Christmas gift "wish lists." Jill Gleysteen, vice president of public relations at HVB, said that "though the identities of these families must remain private, HVB can definitely comment on the wonderful feeling it gives the employees to help these families during the holiday season." ... **Kerbyville Museum** was forced to cancel a special holiday train display for two consecutive weeks due to the effect of frozen water pipes. Pipes along the ceiling burst, causing flooding and water damage to items in the Portrait Room, said museum VP Lloyddeen Davis. It is hoped that the museum can reopen on Saturday, Dec. 26, to welcome holiday train spectators ... **"Bright Morning Star: A Musical Celebration of New Beginnings,"** is the title of the upcoming concert series presented by the 3 Rivers Chorale, directed by Kate Campbell, with pianist/organist I'lana Cotton and flutist Tim Wallace. Performances will be on Saturday, Jan. 16 at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Cave Junction beginning at 3 p.m. Admission to the Cave Junction performance is by donation. For information visit 3riverschorale.com or phone Rachel Winters at 476-6243 ... **Regular hours** at the Illinois Valley Branch of Josephine County Libraries Inc. (JCLI) are Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. The library is at 209 W. Palmer St. in Cave Junction, down the street from Carlos' Restaurante ... **Holiday lyrics:** "Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men." (From *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*).

LAST WORDS - "The world is a perpetual caricature of itself; at every moment it is the mockery and the contradiction of what it is pretending to be." (George Santayana)

Letters to the Editor

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and most bought it." Why? Is investigative reporting dead? Does the truth no longer matter? Is this not a stark reminder about the evolutionist claim, "Dead stuff began life?" There are only two known ways to perform "empirical" science:

1. Develop an idea (theory) then develop an experiment to either prove or disprove the idea.
2. Actual recording, with all the required equipment, to record and take notes of an event new to humanity.

For 1. No human has ever created life from dead stuff, in any lab, at any time; and 2. What are the names of the men who were the eye-witnesses to the birth of life?

Therefore, are you beginning to see a pattern here? Based only on assumptions? Men are moved by personal glory, treasure. None of these moves our creator God, so choose whom you believe:

Man's dead things brought life? (How much faith does this religion require?)

God is the creator, and maintainer of all life. (This also requires faith, God proved Himself, by you.)

Question: "What other purpose has Satan, than to separate man from God by lies and deceptions, in any forum, including churches? (Rev. 17:5; 18:4). One savior, one Word, one cross, but 100s of religions -- of men.

Please think.

Burgled businesses ...

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The sheriff added that his office is examining crime trends to determine its personnel allocations.

"We're going to be highly flexible in that," said the county's senior lawman.

In the meantime, JCSO is gearing up to provide 20-hour coverage at the beginning of the year. There currently is only one 12-hour shift. But a staffing plan approved by the Josephine County Board of Commissioners earlier this year should be fully implemented in July or August, said Gilbertson.

He also mentioned that JCSO will strive for around-the-clock coverage "with what we have." He noted that burglaries and thefts typically tend to increase around Christmas time.



Thomas and Coultas said that they are skeptical that more deputy patrols will help secure their businesses. Coultas in particular is disappointed about the continued thefts, especially since she invested in building a modern, new facility.

"It's a slap in the face," she said. "How many bars do I have to put on that window?"

Nacho Mama's proprietor Andrea Thomas surveys a window damaged during a recent break-in. (Photo by Michelle Binker, *Illinois Valley News*)

Club & Organization News

I.V. Literature Lovers

Love reading but not up for a book a month? Join our Short Story Reading Group.

The first meeting will be held in mid-January at the Illinois Valley Branch Library.

For more information phone Anita Savio at 596-2994, or Rachel Goodman at 592-3079.

Forestry Action Committee

FAC announced that it has gained a \$5,000 grant from the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality to hold land-owner meetings, community meetings and field trips for the Kelly/Tycer creeks and Sucker Creek.

The goals for the Kelly/Tycer component of the project are to expand general land-owner knowledge and understanding of their creek, including the importance of this creek as a salmon-bearing stream; and to identify problems along its length which are culminating in the loss of considerable numbers of salmon downstream where the creek moves to join the east fork of the Illinois River.

The Sucker Creek component of the grant also will include a variety of meetings and field trips designed to increase community and land owner understanding of the creek and its problems. The primary goal is development of consensus among land owners, agencies and experts on some specific approaches to creek restoration to provide bank stabilization and improve salmon habitat. Generally, whatever is done needs to start up-creek and work gradually downstream.

Thank you for the flowers, cards, phone calls, and visits while I was hospitalized, and the care and help I've received since from all my family and friends.

Agnes M. Pope



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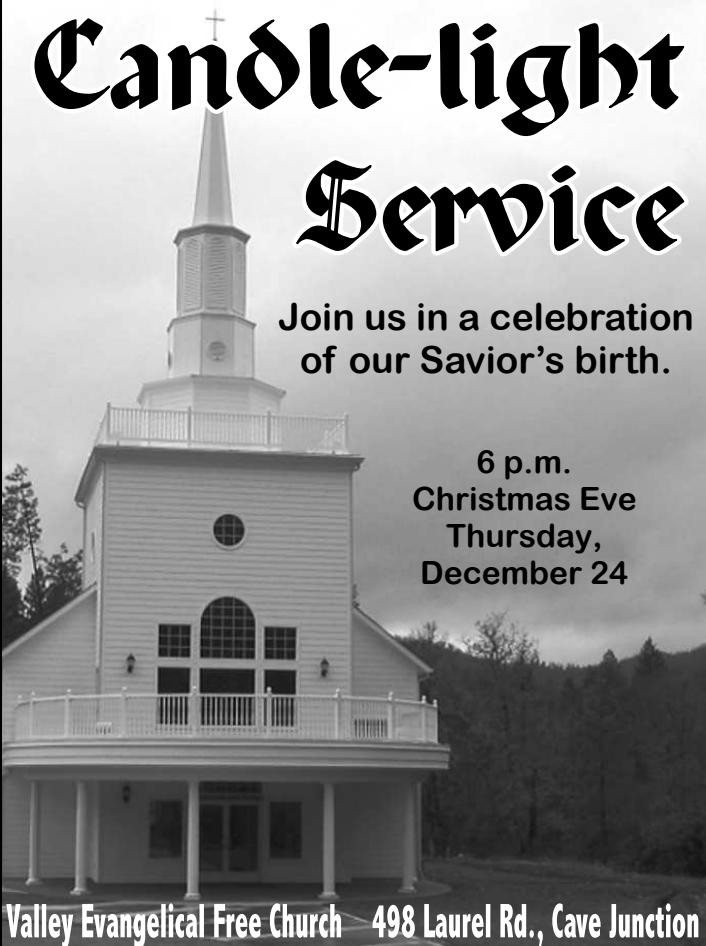
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Holiday Schedule

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SOS Route Customers

Thurs., Dec. 24 Normal schedule

Fri., Dec. 25 No pick-ups

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