

# Birds ...

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In addition to the bird walk, there will also be two short and very mild natural history hikes hosted by doctor Tom Atzet who has worked as an operations ecologist in Southwest Oregon for over 40 years. "Tom really knows how the forest and the animals and ecosystems interact and what makes this area so unique," said Kathy Mechlin, board president of the SFI.

The funds raised will go directly to the SFI and will help fund its youth education program, basic day-to-day operations and outreach initiatives. "The thing we really try to push is to get more folks into nature, really appreciating the amazing natural resources we have in our backyard and promoting cooperation with other natural groups," Mechlin said.

Birds and Brews will also be host to Wildlife Image's rehabilitated "ambassador" raptors, otherwise known as birds of prey, and will be shown to event goers between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. At noon, food and drinks will be available for purchase and live music, featuring a nationally awarded blues group called Broadway Phil and the Shouters, will start at 1 p.m. Donna Beaudin and the Fringe are set to play from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Chetco Brewing Company, Standing Stone Brewing Company and Wild River Brewing & Pizza Company are all confirmed to be selling their microbrew beer at the event. Wild River's locally crafted root beer, and root beer floats, will also be available. The food will be catered by Kevin Gillette, owner of Bagel Junction, and there will also be chili dogs provided by City Councilor Mark Dillinger.

Additionally, there will be a silent auction for Yanase Jewelry, gift certificates for the Oregon Caves and other local recreation sites, and hand crafted art items. There will also be a raffle, of which half of the ticket's cost goes to funding the Siskiyou Field Institute, but the prize is to remain a secret until the day of the event.

For children, Pacifica's Caterpillar Learning Lab will be there most of the day and is loaded with hands on learning activities regarding, you guessed it, caterpillars. Another activity for children will be hosted by the Siskiyou Audubon Society and will involve building nest boxes for small local birds to use for their spring-time homes. Lastly, there will likely be face painting and a "low rope course" in which children can swing around on.

The cost of entry is a "sliding scale" from \$10 to \$40 meaning event goers can donate as much as they are willing or able to within that range. That said, children can get in for free.

# Library ...

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The new library district includes the city of Cave Junction and Kerby. Residents of those areas will automatically gain library membership, as their taxes will reflect the 39 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value increase. However those living in the rural Illinois Valley can "opt in to the district" by filling out paperwork (available both at library branches and at the county clerk's office after June 15), which means they'll be able to vote for library board members. Lasky also explained that those living outside the taxing district will probably have the option to pay an annual fee to gain library membership. She added how these fees might be waived by simply volunteering a few hours at the library. Volunteers shelve books and help with the children's story time.

"When the district board takes over, they'll open the libraries for more hours, start buying more materials and overall improving services. It's going to take some time," Lasky said. "There's going to be public meetings seeking input and a community survey is planned to find out what hours are best for each community and what materials and resources people want updated. This includes technology as well as books, newspapers, programming and services. Volunteers can be a part of shaping this new district, we need them more than ever: their help as well as their great ideas. We do not want to lose that."

Lasky also noted that the nonprofit she currently works for is "potentially going away, so I'll need to apply for my job. Everyone working at the libraries who want to take that next step will apply for their current jobs. It's a lot of work, but it's the best kind of work," she said. Lasky began working at JoCo's libraries in 2009 as volunteer coordinator and became the executive director in 2010. She has a master's degree in education.

One local volunteer who went on to a leadership position is Cave Junction's current branch manager Roberta Lee. Her story is a great testament to how volunteering can seed successful career development. "I had no idea that I'd end up working in a library," she said. Lee began volunteering five years ago and said "it just snowballed and turned out to be an exceedingly rewarding place to be. I was just lucky enough to stumble into a relationship with Kate Dwyer and the library." Lee and her husband David Smale have lived in the Valley for 20 years. The pair have two daughters, Kiana and Sophia. "We're here for the duration," she added.

Lee also expressed gratitude to the volunteers that have kept the operation afloat. "Now we're all really excited about the new district and we're really looking forward to continuing to move ahead. And, now that it's summertime, we're also looking forward to getting as many kids as we can into the library."

The Summer Reading Program begins Saturday, June 24 at 11 a.m. and runs for six weeks. Activities that coordinate with the reading program theme of "Building a Better World!" will include "Crafts with Barb" each week from 11 - 1. "Bugs R Us" will be at the library June 30 from 11:30 - 12:30; and "ScienceWorks" will be featured August 5 from 11 - 12:30.

# 555 ...

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In addition, a special commemorative event will take place. An Oregon State historic marker honoring the 555th Parachute Infantry and the first smokejumper casualty in history will be dedicated.

History exhibits, Smokejumper Museum tours, presentations and youth craft activities are also planned. Participating groups include I.V. Garden Club, Illinois River Valley Arts Council, Rusk Ranch Nature Center and Valley Girls, among others.

The 555th was a special African-American segregated unit commissioned during World War II. Their assignment was to put out fires started by Japanese incendiary bombs carried to the Pacific Northwest by 9,000 balloons, each 30 feet in diameter.

Because the U.S. government did not want the Japanese to know the success of this aerial assault, efforts to extinguish fires and collect unexploded ordnance were kept secret.

The 555th was assigned to work with the Forest Service and were the only

military unit in history to work as aerial firefighters.

Bombs landed in Murphy, Jackson County, and across the northern United States.

On August 6, 1945, a team of 555th soldiers was dispatched to an area north of Crater Lake. The parachute of a medic named Malvin Brown got tangled in a tree that leaned over a deep ravine. He was unable to climb to safety and fell 150 feet to his death.

Local historian Roger Brandt, who is organizing the dedication with Oregon Travel Experience said, "The close association with Forest Service history and their unique association with smoke jumping is why the Oregon State historic marker will be installed near the Siskiyou Smokejumper Museum at I.V. Airport."

Featured speakers on the 555th story will include Dr. Robert Bartlett, from Eastern Washington University, Gwen Carr from Oregon Black Pioneers, a nonprofit dedicated to researching African American contributions to Oregon history. Brandt will give a presentation on the balloon bombs. He is chair of the I.V. Community Development Organization (IVCanDO), which is a co-sponsor of the event.

The morning's activities are free

and free parking is available at the former Rough and Ready Mill parking lot next to the airport. Breakfast is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for youth. For more information, visit [www.highway199.org](http://www.highway199.org).

For the Apollo 14 Moon Tree Run, registration will begin at 8 a.m. and both the 5K and 10K races will start at 9 a.m. The race is a benefit for the Siskiyou Smokejumper Museum, the oldest standing smokejumper base in the world.

A professional timing system will be used. The fee to compete in the 5K remains \$20 and the fee for the 10 K will be \$25. Registration will increase by \$5 on the day of the race.

Due to a limited number of youth entrants, there will not be a separate age event this year.

It's advised to register in advance by visiting [www.siskiyoumokejumpermuseum.org](http://www.siskiyoumokejumpermuseum.org). Participants are asked to present email payment confirmation as a receipt on the day of the race.

The Moon Tree Run commemorates the Apollo 14 command module pilot and Siskiyou smokejumper, Stuart Roosa. He carried tree seeds to the moon and back; one of which was eventually planted at the smokejumper base.

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