

# Mother Earth Connections environmental news from local to global

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Cave Junction's new radio station, KXCJ-LP 105.7 FM, is well under way and as time goes on, its roster of enthusiastic local DJs will no doubt be filled to the brim. One of the first DJs to sign up for a show slot are Tim Leyba (also known by his family name Mondragon) and Suzanne Vautier, local environmentalists by both trade and now hobby. Although the couple has never done a radio program before they have been interviewed on National Public

Radio (NPR) and have been DJs for school events.

Their show, which airs on Sundays from 3-5 p.m., is called Mother Earth Connections and it centers itself on environmental news ranging from local to global and also highlights Native American politics nationwide. Additionally, the program will host news regarding wild edibles which will serve to both notify and inform when they are in season.

The duo's goal is to cover topics that the media doesn't often discuss and will try to bring as much positive news to their

listeners as possible. "We're just going to try to make it good news and let people know about the good things that are happening around. We hear the bad stuff all the time," Leyba said.

In between talk segments, they air an eclectic mix of music from their sizable record collection alongside blocks of Native American music and, at least once, whale singing. Mother Earth Connections will also be host to performances from live musicians when suitable and available.

Leyba and Vautier are considering hosting a segment

entitled "Share Your LP," a segment where fans can bring in their favorite music or perhaps even their own band's recording for them to play on the air. Should a fan be interested, and the segment be implemented, the music is subject to laws enforced on all public radio.

The primary motivation behind the content of their show comes from their love of the outdoors where they both work and play. Leyba has contracts with several governmental agencies and performs helicopter surveys that locate populations of noxious and otherwise harmful invasive

species. Suzanne works for the Oregon Department of Agriculture and, like Leyba, concerns herself with noxious weeds as well as etymology, the study of insects.

Leyba is active in organizing fundraisers to help pay for the station's final touches as well as to keep it alive, well and broadcasting. Currently, he is attempting to organize a concert which will feature several tribute band and will likely be held sometime in the near future. "We need a few more things to make it so that we're top shelf," Leyba said, highlighting the goal of his efforts.

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Raffle tickets are \$100 and are available for purchase until 5:59 p.m. on Labor Day. The raffle itself, which caps off the event, is at 6 p.m. So far they've sold over 200 tickets and as such have both met and exceeded their minimum sales goal. Lyons made a point to the thank Taylor's Sausage for selling tickets and letting them park the bike in their store.

Additionally, Illinois Valley Lions Club member Steve Culver has once again organized the annual Labor Day festival's entertainment schedule. Culver reported that the county western band TJ & the Spurs with perform Saturday and blues rock group Takilma Jam Band will perform Sunday. Both bands will start at 6 p.m. and play until 9 p.m.

The 11-year-running Labor Day talent show will be divided into three age groups

over three days and can be signed up for at any time, starting Saturday. The show will go on until all participants have had a chance to show off their skills. The children's class age group, capped at 12 years old, will go on stage at 2 p.m. Saturday while the teenagers, ranging from 13 to 19, will perform Sunday at the same time. Adults will get their chance to shine at 2 p.m. Monday. Trophies will be doled out to the first, second and third place winners of each age bracket.

In addition to live music performances and the talent show, Jammer Dave, the event's sound engineer for the past four years, will be hosting a citizen's variety show throughout the day during timeslots that are not being used for other purposes. Dave's show will primarily be featuring karaoke but local musicians and anyone else that wants to entertain the festival's crowd is encouraged to join in.



Don't miss out on your chance to win this bike Sept. 4. at Jubilee Park.

# Roadsters

## Country & Country Rock

Live at

# ART'S

## RED GARTER

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY**

# SEPT. 1 & 2

# 9 P.M. - CLOSE

No Hate Zone No Hate Zone

## EPS Concerts Presents:

### 50th Anniversary of the Summer Of Love

A Concert at Country Hills Resort Labor Day Weekend  
Saturday Sept. 2, Sunday Sept. 3, 3 pm-11pm Showtime  
7901 Caves Highway, Cave Junction, OR 97523

Saturday	Sunday
Spence Brothers	Frankie Hernandez
Moon and the Lunatics	Brynna Dean and Friends
Fireflies	Squeazle
Guppy, Jah Shua and Rebeltones	Ross Welcome

**GENERAL ADMISSION**  
\$20/day, \$35/weekend at gate  
\$15/day, \$25/weekend in Advance

**VIP CAMPING PACKAGE:**  
Premium Campsite near stage/creek Sat/Sun, \$65 per 4-man (or so) tent  
VIP Wristbands for the entire event, \$45/per person  
Access to the VIP Lounge, Concert VIP Laminate Pass  
Limited Space, Advance Booking Required For VIP Camping

For Advance Reservations, Tickets, Camping and VIP call or text 541-450-4155  
No Car Camping. Only 30 camping spaces available, so book in advance. You can also contact Country Hills Resort at 541-592-3406 for cabins or additional camping, but space is limited.

Now  
in Cave  
Junction!

## NEW healthcare option in Cave Junction

<p><b>Women's Health Nurse Practitioner</b> Jenny provides a wide range of healthcare services for women including well-woman exams, family planning and birth control options, confidential pregnancy tests, and screenings for STDs, including HIV. <b>Appointments: 8:30-3:00, the <u>third</u> Thursday of every month.</b></p>	<p><b>Immunization Nurse</b> Misty offers travel consultations so you can receive the vaccines you need before traveling abroad. She can also administer a variety of vaccines to boost natural immunity from childhood to old age. <b>Appointments: 8:30-3:30, the <u>first</u> Thursday of every month.</b></p>
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# IV Lion's Club

# Labor Day Festival

# Talent Show

Saturday September 2 - Juniors  
Sunday September 3 - Intermediates  
Monday September 4 - Adults  
Shows Start at 2 pm Daily

# Prizes & Cash Awards!

Sign Up Same Day at the  
**Jammer Sound Booth**

**Josephine County Public Health**  
102 S. Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction  
541-474-5329

All services are confidential. Public Health offers services on a sliding scale fee for those who are uninsured or cannot pay. No one will be turned away. See above for appointment times.  
Walk-ins are welcome with first priority given to scheduled appointments.

## Music, Karaoke and Talent Show

# at the amphitheater at Jubilee Park!