

February Events – IV Branch

Fri, February 7th - Young Master Gardeners, 2:30pm
Winter Flowers: Days are short, rainy and chilly but there are bright spots for indoor and outdoor plants. Come discover them with us! Where: IV Library 209 W Palmer St, Cave Junction, OR 97523 (541) 592-4770 contact: Roberta Lee rlee@josephinelibrary.org
Wed, February 12th – Movie: King Corn, 6pm
GMO Free Josephine County presents a documentary about two friends, one

acre of corn, and the subsidized crop that drives our fast food nation. Where: IV Library 209 W Palmer St, Cave Junction, OR 97523 (541) 592-4770 contact: Roberta Lee rlee@josephinelibrary.org
Friday, February 14th & Saturday, February 15th, 11am – 6pm
Friends of the Library BOOK SALE at the IV Library!
We’ve been collecting new donations and have a great selection to peruse. Be sure to come on by and get your Valentine a gift that lasts. Where: IV Library

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Wed, February 26th – Craft Night: Origami, 6pm
Roberta and Rochelle are folding fancy paper into beautiful flowers and would love to share the joy. Paper and instruction are supplied, just come join us! Where: IV Library 209 W Palmer St, Cave Junction, OR 97523 (541) 592-4770 contact: Roberta Lee rlee@josephinelibrary.org



(Courtesy photo for The Illinois Valley News)

Lori Houston hands a petition for more law enforcement to Oregon State Rep. Wally Hicks, Saturday, Feb. 1. Houston’s son Jarred was killed in a hit and run Oct. 30, 2013 near mile post 30 on Hwy. 199.

No horsing around when it comes to caring for animals

A Healthy Horses Clean Water Workshop will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, February 15 at the Josephine County Building, corner of Lister and Hwy. 199 in Cave Junction. Local horse owners are invited to discuss equine health, pasture care, managing mud and manure, and more at the annual event, sponsored by Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (IVSWCD).
“The theme for the workshop is ‘Healthy Horses,’” explains IVSWCD Special Projects Coordinator Kevin Kocarek. “It’s a chance for people to meet their neighbors, get information about how to take care of their horses, and hopefully have some fun.” The workshop will offer presentations and demonstrations aimed at connecting horse owners with ideas for caring

for their animals.
The IVHS Equestrian Team will be serving pulled pork sandwiches for lunch as a fundraiser to support the team. The workshop is free to the public, but pre-registration is encouraged by Friday, February 7. Contact the district at 541-592-3731 to register or go to www.ivstreamteam.org for more information.
The Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District is a non-regulatory agency, formed in 1949 to connect local landowners with conservation resources. Today, the organization continues to provide property owners with techniques and funding sources to address the challenges of caring for their land. The district offices are located at the Josephine County Building in Cave Junction.

Bohemian Spelling Bee Benefit for Josephine Community Libraries

GRANTS PASS, OR, January 30, 2014—The community is invited to The Bohemian Bar and Bistro for SPELLapalooza, a benefit for Josephine Community Libraries, on Saturday, February 8 at 6 p.m., 233 SW G Street in Grants Pass.
“As a small business, The Bohemian Bar & Bistro is committed to the preservation and growth of the public library,” said Jill Dini owner of the Bohemian. “We wanted to hold a fundraiser to benefit the library and help support the services it provides to our community.”
SPELLapalooza is a traditional spelling bee for adults hosted by the Bohemian Bar and Bistro. Dinner specials for the

evening include Alphabet Soup and ABC Martinis. Oregon state spelling champ 16-year-old Liam Dwyer will be the judge as adults compete for prizes from local businesses. Registration is \$10, and proceeds benefit Josephine Community Libraries.
Make a reservation to enjoy dinner at The Bohemian on February 8 at 6 p.m. by calling 541-471-7158. A portion of the evening’s sales will be donated to Josephine Community Libraries. To participate in the competition, contact JCLI Fundraising Coordinator Rebecca Stoltz at 541-476-0571.

Oregon immunization law changes set for March

The Disease Control in Schools statutes were amended in the 2013 legislative session with the passage of Senate Bill 132 A, changing the process for a parent to claim a nonmedical exemption to school/children’s facility/post-secondary immunization requirements.
Oregon has the highest percentage of children enrolled in kindergarten who have been exempted from receiving at least one vaccine, with 6.4 percent. Ashland’s exemption rate is at 26.4 percent, which is much higher than the state average and is the highest exemption rate of all the school districts in Oregon. (1)
Parents claiming a nonmedical exemption for their children will be required to submit either: documentation form a health

care practitioner that they have discussed the risks and benefits of vaccines, or a certificate proving they have watched an online interactive educational module on the risks and benefits of vaccines. The new process for claiming a nonmedical exemption will apply to new enterers to school and children’s facilities and to exemptions claimed on or after March 1, 2014.
For more information on the Oregon Immunization Law visit the Oregon Health Authority website at <http://public.health.oregon.gov/preventionwellness/vaccinesimmunization/ruleslaws/Pages/index.aspx>
Visit the Ashland Child Website for local data and resources, <http://www.ashlandchild.org/>.

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