



(Photo by Judy Hoyle, Illinois Valley News)

IVCDO board member Barbara Delbol (left) presents County Commissioner Cheryl Walker with an IVCDO Partnership Award for contributing to the I.V. Microloan Program at the Kerby Belt Building April 21.

WALKER ...

Continued from A-1



Raymond Smith

Raymond Smith, a "self employed horseshoer" stated that while he doesn't have government experience, "I do bring common sense to the table. I'm not for any more tax levies. I'd like to see different approaches. I'm not for big corporations coming in here. "Salem could stand up for the 18 O&C counties instead of crafting new tax laws. Our current BCC (board of county commissioners) sits by and does nothing."

He said a \$1 million dollar windfall that the county received when they were only expecting \$50,000 should have gone to law enforcement.



Bill Ertel

Bill Ertel blamed the problem of declining federal county payments for the loss of 48 percent of the sheriff's office budget. He would promote Highway 199 as a business corridor and reduce county expenses by set amounts such as 10 percent the first year of his term.

A realtor and businessman, Ertel made the point that using windfall funds for law enforcement amounts to training officers for other jurisdictions, because when the money runs out, they have to be laid off. He suggested creating tax districts to fund law



Shayne Christin

enforcement. Shayne Christen said, "I would not stand in the way of a public safety district, however, I agree with Paul Walter that if we establish a taxing entity, it must have a sunset clause." He told a memorable story of one Josephine County miscreant who has been arrested 50 times, but released due to lack

of funding for the jail. He pointed out that the first month of recreational cannabis sales yielded \$3.5 million in tax and suggested that some funding could come from a similar local tax.

In response to a question about cannabis farms draining aquifers, he said properly watered cannabis uses less water than lettuce.



Mark Seligman

"It's a desert plant," he said.

Mark Seligman stated, "We're losing our youth and jobs to poverty, crime and homelessness. He supports cannabis growers and patient rights and as a Libertarian, does not support increased tax levies.

"I want to enrich people first and government second," he said. "If you enrich people, crime goes down. We need to put people to work." He also advocates taxing recreational cannabis for county income.

Seligman opposes tax districts. "They never go away," he said. He said fear and insecurity is being used to pass taxes. "Grants Pass has plenty of cops, but they still have 86



Ron Smith

percent of the crime."

Ron Smith is a past president of "People for the USA" and was voted Citizen of the Year by the I.V. Chamber of Commerce in 2001. "We need to streamline land use laws and process. Low taxes are a big attraction. Smith believes the Biscuit Fire timber should have been harvested.

A lifelong resident of the county, Smith recalled, "We never locked our doors back then, but now, heroin, coke and amphetamines are a plague to us!"

Ron Smith is pro-timber harvesting. "Rural counties have to survive on what they produce from the ground," he said.



Lilly Morgan

THE G SPOT
 @ THE OLD STONEYFRONT
 24099 REDWOOD HWY. - KERBY
 541.592.5220/541.415.0451
 FULL BAR ♥ GREAT FOOD ♥ LIVE MUSIC

H&R Block Business Services

- Bookkeeping
- Payroll
- Tax Preparation
- Advice

H&R Block Business Services can help your business go farther.

Contact your local H&R Block office for more information.

H&R Block
 210 W. Lester St.
 Cave Junction
 592-3667
 Ted Crocker, LLC
 Bob Link, LLC
 Licensed Tax Consultants B14914

H&R BLOCK | business services

Westside Nursery

200 Burch Drive • Cave Junction • 2.5 MILES SOUTH OF TOWN

Open Tuesday - Sunday
 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

541-592-6487

2016 Opening Day
 SATURDAY APRIL 2

Veggie Starts, Flowers and More
 WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



MOSER

PAVING, INC.

FREE ESTIMATES AND TECHNICAL ADVICE
 SERVING SOUTHERN OREGON SINCE 1965

Black Top

Excavating

Cat & Backhoe

Utility Work

Road Construction

Demolition

Jay Moser
 541-479-2424

Chip Seal

Seal Coating

Dust Control

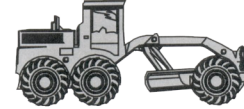
Drainage Repair

Heating Oil

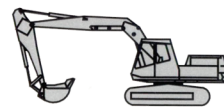
CCB#33187

FOR ALL YOUR AG BUILDINGS AND GROW SITES

650 Redwood Hwy Grants Pass OR 97527



cj@moserpaving.com
 www.moserpaving.com



10 EASY STEPS TO KILL YOUR BUSINESS

1. DON'T ADVERTISE... Just pretend everyone knows what you have to offer.
2. DON'T ADVERTISE... Tell yourself you just don't have time to spend thinking about promoting your business.
3. DON'T ADVERTISE... Just assume everyone knows what you sell.
4. DON'T ADVERTISE... Forget that there are new potential customers who would do business with you if they were invited to do so.
5. DON'T ADVERTISE... Convince yourself that you've been in business so long customers will automatically come to you.
6. DON'T ADVERTISE... Forget that you have competition trying to attract your customers away from you.
7. DON'T ADVERTISE... Tell yourself it costs too much to advertise, and that you don't get enough out of it.
8. DON'T ADVERTISE... Overlook the fact that advertising is an investment in selling - not an expense.
9. DON'T ADVERTISE... Be sure not to provide an adequate advertising budget for your business.
10. DON'T ADVERTISE... Forget that you have to keep reminding your established customers that you appreciate their business.

**Bottom Line: Avoid killing your business
 Advertise!**

Share your business with the community.
 Contact the Illinois Valley News Today!
 Call 541-592-2541 or
 Email dan@illinois-valley-news.com