

# Farmers' Market a Local Treasure

By  
Judy Hoyle

IVN Contributing Writer

Opening day for the 2014 Cave Junction Farmer's Market season has been hailed by many as an outstanding success, enhanced by perfect weather and a family gathering atmosphere. On Good Friday, members of the Cave Junction Farmer's Market team were thrilled to experience heavy traffic, while market manager Christopher Hall busily set about accommodating new vendors.

For those who attended the early weeks of the market last year, the remarkable growth in the number and variety of products and vendors was unmistakable. This year there was bounty to be had from many booths, including big bundles and bags of "greens" that thrive this time of year.

Now in its second year, an earlier opening date boasted 19 local agricultural vendors and an enthusiastic response from market regulars and new customers alike. All were eager for the weekly tradition to resume after the winter hiatus.

Located behind Caves Chevron at the junction of Caves and Redwood Highways, the market has proven to be an easy, accessible place for people from many different backgrounds to meet-up

each Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. The 2014 season will run for 29 weeks through the end of October.

Illinois Valley residents from all economic levels and walks of life are attracted to the availability of clean, locally raised, reasonably priced vegetables and fruits, eggs and meats, and nursery plants.

An added incentive for many, is knowing that when they shop at a local farmers' market, their money circulates within the local economy, enhancing economic power and community sovereignty.

The market is one of several projects created by Kenny Houck, the I.V. Business Entrepreneurial Center (IVBEC) Development Coordinator, utilizing U.S.D.A. grants. The IVBEC is made possible through a partnership between the I.V. Community Development Organization (IVCDO) and Rogue Community College.

At the market, Houck greeted people and visited booths, making his own supportive purchases.

Some of the best and brightest aspects of living in a small, rural community showed on Friday, illuminating a future offering greater food sovereignty for the community, and encouraging local farmers and customers alike to invest their resources right here in our "valley of riches."



(Photo by Judy Hoyle, Illinois Valley News)

Evergreen Elementary Principal Dave Regal congratulates Lloydeen Davis, who has volunteered at the school since 1977.

## Candidates ... Continued from A-1

Vincent also said he would restructure and streamline the administrative branch of the office to ensure fiscal responsibility, to "bring us in line with the smaller office we are, not the large office we used to be." Vincent also says he'd take an immediate ten percent salary cut and apply the savings to another area of the office.

Daniel (not to be confused with former sheriff Dave Daniel) said the answer is better use of available resources, like the Sheriff's Posse, Search and Rescue, neighborhood watches, etc.

"I would reach out to these people to bring them under the sheriff's umbrella," Daniel said. "We can't use these volunteers as employees, but they could do more with gaining information and data to help push our efforts. I'd expand our volunteer base, and increase neighborhood watches, and also, I'd bring resident deputies back into the communities so we can all work together better as a team. And, we need more transparency and standards."

Gilbertson responded by saying he is managing volunteers well and is planning to put together a "cadre of people" that includes retired cops and volunteers to work with the neighborhood watches and who could conduct preliminary investigations.

"I also am encouraging the development of higher levels of involvement, for example, a neighborhood guard program," Gilbertson said.

Asked about the public safety levy, both Gilbertson and Daniels said they support it, while Vincent said he felt the current levy proposal is too vague.

Gilbertson said if the levy passes he'll be able to pull deputies out of the jail and put them back on patrol and work them out of the substations.

## Selma's Crystal Kaleidoscope to show at Gem Show

By  
Judy Hoyle  
IVN Contributing Writer

The family-friendly annual Gem and Mineral Show is scheduled to take place at the Josephine County Fairgrounds Pavilion 9 to 5 p.m. April 25 and 26 and 9 to 4 p.m. April 27. Admission is free for children 11 and under all three days. Adult admission is free on Friday and only \$1 per person Saturday and Sunday.

Selma's Crystal Kaleidoscope owner Louis Swisher will be displaying a wide variety of his inventory for the seventh year in a row. "There's myriad reasons to attend whether you're a long-time rock hound or new to the world of minerals. If you're into nature at all, this is one of the better events of the year," he stated. "The craftsmanship, especially from the artists from around here, is just phenomenal."

The owners of Hampton's Rock Shop will be sending a special display. There will be over 20 vendors and 30 display cases of private collections. The event also boasts a

silent auction, demonstrations, door prizes and kids' games.

"It's not only fun, but highly educational for kids," Swisher explained. "In the old days, the schools would send buses filled with kids. We'd get over a thousand kids visiting the show, but the schools don't provide buses for the kids anymore."

The event is sponsored by the Rogue Gem and Geology Club (RGGC), which also offers a family-friendly environment. The club can be contacted at rockhoundclub@yahoo.com or by calling 541-862-2989. Visitors and new members are always welcome. The club meets monthly and sponsors field trips as well as lapidary-related classes such as faceting stones or silversmithing. Many classes are free or only require the cost of materials.

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at the Fruitdale Grange. Dues are \$20 a year per family and membership includes receiving a monthly newsletter. The clubhouse, located at 1003 SW Isham St. in Grants Pass, is open every Wednesday from 9 to noon and the sec-

ond and fourth Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. The building houses a lending library and a workshop offering a variety of lapidary equipment for members' use.

The club maintains a Rhodonite claim and two jade claims operated by and for the members, and also operates a sales table at the Josephine County Fair each August. Regularly scheduled day trips take place one Saturday a month and special extended treks, such as the annual week-long field trip the third week of June are also part of the membership privileges.

"We all had a rock collection when we were kids, and some of us never stopped collecting," Swisher stated. "If you're into rocks and stones, this is your once-a-year chance to see this wonderful show. For really no money at all, you can spend a couple hours and it's very entertaining."

The Crystal Kaleidoscope is offering a limited number of free passes to the show. Those interested should drop by the store at 18435 Redwood Highway in Selma during regular business hours.

### DEALER DAYS ARE HAPPENING NOW!

**BUILT IN USA**

**MS 291 CHAIN SAW**  
\$479.95

★★★★★

"I did a lot of reading and researching on different brands and models and decided on the 291. I'm sure I'll be using this saw for many years to come."  
- user Adam29

**REDUCED \$10**

**NEW! FS 38 TRIMMER**  
NOW JUST ~~WAS \$139.95~~  
\$129.95

★★★★★

"I have cut waist high grass with this. It is easier on the arms and shoulders and can be used for 30 minutes with no stress. Another fine STIHL product."  
- user Mike1075

**BUILT IN USA**

**BG 55 HANDHELD BLOWER**  
\$149.95

★★★★★

"This blower is very reliable, has good power and is pretty darn tough."  
- user Kendall13

Check out these reviews and others on the product pages at [STIHLdealers.com](http://STIHLdealers.com)

Indicates products that are built in the United States from domestic and foreign parts and components.

**#1 Selling Brand of Gasoline-Powered Handheld Outdoor Power Equipment in America.** \*Number one selling brand\* is based on syndicated Irwin Broth Research as well as independent consumer research of 2009-2013 U.S. sales and market share data for the gasoline-powered handheld outdoor power equipment category combined sales to consumers and commercial landscapers.

## Dave's Outdoor Power Equipment

287 Hamilton Ave. | Cave Junction  
541-592-3416 | [DavesOpe.com](http://DavesOpe.com)

**STIHLdealers.com**

# FARMER'S

## ILLINOIS VALLEY BUILDING

FARM & RANCH

**Your Complete Knowledge Center Headquarters For Your Next Project!**

At Farmer's there's always something going on. Weekly specials and "in-store only" special purchase items are changing from day to day, and week to week. At Farmer's you'll find quality products and people to give you the "how to's" when you need help on a special project. Visit Farmer's today - family owned and a part of our community since 1962.

**Diamond Dog Food**  
All in stock  
**15% Off**

**Ultimate Wheelbarrow**  
#1690  
**\$94.99**

6 x 6 x 8 #201  
**Rough Juniper Post**  
**\$22.99**  
Reg. \$29.99

**Superdeck Stain**  
All in stock  
**15% Off**

**6ft Green Fiberglass Step Ladder**  
#78582 Reg. \$59.99  
**ON SALE \$39.99**

**Yellow Jacket Trap**  
#117306  
**\$8.88**  
2 for 8 or 5.99 Ea.

**1200 lb. Black Garden Dump Cart**  
#754057  
**\$139.99**

**Milwaukee M18 Compact Drill & Impact Kit**  
#2691-22  
**\$199.00**

**NuLife Topsoil**  
#701598  
1 cf  
4 for **\$11.00** or **\$3.49** Ea.

**Mannapro Poultry Feed & Supplies**  
All in stock  
**15% Off**

**Norwesco**  
**Above Ground Green Water Tank ON SALE**

550 Gal - \$580.99	1550 Gal - \$849.99
1100 Gal - \$719.99	2550 Gal - \$1324.99

**541.592.3540**  
Mon. - Fri., 7am - 5:30pm • Sat., 8am - 5pm  
434 Caves Hwy - Cave Junction

**FARMER'S ILLINOIS VALLEY BUILDING FARM & RANCH**  
Lumber | Doors | Windows | Hardware | Paint | Plumbing | Ranch  
Buy online 24 hours a day at [www.farmersbuildingsupply.com](http://www.farmersbuildingsupply.com)

All prices are SNW-SRP. Available at participating dealers while supplies last. \*The actual listed guide bar length can vary from the effective cutting length based on which powerhead it is installed on. © 2014 STIHL SNW14-241-115180-2