

Tree’s fate still unknown

Sheriff’s office offers tips to prevent burglaries

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Kellenbeck said he understood why people wanted the tree to stand, but that compromise such as trimming branches or attaching supporting structures would not be worth it.

“Don ultimately agreed that might make the tree safer, but at that point it’s no longer the same tree,” Kellenbeck said. “There are a variety of signs that the tree is not healthy. If there was any question we would want to investigate...we tried to do our part.”

The tree was scheduled to be cut down last week on Wednesday, Feb. 2. Now, plans have been stalled as Hall awaits new test results from a Medford arborist.

Herb said the test from Medford would provide an impartial source of information, where the tester has no emotional attachment to the tree or an interest in having it cut down.

“It’s supposed to be done scientifically and prudently, no emotion involved,” Herb said.

Original measurements estimated the tree to be 150 years old. But another test from the Oregon Forestry Department reportedly

showed the tree to be 400-450 years old.

“That tree has been there forever and a day,” Kellenbeck said. “I would be more than happy to have it stay because it’s a beautiful tree.”

Cave Junction resident Isabel Crabtree said she lives by Don Hall and was disappointed the tree could be removed due to liability concerns, when she believes the tree is healthy.

“The inspector who viewed the tree said it was rotting, and the apartment owner [Kellenbeck] said he would pay for it to be removed,” Crabtree said. “It’s not [Kellenbeck’s] property but I think Don is worried about liability. It’s up to him.”

Kellenbeck said Don agreed to have the tree taken down, but concerns from those who want the tree to stay and his own wish for the tree to remain have made the decision difficult.

“He is a decent human being and concerned about life,” Kellenbeck said. “But I think he’s having a tough time with attachment to the tree. I think he’s torn. I guess it will be a process.”

By Darcy Wallace
IVN Staff Writer

A recent surge in burglaries among vacant and “for sale” homes in Josephine County prompted the sheriff’s office to provide tips to residents on how to document valuables and ways to secure their homes to prevent theft.

According to a sheriff’s office news release, residents should make a list of valuables with as much information as they can, including brand, model, value, a description and a serial number.

Belongings such as stoves, ovens, trash compactors, heat pumps and light fixtures shouldn’t be overlooked.

If possible, mark anything left behind with a driver’s license number to make it more difficult for burglars to dispose of the item and easier for police to recover.

Other tips from the sheriff’s office to prevent burglaries include having good locks for doors and windows, including special locks for sliding doors. The sheriff’s office also

recommends electronic timers for lights and trimming trees and shrubs that could provide hiding places for burglars.

Residents should also consider moves to help give the appearance that someone is home, such as arranging to have lawn mowed and keeping mail deliveries from building up in mailboxes.

Residents should also be aware of any unusual activity and can report it to the Josephine County Sheriff’s Office at 911 for emergencies, or 541-474-5123 for non-emergencies.

Llama born at Forest Edge Farm

By Darcy Wallace
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On Thursday, Jan. 27, Harry and Joyce Abrams of Forest Edge Farm welcomed a new baby llama to the farm.

The mother llama, who Harry still refers to as “Mom” or “Mama,” gave birth to the 20-pound male after the Abrams took in the mother from an Airport Drive residence last month.

“The fun part is watching him run,” Harry said. “Every once in a while he’ll take off and just run, run, run.”

Harry took in four llamas from the Trost couple on Airport Drive when Animal Control determined that they did not have enough space or the proper shelter for the 13 horses and four llamas. Several nearby families reportedly took in the animals to give the Trosts, who recently moved to the Valley, time to make improvements on the property.

Now, the llamas on Forest Edge Farm appear to be in good shape and are adjusting to the new environment. “Mama” is protective of her young while the cria, or calf, seems fairly unsuspicious of new visitors.

Harry said the llama now weighs about 26 pounds and that a veterinarian will soon visit the farm to get the other llamas up-to-date on shots.

“The [Trosts] didn’t have a name for the llamas,” Harry added. “But I think a llama without a name just doesn’t work.”



(Photo by Darcy Wallace, Illinois Valley News)



Q: When is it time to ask for the help of Hospice services?

A: Hospice provides help for patients facing a life expectancy that might be measured in months rather than years. Hospice care emphasizes quality of life remaining and gives choices and options at a time when needed the most. The earlier Hospice is involved in care, the more Hospice can do to make life as comfortable as possible. And the good news is that most insurance plans pay for all or a portion of Hospice care. No one is refused service because of a lack of financial resources. Call your physician or Hospice of choice for more information.

~ Cheryl Valentine, R.N., Executive Director



Lovejoy HOSPICE

541-474-1193

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Beyond Loss Support Group ~ Mondays 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
- See us at Access Senior Fair March 1, Medford Armory, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- See us at Three Rivers Hospital Community Resource Day March 3, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Oak Lane Retirement-March 16-"End of Life Issues" by Lovejoy Hospice (time to be announced)



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Three Convenient Locations

Grants Pass (541) 476-2502
1619 NW Hawthorn Ave. #109

Cave Junction (541) 592-6580
218 N Redwood Hwy.

Glendale (541) 832-2765
300 Pacific Ave.

- ◆ Joint Replacement
- ◆ Back & Neck Injury
- ◆ Sports Injury
- ◆ Certified Hand Therapist
- ◆ Gait/Balance Training
- ◆ Anodyne Therapy
- ◆ Aquatic Therapy
- ◆ Auto Claims
- ◆ Work Related Injuries
- ◆ Accept Medicare Assignment
- ◆ Blue Cross Preferred Provider
- ◆ Most Insurance Plans Accepted
- ◆ Member APTA & NW Rehab Alliance

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We hear, as it were, a real zinger in those famous words of Christ: “No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.” What if that light was put under a basket? Obviously it would be hidden. It would also be of little -- if not no -- value. The point is well taken that light is meant for illuminating an area. In similar fashion God’s people are meant to be blessings to other people. Just like salt preserves or at least improves, and thus benefits, that which it is added to. And just as even a small candle will brighten up a dark room. A modern proverb says it well too: Bloom where you are planted.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday at 4:00pm - Good Shepherd Singers rehearsal

Sunday at 9:15am - All-comers education hour

Sunday at 10:00am - Worship & Communion

Places of Worship

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
5181 Holland Loop, CJ
541-592-3923
“We celebrate God’s Presence in our lives!”
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. ***

7th DAY ADVENTIST
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Worship 11 a.m.
Prayer/Praise 7 p.m. Tuesday
Pastor Marvin Clark
Church (541) 955-4943
Madrone Adventist School
541-592-3330 ***

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
541-597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m. ***

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Pastor Dave Gordon
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Office: 541-592-3896
Email: cbccca@cavenet.com
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Christian Academy
Pre-K to 12th grade

Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.
IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 541-592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Child-care for small children
Web Page:
http://UMCImmanuel.org ***

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH
407 W. River St., CJ
541-592-3658
Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days TBA ***

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street & Lewis Court, CJ
Pastor Don Torala
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.
Church Phone: 541-592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.org

ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS
987 Caves Hwy., CJ
541-592-4716 or 541-218-2792
Sunday - 2:30 p.m. ***

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10300 Takilma Road, Takilma
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. ***

VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Marvin Porter
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
541-592-6160 ***

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
541-592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study
CALVARY FELLOWSHIP OF CAVE JUNCTION
meeting at
Evergreen Elementary School
520 W. River St., CJ
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Pat Henderson
541-592-3092 ***

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 12:10 p.m.
Bishop G. Frank Sybrant
541-245-3394 ***

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25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ
541-592-2006
Rev. James Boston
Worship Service - 5 p.m.
1st Sunday of each month

Fundraiser Brunch for Jubilee Park Playground

Saturday, Feb. 12th
8am to Noon
I.V. Senior Center
520 E. River Street

Minimum Suggested Donation - \$5



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10am - I.V. Sr. Center Line Dancers
10:20am to 11:20am - String Beans Band
11:30am - Suzanne Hamilton Dancers