

Here, There, & Everywhere

LONG TRAIN COMING - Kerbyville Museum will be open Saturdays through January so that visitors can view the Christmas Village and Circus Train display. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a slight charge for admission to help offset the cost of clean-up from flooding that the museum sustained during December which caused cancellation of scheduled showings. Also, the museum is collecting canned food for Illinois Valley Family Coalition.

FOOD FOLKS - Valley Bluegrass favorite *Eastfork* will perform a concert on Sunday, Jan. 31 to benefit the LifeLines Ministry, Selma Open Door and Cave Junction Cares. The performance will be held at the Illinois Valley Grange Hall, 3763 Holland Loop, beginning at 3 p.m. Donations of cash and food are welcome.

QUAKY SHAKY - An earthquake measured at 6.5 on the Richter scale struck Saturday afternoon, Jan. 9 some 29 miles west of Eureka, Calif. It was reported that tremors were felt as far north as Eugene and as far south as Capitola, Calif., south of San Francisco. Several Illinois Valley residents reported feeling the quake, and it was noted that dogs and other animals behaved in a manner suggesting that they were attuned to the happenings beforehand.

NOTEPAD - "Happy Birthday" to area teaching icon Lorna Byrne. She celebrated her 104th birthday at Redwood Terrace in Grants Pass on Tuesday, Jan. 12 ... **IVHS students** of art teacher Elaine Barker have published a calendar featuring scratchboard images. The decorative calendar is available for sale in Cave Junction at Cabin Chemistry, Bear Images and the Illinois Valley Visitor Center ... **AARP Tax Preparation Assistance** for senior citizens and low-income individuals will be sponsored by Illinois Valley Family Coalition. Phone (541) 592-6139 to schedule an appointment ... **Area codes** are required when dialing all phone numbers, even local ones, as of Sunday, Jan. 10. While it is not necessary to dial "1", the entire 10-digit number will have to be entered to phone next door, across the valley or to Grants Pass. A new area code, 458, will be applied to numbers assigned after Feb. 10 ... **'Til Death Do Us Part**, a murder-mystery dinner theater production, will be performed on Saturday, Jan. 23 at Selma Community Center. Advance tickets are available at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition office, 535 E. River St. in Cave Junction, behind Jefferson State Financial Group. Contact Carol Ronan at 592-6139 ... **Bumper sticker:** *Now my little voices are texting me!

LAST WORDS - "A people that values its privileges above its principles will soon lose both." (President Dwight D. Eisenhower, former U.S. Army general who served as Supreme Allied Commander during World War II)

CJ council refers social gaming to city voters

Mayor agrees with Subway objection to grease trap rule; delivers 'State of City' address

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
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Cave Junction voters will have their say on May 18 about allowing social gaming, which would include poker, blackjack and other games of chance where the house has no stake or income, within city limits.

That decision was made by the city council during its half-hour long meeting Monday night, Jan. 11 at city hall.

Andrea Thomas, owner of Nacho Mamas on N. Redwood Hwy., had requested permission from the council during its December meeting to host social games.

City Recorder Jim Polk asked the council to give him time to check with Josephine

County Sheriff Gil Gilbertson to gain his perspective on the matter. He also wanted to speak with officials from other cities that have passed similar social gaming rules.

Monday night, Polk reported back to the council that Gilbertson expressed no objections to having social gaming in city limits.

Polk said that most cities that have social gaming ordinances on their books have issued no licenses under them, and have none pending.

Some cities in Oregon had social gaming ordinances and subsequently repealed them. Polk said that was largely due to the expansion of the state's lottery games and not due to problems with



Cave Junction Mayor Don Moore delivered a state of the city address while Councilor Margaret Miller looks on. (IVN photo)

increased criminal activity.

Thomas made a renewed plea to councilors. She said that her intent is to increase

her business through the financially slow winter months. She added that her building is

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Commissioners choose to skip Cassanelli ...

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Seligman read from a prepared statement, and characterized the vote by Toler and Ellis as a "gross miscarriage of justice." He accused Ellis of "playing politics."

"This is not right," Seligman said. "Do the right thing. Rescind your decision."

Cassanelli stated that if she were chairman, she would make more of an effort to allow citizens to speak up during meetings.

"We are paid to listen to the people of Josephine County," she said, claiming that Ellis has a history of shutting down public comment.

Seligman, still at the podium, asked Toler to elaborate on his motion.

"Why didn't you do the fair thing?" Seligman asked.

"I think the public would like to know."

Toler did not respond, at which point Seligman stated that voters should throw Toler out of office. That prompted applause from the audience.

Ellis restated a previous warning to the crowd about clapping and outbursts.

"It looks like you can't control the meeting, Dwight," Cassanelli said.

Her comment sparked laughter and further applause from crowd members. Ellis then abruptly adjourned the meeting, cutting off the comment of one audience member, Rycke Brown, who had intended to speak in favor of the commissioners' decision.

Many angry audience members converged outside of the auditorium afterward. Some began discussing possible recall efforts against Ellis.

Later that evening,

Grants Pass attorney Jack Swift sent an e-mail to Ellis, stating his opposition to the move and suggesting that legal action may follow.

"I was outraged by the board's action this morning in abandoning past practices because you and Toler have judged commissioner Cassanelli to be an inferior com-

missioner," Swift wrote.

"I told (County Legal Counsel) Steve Rich that I would be pursuing federal action against you and the board to redress what I perceive as a denial of Constitutional rights provided the voters of this County," Swift wrote.

Letters to the Editor

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(that's 85 percent of us). Then there's the 13 percent of us on unemployment; these measures exempt the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits from tax, reducing taxes for families who have lost a job.

And of course I keep hearing how businesses will leave or won't locate here because of the high taxes. Wrong. Prior to the tax fairness measures, Oregon had the third-lowest corporate income taxes in the nation.

Under the new plan, according to the Legislative Revenue Office, Oregon will have the fifth-lowest corporate taxes - still close to the lowest in the nation, and lower than any other West Coast state. Washington's Business & Occupation tax, at 0.47 percent, is almost five times higher than Oregon's new corporate minimum tax.

Those against these

measures have said it is class warfare. Wrong again. Class warfare was the tax breaks for those who didn't need them under Reagan, Bush, Clinton and Bush. I didn't get one, and I bet most others didn't either. They say Oregonians don't need these tax increases. Really?

Just ask the local teachers. Three Rivers School District stands to lose \$2.78 million. We could lose up to 34 teachers. And then ask the parents. Won't they be happy when we have to cut 17 days of school? Then there's Rogue Community College which stands to lose \$2.62 million. More jobs gone out of the community.

It is fair to increase taxes for corporations and high income citizens. It is right to balance the budget without taxing low income folks.

I will vote "Yes" for measures 66 and 67.

Copeland crew lauded From Jerry Work Kerby

I want to give kudos to the Copeland crew working to bring much-needed clean drinking water and fire hydrants to Kerby.

They have been fast, efficient, courteous and hard working. No slackers in this crew. They have had to contend with all the traffic on Redwood Hwy. while they lay pipes down both sides, including coming right in front of our building.

They thoughtfully dug with care so as not to disturb our street-side plantings or driveway, brought in the pipe

and fill aggregate, tamped everything in place and had us back in business within the day. That same day they had to bring the water pipes across Sixth Street parallel to the highway and they even had that back open before they left for the day.

Today they came back and paved over the cut in Sixth Street, leveled everything out and brushed the street and the highway clean without so much as throwing a rock onto our front porch or entry way. I hope that all future public works projects can be done so professionally.

The guys and gals did a great job.

Club & Organization News

Laureate Beta Beta

Laureate Beta Beta had a successful fall fund raiser for their local scholarship program. The raffle prize winners were: Dottie Childers won a gift card for Taylor's Sausage, Rusty Daughtry won a gift card for Shop Smart Food Warehouse and the grand prize winner of a night stay for two at Seven Feathers Casino and Resort was John Patton. Special thanks to all who supported our fund raising efforts.

For more information about the organization, contact Virginia Gilliam, chapter Vice President, at (541) 592-2293.

Children's Library Committee.

Please join us on Saturday Jan. 16, at 11 a.m. at the I.V. Branch Library. We will plan children's reading & art projects, discuss redecorating the walls, story time, and more. Phone Linda Naydol at (541) 592-3289.

I.V. Fine Artists

Artists in all media and experience levels are welcome to share the bright, Open Studio space at the RCC Belt Bldg. in Kerby Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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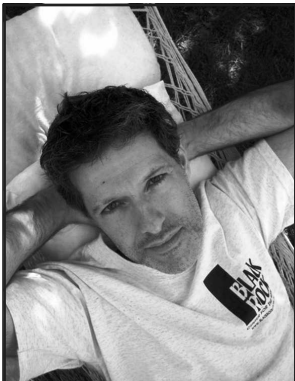
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We think she's pregnant... I'm not sure what to do... This is going to change my life!

For Confidential Help, call the Pregnancy Center 592-6058
319 Caves Hwy., Cave Junction
PregnancyCenterIV.org

It's workshop time at Forest Edge Farm

We will hold three small hat-making workshops in January & February of 2010. Space is limited to 4 participants in each workshop. Possible dates are:

Thursdays: Jan 28 Feb 4 Feb 11
Saturdays: Jan 23 Feb 6 Feb 20
Call 659-3858 to reserve a space. Give your preferred date.
Cost: \$95 FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED



Illinois Valley Little League CHILI FEED & COOK-OFF

Live Local Band ~ Silent Auction
Saturday, January 16, 4 to 7 p.m., County Building

\$5 per meal includes chili, cornbread, drink, & dessert



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