

Winding Trails: by Al Hobart

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Illinois Valley News

Missing child

The disturbing episode that has taken place in our small Illinois Valley community lately is not an unfamiliar one, as anyone knows who is alert to the offerings of the various news media. But the shock and drama are brought home to us with much greater impact when the event takes place in our very midst, as this one did, especially when the object of our concern was a tender little three-year-old boy.

Little Wilson Mann, who supposedly strayed from his home into the surrounding woods, never came back and cannot be found. His disappearance touched off a manhunt that could not be surpassed

in intensity of both feeling and endeavor. For several days and nights the intensive hunt went on, all likely and impossible places for miles around being peered into hopefully by the hundreds of eager searchers, but little Wilson's whereabouts remains as much a mystery as ever.

Now the intensive but fruitless search has been called off. Frustrated and sad, the army of searchers has been forced to give up. The small, wide-eyed object of their search has eluded them. It seems incredible that when so many have tried so hard for so long that the missing mite could have been overlooked. Yet such a circumstance is entirely possible. In the near-freezing right temperatures the little chap could very well have burrowed under a heap of forest debris, lost

consciousness from hunger, fatigue or exposure, and lain undetected within feet of passing hunters. But considering the scope and intensity of the search, this seems improbable.

Then what has become of the sweet-faced missing boy, only a short space of time away from babyhood? Terrified and helpless against the rigors of cold, rain and panic, there is no predicting what he might have done. Accident is the logical assumption - falling into water, old mining shafts, or pits -- but it can be reasonably assumed that no such deathtrap has been overlooked by the dedicated multitude that has almost literally covered every foot of terrain within a reasonable distance of the boy's home.

Failure to find the little fellow is, of course, a bitter disappointment

to the community, whose collective heart went out to the child the instant he was reported missing. Crews of the Valley's workers left their jobs to search for the missing boy; the women flocked to the search area with mountains of home-prepared food and drink for the hundreds of tired, hungry searchers. It was all a heartwarming demonstration of community one-ness in time of heart-breaking trouble - even though the end result was apparent failure. Now the search has officially ended, but the question still remains: What has happened to little Wilson Mann?

The logical action to have taken when the boy was reported missing was to institute a thorough search of the immediate neighborhood, then broadening the field to a perimeter beyond which he couldn't have reasonably strayed. This was done,

with the result we are now familiar with.

There are other alternatives, including the possibility of abduction. Whether any other investigations into the disappearance are contemplated doesn't seem to be known locally. But this much is definitely known: There are many persons in our community, and among them those who came in from outside to help, who are very much concerned about the disappearance of one small boy from our midst and want to know what has become of him. If he is alive, we want him brought back. If he is dead, we want to know it, and to know why and how he met his death. Only then will we consider the search ended, the case of little Wilson Mann closed.

ROGUE VALLEY



Food & Friends Menu

FRIDAY - JUNE 10

VEGETABLE LASAGNA

MONDAY - JUNE 13

CHICKEN A LA KING

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 15

ROAST TURKEY

W/ GRAVY

If you need meals delivered please call

541-955-8839.

SENIOR CORNER

For local resources call the ADRC at 1-855-673-2372

Let's talk about driving

Did you know 90 percent of seniors say they rely on driving for the independence to go where they want, when they want and the idea of giving up driving sparks feelings of anger, frustration and helplessness. Having an open conversation with seniors about what options they have can make them feel more comfortable during this transition.

To help families start this conversation - and keep families safe on the

road - the Medford Home Instead Senior Care has launched a free community program called Let's Talk about DrivingSM (www.LetsTalkAboutDriving.com). With this, families will find a Safe Driving Planner to help seniors assess their driving habits, along with free resources and tips to help families create a roadmap for reducing or stopping driving when the time is right.

Please visit this website to let them know if they can connect you with

a local aging and senior care expert, who is available to discuss the program, along with:

- Why it is important to proactively speak with seniors about this, so they can have an active role in the process,
- How to start the conversation with older loved ones, and
- Solutions to help seniors continue driving safely.

For more local resources call the ADRC at 1-855-673-2372.

Sponsored by I.V. Wellness Resources

Illinois Valley Wellness Resources recently received a letter from a Cave Junction man. We will repeat some of that letter here. We have changed things a bit so he probably will not be recognized:

"I remember going to the doctor and having a complete looking into. I have been a patient here for several years and I don't remember having my eyes looked into, nor my nose, nor my ears, nor my throat. My neck hasn't been felt, my armpits haven't been felt. My stomach hasn't been prodded either. Much of my skin hasn't been looked at."

What this man is revealing is a memory of a high quality medical

physical examination and what appears to be a complaint about the results of a decreased standard of care. Are you getting a high quality medical exam? IV Wellness Resources will try to give you the basics of a good medical exam and the reasons all aspects of that exam are important. To begin, here is an outline of the different components:

- Personal Medical History
- Vital Signs: Blood Pressure, Heart Rate, -Respiratory Rate, Body Temperature
- General Appearance
- Heart Exam
- Lung Exam
- Head and Neck Exam

- Abdominal Exam
- Neurological Exam
- Dermatological Exam
- Extremities Exam
- Different Specific exams for Men and Women

A quality exam should include all of these components. Each component has its own important aspects. We will try to cover the most important of these. If any of the components is missing from the exam, for example the skin isn't looked at, a life threatening condition (melanoma) could be left undetected. All the components listed above are important. In coming articles we will give you specific information.



Senior Bulletin

FREE Chair Fitness Classes Monday and Wednesdays from 2-2:45 p.m. at Healthy U at 535 E. River St, 541-592-4888.

For assistance with spaying and neutering cats please call 541-956-7587.

Check the Classifieds on A-11 for a caregiver ad.

FREE for Seniors

If you are a senior and want to place a **FREE AD** for a living or health care need call Laura at 541-592-2541 or email laura@illinois-valley-news.com.

Poets Portion

newly emergent
Springtime dreams

our sister river
sings her frothy tune

invisible crickets
serenading the moon

some catchy liquid lullaby
a sylvan syncopation

-cord macguire

OPEN CLASSIC & ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

Saturday, June 25, 2016

Jubilee Park • Cave Junction, Oregon

17th Annual Show and Shine

In the beautiful Illinois Valley • Gateway to the Oregon Caves

Hosted by **The Cave Junction Lions Club**

~ EVENT SCHEDULE ~

Registration at Gate - 7 to 11am

Show & Shine - 12noon to 4pm

50/50 and Raffle Drawings - throughout the day

Trophies and Awards - 3pm

APPLICATION FORM:

Pre-registration \$25.00 • Registration \$30.00 at the gate

Trailer Parking Available • **Vehicles MUST be 1986 or older** • No Burn Outs or Excessive Noise

More information: Harry Johnson • 541-596-2104 • cavejunctionlions@frontier.com

Make check payable to, and mail by June 11, 2016 to:

Cave Junction Lions • PO Box 1971 • Cave Junction • OR • 97523

(PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRY FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 11th)

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____ Club Name: _____

email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature (required) _____ Date: _____

Please complete reverse side for car information and signature for Hold Harmless

There is a limited quantity of t-shirts available; and are only available as long as each size lasts.

EVENT POCKET T-SHIRTS	Indicate quantity ordered:	Large XL	XXL	XXXL
AVAILABLE FOR SALE	With pre-registration	\$10 each	\$10 each	\$10 each
	After 6/11/16:	\$20 each	\$20 each	\$20 each

The Historic Hathkapasuta

Illinois River Celebration

Sat., June 11th • 10AM-6PM

Illinois River Forks State Park

1/4 mile south of Cave Junction

Playful Arts and Nature Experiences for the Whole Family!

Local Native Elder Speakers

Wildlife Images Birds of Prey

- 12 Noon Giant Puppet Parade
- Food Vendors • Games
- Pacifica Caterpillar
- Live Music • Crafts • More!

Wildlife Images - Birds of Prey

Pacifica Caterpillar Learning Bus

Park Service - Cave Crawler Tent

Forest Service - Salmon Art Table

IV Soil & Water - Stream Table

Guided views of river critters

All natural Arts & Crafts

Kids costumes & drums

And much, much more!

Food by:

Rosie's Pizza & Off The Hook BBQ

11:30 - Poem of the Illinois Valley

12 noon

Giant Puppets Parade

Everyone invited to JOIN IN!

Don't miss it!

12:30 - Local Native Elder Speakers

1:15 - KS Wild Puppet Skit

Music:

1:30 - Only Natural

3:00 - Bob Luna & the Lunatics

4:30 - Frankie Hernandez Band

Brought to you by CEEN & IVCO. For more info. call 541-291-8860.