

Illinois Valley Gardening News: Kathy Lombardo

The mild, wet fall weather was great for late summer-planted vegetables, such as lettuce, carrots, cabbage, kale, chard and Brussels sprouts. It is amazing how much food we can grow in our yards. Merely a few weeks into winter and it is time to salvage that produce before it "tips out" as a past Illinois Valley Garden Club member would say. These cold, dry and sunny days are perfect for pruning trees and shrubs. Fruit trees should have dead wood cut out first, then back up, and look for branches that cross over or are too crowded

and remove those. Fire-wise thinning around the home can be done now for a safer summer in 2015.

The Illinois Valley is special in its "tucked in between" mountain position, where the coastal fog pours over into the Valley like a quilt batt slides off the sewing table, and where on a cold sunny day here, the mountains east and south are getting snow. January is time to appreciate the forest, washed of its summer dust and the delicate beauty of the forest in snow. The first blooms of the year are Silktas-

sel. Garrya elliptica is a native shrub which can be found at the Rough and Ready Botanical Wayside. Cultivars of garrya are available with more flamboyant blooms. They are Garrya "Evie" and G. James Roof. The flowers are catkins and the shrub is either male or female with the male flowers more lovely. Oriental Hellebores and Lenten Rose do very well in our climate and are blooming now. On the coldest mornings, the leaves of camellia and rhododendron bushes may be curled under and drooping down. This is a type of temperature

sensitive leaf movement called "thermotropic". Another way to enjoy trees in winter is the ancient art of Bonsai. Tim Early will be presenting a lesson on Bonsai at the Illinois Valley Garden Club, Jan. 16. See "Save the Date" for information.

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Save The Date For more listings go to www.ivcalendar.org

Jan. 16

IVHS Speech/Debate: Varsity Tournament Away versus Grants Pass High School

IVHS Wrestling Boys Varsity Meet Away versus Redmond High School (Wrestlers will leave for Redmond at 12 p.m. Jan. 15.)

IVHS Girls JV Basketball at Home versus Rogue River High School at 4 p.m.

IVHS Girls Varsity Basketball at Home versus Rogue River High School at 5:30 p.m.

IVHS Boys JV Basketball at Home versus Rogue River High School at Lorna Byrne Middle School at 5:30 p.m.

IVHS Boys Varsity Basketball at Home versus Rogue River High School at 7 p.m.

Jan. 16

The IV Garden Club's meeting on Friday, January 16 will feature guest speaker Tim Early on the care of Bonsai. The IV Garden Club meets the 3rd Friday of the month at United Methodist Church, 200 W.

Watkins (across from Shop Smart) in Cave Junction. Social and finger foods at 12:30 p.m. Meeting at 1 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Jan. 17

IVHS Wrestling Varsity Meet, Away versus Redmond High School

IVHS Speech/Debate Varsity Tournament, Away versus Grants Pass High School

Jan. 19

As fate would have it, our next Precious Dirt/Freedom from Pesticides meeting falls on the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

A perfect opportunity to have an open discussion centered around rights. Or perhaps the fact our state continues to systematically take away our rights, as in the right to say no to Pesticides or GMOs and beyond.

Join us as we explore these topics, what our future looks like and where do we go from here.

The Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520

E. River St. Cave Junction ~ 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Coffee & Tea provided – Treats & Goodies Welcome.

Jan. 24

Illinois Valley Health & Wellness Fair Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the IV Senior Center: 520 E. River St., C.J. Local health and wellness providers share their knowledge, demonstrate services and sell their goods. For a schedule of events or more information you can go to www.healthycenter.org or call 541-592-4888.

Jan. 26

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners will be hosting a Town Hall Community meeting in the Illinois Valley.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., Cave Junction County Building, 102 South Redwood Hwy. Cave Junction, Oregon.

All County residents are invited to attend.

Jan. 27

Community Meeting Tuesday, 5 to 8 p.m. at the County Building by the CJ Post Office. Potluck, Neighborhood Watch Updates, Forum for concerns of citizens, Emergency Preparedness topics, Law Enforcement Levy Pros & Cons, Short Film on Geoengineering, Conclude with Open Mic and music. For Agenda, to include your presentation or tabling contact coordinator Guenter at 541-592-4124 or cmec@cavenet.com

March 7

SOS Run For The Law, A Community United! 10k Run or 5k Walk/Run & Kid's Dash For details and registration see this page: <http://securingoursafety.org/run-for-the-law-a-county-united/>

For more information contact: Holly Lidey (541) 660-8186.



WHERE'S THE ALARM?

The volunteers and staff of the Illinois Valley Fire District responded to these recent Emergency calls...

Monday 1/5/2015

28400 blk REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency
300 blk BURCH DR, Medical Emergency

Tuesday 1/6/2015

100 blk DEER CREEK RD, Outdoor Smoke/Odor
100 blk BONANZA DR, Medical Emergency

Wednesday 1/7/2015

N REDWOOD HWY / E RIVER ST, Fire Assist to Public
100 blk KEN ROSE LN, Open Burn
100 blk HOLTON CREEK RD, Medical Emergency

Thursday 1/8/2015

400 blk SCHUMACHER ST, Open Burn
200 blk SHADOWBROOK DR, Medical Emergency

Friday 1/9/2015

800 blk INDIAN CREEK RD, Lift Assist
3200 blk LAKESHORE DR, Lift Assist
3200 blk LAKESHORE DR, Medical Emergency
700 blk LONE MOUNTAIN RD, Traffic Accident
300 blk N HUSSEY AVE, Medical Emergency
2100 blk CAVES HWY, Medical Emergency
100 blk N OLD STAGE RD, Medical Emergency

Saturday 1/10/2015

3200 blk LAKESHORE DR, Lift Assist

Sunday 1/11/2015

3200 blk LAKESHORE DR, Lift Assist
200 blk BEAVER MEADOW RD, Flue Fire
18400 blk REDWOOD HWY, Open Burn
200 blk HONEYBEE LN, Medical Emergency
REDWOOD HWY / BURCH DR, Traffic Accident

Keep your chimney clean:

Keeping chimneys clean is a key step in preventing chimney fires. If you don't use your fireplace or wood stove very often, or you just moved, you might not know whether your chimney is clean or not.



The following signs indicate a chimney in need of a cleaning:

- Burned wood odors coming from the fireplace when it's not being used.
- Fires that seem to burn poorly or that dump a bunch of smoke into the room.
- A black damper. Since it sits right above the firebox, the damper is often the easiest thing to see and reach and it gets caked with creosote. Look or reach inside, and see what you can find. If you see black gunk or you can pull out chunks of the stuff, there's a good amount of creosote built up inside.

How often you need to clean your chimney depends a great deal on how much you use it. The kinds of fires you build and the type of wood you use also govern frequency. As a rule of thumb, it's a good idea to have chimneys cleaned at least once a year.

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SAT 10 AM - 2 PM
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- 2 Pool Tables & Shuffleboard •
- Friday Night Karaoke •
- Saturday Night Pool Tournaments •
- Bloody Mary Sundays 11AM-4PM •
- NFL Special Events •

The Harvest Kitchen at St. Matthias is now in its 20th year. I would like to thank everyone who has supported us (some the whole time). I cannot fully express my gratitude to all of you who have given many hours to cook, clean and serve. You have blessed us with your time and care for everyone who walked through our doors. To those who have given so faithfully with donations of goods and monies, we would not be here without you.

PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE APPRECIATED.

-Sue McKinney

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