

Backyard Bird Watching with Harry:

It's springtime and the wild flowers are coming out all over the valley. If you're like me, you've noticed an increase in birds coming to your feeders. Please take the time to go out and clean your feeders.

One of the reasons I'm doing this article is promote bird watching in the valley. The other is to get kids interested in birds and appreciate birds as something other than an object to throw rocks at. It can be a fun and inexpensive hobby for kids and families.

Bird Watching for kids:

There isn't a better nature-oriented activity for kids than bird watching. What child hasn't been delighted to see his first bird up close? Birds are a natural delight for kids, and they can be seen anywhere in the world. Even in your own backyard.

It's more than observing the birds. It's taking an interest in the actual birds they are seeing. It's learning their names, identifying their markings, and observing their activities.

It's listening to and learning their songs. It's learning their behavior and habitats. It's learning and appreciating nature and the world around them that doesn't include the T.V. or video games.

Where can you go to watch birds?

Bird watching can be as simple as setting up a bird feeder or bird bath in your backyard which invites wild birds to come to you. Walking in your neighborhood or hiking are great ways for children to get exercise that turns into a fun fulfilled adventure. Start with your backyard or neighborhood and learn the birds there. As you become familiar with the local birds, it's time to expand out. You may think about taking trips to areas that will feature different species than you have locally.

What do you need?

Bird watching is an inexpensive hobby, especially compared to other activities for children. You'll need a

pair of binoculars. It is more fun if everyone has their own pair, so nobody misses out on a sighting. If you check the internet you can find binoculars just for kids. You don't need an expensive pair for starters. They will need a field guide to help them identify what they are seeing. Check the local used book stores before you go out and buy a book. I would try the Petersons Field Guide as your first book. If your children are older you may want to think about getting them a camera. Have them start a bird list of the birds they've seen and dates and where they've seen them. In the Petersons Field Guide you will find the bird list in the back of the book. Just check off the birds you see and mark the date. It's very easy.

Backyard Bird Feeding:

Don't miss out on one of the best bird watching activities for people of all ages, especially for children, feeding birds in your own backyard. It

can be as easy as putting out a feeder or spreading the seed out on the ground. But if you really want to attract birds add a bird bath. You may want to think about adding a bird house and sit back and watch the new family move in. Just watch the smiles come when it's time for the new family have babies. The whole family can watch the feeding of the young. What a delight for the kids of all ages.

Bird watching and backyard feeding are wonderful hobbies for the whole family to enjoy. Try it one afternoon and see for yourself how your family bonds while enjoying the fresh air, local scenery and most of all, the natural world around you.

Remember I'm always at My Place for breakfast each Saturday morning. Come on by and say hi. For questions, you can email me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net.

Thank you,
Harry Johnson
O'Brien, Oregon

Grad Committee helps send off seniors in style

Many Illinois Valley High School seniors are choosing to celebrate the end of their high school careers in a positive way, but raising funds for a good send-off celebration can prove difficult.

Since 1990, the I.V. Grad Committee has helped students do just that.

On Saturday, May 14, the IVHS Class of 2011 and their family and friends held the All Night Safe and Sober Grad Nite fundraiser at Bridgeview Winery near Cave Junction.

The event was packed with activities, including talent show performances by seniors, music by the East Fork bluegrass band, silent and live auctions, and a gourmet dinner with a "Chicken and Chardonnay" theme (where the chardonnay was for those over 21).

The Safe and Sober party was the second annual of its kind, but the I.V. Grad Committee has been around for over two decades, helping plan responsible and fun parties for seniors.

According to educational ERC assistant Sara Parker, parents run the organization on a nonprofit status, who want to stay involved with students.

"Five of my children will have graduated from IVHS by 2013 and many of my relatives as well," Parker said. "The key for success is parental and community involvement which can sometimes be a challenge."

Some of the many businesses and individuals donating included Taylor's Country Store, Shop Smart, Pietro's Restaurant, Phil Aria, Coffee Heaven, Cabin Chemistry and many friends and family.

"[The Grad Nite Committee] is a nonprofit, parent organization that raises money to ensure a safe and sober graduation night party after graduation, and entice them with money and gifts," Parker said. "With the funds raised, we purchase gifts such as laptops, TV's, iPods, camping gear... anything young adults need to begin a new phase in life, college bound or otherwise."



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"If you love me, you will keep my commandments". Jesus said these words to his disciples, but they apply to us as well. To love one another as ourselves, do unto others as we would have them do unto us ... in other words, to do what is right.

And to spread Gods' word through

any number of ways. We might spread God's word by setting an example of how we live our lives. Or by helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Or by praying for others. Or by taking the opportunity to witness to others in our daily interactions. Or, or, or ...

There are no constraints put on

us in terms of the settings we should use to witness, or the day of the week or time of day. We are simply told, as were the disciples, to keep Jesus' commandments. It's up to us how we do it.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Thursdays, 4:00 PM
Good Shepherd Singers rehearse
Sundays, 9:15 AM
All-Comers Bible Class
Sundays, 10:00 AM

Buy your "Illinois Valley News" at these locations!

- 76 Food Mart
- Bagel Junction
- BiMor Tobacco
- Bi-Rite Auto Parts
- Chevron
- Junction Inn - motel office
- Kerby Mart
- My Place
- Northwest Hairlines
- O'Brien Store
- Perfect Pizza
- Shop Smart
- Siskiyou Market
- Speedy Mart
- Taylor's
- Wild River Pizza

Grants Pass:

Blind George's Newsstand

Selma:

- Ray's Food Place/Selma
- Speedy Mart II in Selma
- Lake Selmac Resort
- Don-Ary's Mini Mart

Wonder Store

Kenya Mission Team 2011
at our church on Saturday, June 4 @ 11:00 a.m.



Team members will speak and show slides on a variety of projects related to the Maua Methodist Hospital and the Bio-Intensive Farm in Meru.



It 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 and see how they are making a difference in the world.

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Are You Hungry?



Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit & Gravy, Pancakes and Egg Scramble Plus Meat and Cheese with coffee and milk.

ADULTS - \$6.00
KIDS under 12 - \$3.00

Come out and enjoy a good country breakfast! And remember to bring an empty stomach!
Saturday, June 4th from 8:00am to 10:30am

I.V. Senior Center
520 River St., Cave Junction

Laurel Cemetery Association
would like to **Thank**
Clouser Drilling
for the donation of their well.
Also **Thanks to**
Kerby Electric
for installation of the pump.

Bake Sale
Nifty & Gifty Thrift
Saturday, June 4
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Immanuel United Methodist Church
200 W. Watkins, Cave Junction



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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: cbcca@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

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.net

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

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

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



Q. Does it cost me for hospice care?

A. No one is refused service because of lack of financial resources. There is no co-pay or deductible for hospice services when covered by Medicare or Medicaid. Most insurance plans pay for all or a portion of hospice care. Other benefits vary. Discuss your questions with your selected hospice agency if you have limited or no insurance coverage.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Beyond Loss Support Group
Mondays 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Mutual support ~ open to adults (over 18)

Heart of Summer Benefit Gala
Saturday, July 9 - Countryside Village
Wine & chocolate tasting, dinner, silent auction
Celebrating 30 years of Lovejoy Hospice serving southern Oregon. Watch for further details!

Lovejoy Hospice, founded in 1981 as an independent, not-for-profit community service organization, provides compassionate hospice care and bereavement services for adults and children in Josephine, Jackson and parts of Douglas counties. For information, or to make a gift, call (541) 474-1193 or visit www.lovejoyhospice.org.