

# Letters to the Editor

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(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact are strictly those of the letter writers)

## Raised Concrete Medians in Cave Junction

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will begin work on a new traffic signal at 199 and River Street and improvements to the mid-block crosswalk between Lister and Watkins Streets on Monday, June 6. These combined projects are scheduled to be completed before the end of October.

ODOT has devoted two hours to explain the five-month, \$641,000 set of projects to the public during its June 2 open house at Cave Junction City Hall between 4:30 and 6:30 PM.

I encourage all interested citizens of the Illinois Valley to attend this important open house. ODOT representatives will be there to answer questions and discuss the project and will have the opportunity to learn local citizen's perspectives on the project's many aspects. These aspects include not only the installation of a long-awaited new traffic signal at River Street and movement of the existing River Street amber light to the crosswalk between Lister and Watkins Streets, but also the reduction of traffic lanes, creating left-turn lanes, and construction of raised, concrete medians on 199 near River Street.

These changes are one of ODOT's periodic improvements to Highway 199, our life-blood connection to goods and services, and we are grateful to have the highway that makes commerce possible and brings business to our town. At the same time, many in the community have said that some of the proposed changes, particularly the

raised-medians, will restrict traffic from one side of the highway to the other and discourage access to business by motorists in the opposite lane.

Whether it's "proper" in the eyes of the state of Oregon or not, the community has grown accustomed to turning left to access business and to return to the highway. This is part of our way of life and considered economically important by many local businesses. The inability to turn left in Cave Junction will make accessing services tedious and move highway traffic onto city streets, decrease safety in our neighborhoods, and increase burden on local infrastructure and law enforcement.

We have to keep in mind that ODOT is thinking about traffic safety and improvements from the state level. It's understandable that our community's concerns are not obvious to them. It's important for us to attend the open house, be clear and respectful, and communicate with our state-level partners about this important project. Our input can make a difference.

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(Photo by Darcy Wallace, Illinois Valley News)

Ralph Howell, 28 year veteran of the Illinois Valley Fire District received a fire truck escort to his final resting place May 25. Howell died Wednesday May 18, 2011 at the age of 87.

## Corrections

In last week's issue dated May 25, Illinois Valley High School teacher Steve Morgan was incorrectly identified as Mr. Murphy in parts of the article "IVHS teacher steps aside." The Illinois Valley News would also like to clarify that Astoria is not located in the Willamette Valley as the story presumed.

Clarification: In the May 25 edition, Illinois Valley High School scholarship awards included an award from the Illinois Valley Lions Club.

In the May 18 edition, the story "Pet Parade a joy for children, organizers" incorrectly listed Nalita Baumbach as an employee of the Siskiyou Community Outreach center. She is Center Supervisor for Early Head Start in Cave Junction. Additionally, a quote misstated a statement from Baumbach regarding a Dome School group. *The Illinois Valley News* regrets the errors.

# Here, There & Everywhere

## Wednesdays

Jog Your Memory! Illinois Valley Senior Center at 2:00pm. A socially interactive mental fitness program integrates challenging puzzles and interactive games with scientific information on memory and aging. It is designed to stimulate while also providing social support. Sponsored by Care Source/ Mid Rogue Health Plans Contact; Libby Watts, Geriatric Wellness Instructor at 541-660-8155 or email libby\_watts@charter.net

## Wednesdays

Wild River Pizza – Open Mic. 6-8pm Contact Todd Kaberline or Jim Nolan 54-646-0975 or 541-660-8572

## Labor Day Parade Application

This year's Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Parade will be on Monday September 5th. The theme for the 2011 parade will be "Illinois Valley, See it, Hear it". The parade will start at 10am and we are taking applications for the parade. Remember it's free to be in the parade and free to watch it. For applications you can call Harry Johnson at 541-596-2104.

## June 8 Deadline!

We need flowers, roses, for graduation. Illinois Valley High School is looking for roses for graduation for June 8th. The arch bearers will be out and about on the morning of the 8th collecting roses. If you have roses that we could use, please contact the school at 592-2116. Thank you!!!

## June 18 Deadline

Vendors & Craft Booths wanted for C.J. Lions Annual Show & Shine Car Show on June 25. Trailer parking available. For information contact Ross at 541-659-9251 or Linda at 541-450-2964

## June 2

US 199 - River Street Signal Open House. 4:30-6:30pm at City Hall in Cave Junction

## June 2

An IV Chamber of Commerce Mixer for businesses and individuals will be held at Out n About Treesort at 6 p.m., at 300 Page Creek Rd. off of Takilma Rd., about 8 miles south of Cave Junction

## June 3

Noon to 4pm we will be having a yard sale as a fund raiser to raise awareness and to help sustain the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance of Cave Junction. We will have household items, clothing, furniture and other items in good condition. Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance is located at 103 S. Kerby Ave next to the DMV office. See you there!

## June 4

Deer Creek Vineyards Music in the Vines Concert Series - Nattybones - website: www.reverbnation.com/label/stevegrove#!/nattybones - 2010 Winner New Blues Act Rainy Day Blues Society

## June 4

Two representatives from the Kenya Mission Team 2011 will be at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins St., at 11:00am to speak and show slides on a variety of projects related to the Maua Methodist Hospital where they work on hospital related projects that range from construction to social services, and the Bio-Intensive Farm in Meru that is a demonstration and training farm that teaches techniques and practices that enable a small plot to produce enough food for a family's needs and to take to market. The team works along side of the residents providing funds and labor they could not otherwise afford. Come see how they are making a difference in the world.

## June 4

Illinois Valley Little League – Fund raising for Junior Boys – Car Wash @ Subway from 10:00am to 2:00pm

## June 4

Oregon State Park's Day is June 4th. This year, in our area, West Fork Trailhead will be hosting free cookies and punch for the public from 10:00 to noon and offering information on this new recreational facility. Bring the family and come out to experience these new trails. The dogwood trees are blooming and wildflowers are everywhere. Trailhead entrance is at milepost #3 on Westside Road. For more information, contact the IVCDO, 541-592-4440

## June 5

A FREE concert of lively world music, from RCC's combined choruses and musicians! Over 30 singers join forces with local talented instrumentalists to present a show of vocal music from around the world: South Africa, Namibia, Greece, Italy, Georgia (Russia), and the US. This is a time for joining together in song -- the audience will be participating!! So come and join the fun and stay for the party afterward 3:00pm, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Cave Junction. For more information, contact Kate Campbell, director, at kcampbell@rogucecc.edu or call the campus, 541-956-7500, ext. 3336

## June 8

Free community classes, on Care and Feeding of Your Well & Septic System, June 8 at the Illinois Valley Library in Cave Junction from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Well owners may bring a half-cup sample of untreated well water to class in a clean, watertight, glass jar to have their water screened for nitrate concentrations. If your well water receives softening or treatment of some kind, please try to take the sample from a pre-treatment spigot.

## June 11

Junior Golf Sign-Ups - Special offer for the first 50 children. From 9:00-1:00pm on the I.V.G.C. Patio. Volunteer instructors needed.

For more info call 541-592-3151

## June 17-18-19

TakilmaFM.com presents the 1st Annual Radioactive Music Fest. Selma Community Center. 3 Days of music & Magic. Vendors & volunteers wanted. For more info contact: Familytimeradio@gmail.com or lostforestrecordings@live.com

## June 23

Weather Spotter Training Offered in Cave Junction - The National Weather Service office in Medford is inviting weather watchers to a free weather-spotter training program. The session is from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 23rd, at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River Street in Cave Junction. The weather service uses reports collected from spotters across the region to determine the severity of storms. Ryan Sandler, from the weather service office, will discuss the kinds of storms that occur on the Southern Oregon coast during the summer. He will demonstrate how to measure precipitation using a rain gauge, and how and when a weather spotter reports to the weather service. There is no cost for this class and those attending who do not have a rain gauge will receive one after completing the class. All members of the general public are invited to attend and the NWS will be recruiting new weather spotters. For more information or questions about the weather spotter program, contact Ryan Sandler at 541-776-4303 #223 or e-mail ryan.sandler@noaa.gov or Harry Johnson at 541-596-2104 or cherhar@frontiernet.net.

## June 25

13th Annual Show & Shine Open Classic & Antique Car Show at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction. Pre-registration begins at 8:00am.

Elementary School Lunch Menu Sponsored by

HOMETOWNE INTERIORS

541-592-2413

### MONDAY, June 6

Classic chef salad, hamburger on a multi grain bun, baked chicken nuggets with brown rice pilaf

### THURSDAY, June 2

Super submarine sandwich, baked RibBQ sandwich, spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce

### TUESDAY, June 7

Ham & cheese pinwheels, fruit & yogurt parfait, BBQ turkey burger on a multi grain bun

### FRIDAY, June 3

Chicken caesar salad, totally teriyaki dippers, toasted cheese sandwich

### WEDNESDAY, June 8

Hamburger on a multi grain bun, freshly baked cheese or pepperoni pizza, beef teriyaki & broccoli over brown rice pilaf

Senior Lunch Menu Sponsored by

True Value 541 592-3562

### THURSDAY, June 2

Stuffed green pepper, glazed carrots, mixed fruit cup, cornmeal roll, cinnamon sugar cookie

### FRIDAY, June 3

Tuna loaf w/cream sauce, whipped potatoes w/cream sauce, Oregon bean medley, seven grain bread, lemon puff

### MONDAY, June 6

King ranch chicken bake, Scan-

dinavian blend vegetables, marinated vegetable salad, cracked wheat roll, frosted cake

### TUESDAY, June 7

Roast pork w/gravy, whip potatoes w/ gravy, green peas, onion bread, chilled applesauce

### WEDNESDAY, June 8

BBQ Beef sandwich on a bun, roasted red potatoes, capri blend vegetables, peach cobbler

Meals are served in the Cave Junction County Building. 541-592-2126, 541-955-8839

IVHS School Menu - Sponsored by

SISKIYOU COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

25647 Redwood Hwy. Cave Junction

541-592-4111

### MONDAY, June 6

Beef soft tacos, chicken strips, spicy chicken burger, hamburger, pepperoni, cheese, vegetarian or sausage pizza; ham & cheese or turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden or Mandarin chicken salad

### THURSDAY, June 2

Pasta with marinara/meat sauce or bean & cheese burritos, chicken burger or cheese burger, cheese, bbq chicken or supreme pizza, Italian turkey & cheese spicy chicken wrap, or chef, anti pasta or garden salads

### FRIDAY, June 3

Nacho supreme, wiener wrap, corn dog, spicy chicken burger; cheeseburger; pepperoni, cheese, supreme or taco pizza; ham & cheese or turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden or Mandarin chicken salad

### WEDNESDAY, June 8

Taco salad, teriyaki beef rice bowl, spicy chicken burger, hamburger, pepperoni, sausage, cheese or Italian griller pizza; veggie or turkey & cheese sandwich, turkey wrap; chef, garden or Mandarin chicken salad

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