

## After-school Boys & Girls Club events in program

"Campaign 3 p.m.," described as "a new, thought-provoking public service advertising initiative," is being introduced by the Illinois Valley Unit of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rogue Valley.

The Illinois Valley unit is joining more than 3,000 other clubs worldwide in the advertising campaign. It features Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez, all-star shortstop for the Texas Rangers baseball team.

The new ad focuses on the "critical after-school time" between 3 and 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, when juvenile crime doubles, and some 15 million children leave school and return to a home or street without any adult supervision, according to the club.

"We're excited about having a former Boys & Girls Club member such as Alex Rodriguez as our spokesman for this important message," said Scott Thornhill, unit director of the Boys & Girls Club of Illinois Valley.

The valley club is open Mondays through Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m. at Evergreen Elementary School. Thornhill said that programs emphasize character and leadership development, education and career enhancement, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation, outdoor recreation, and education.

The cost for the school-year program is \$40, comprised of a \$15 membership and a \$25 program fee.

The club has played an integral role in the Illinois Valley community for 10 years, providing daily programs and services to hundreds of young people.

"The message behind 'Campaign 3 p.m.' is quite simple: every child should be involved in a safe, supervised after-school program," Thornhill said.

"There is ample research," he said, "to support the idea that this should be a top priority in every community and every family, here in Illinois Valley and throughout our nation."

Regarding "A-Rod" as national spokesman, Thornhill said, "Like so many of the kids we serve today, Alex found a safe haven with caring adults and character-building opportunities at his local Boys & Girls Club."

Raised by a single mother, who worked two full-time jobs to keep the family to-



**COUGARS OPEN SEASON** - Illinois Valley High School varsity football team led 5-0 at the half, but came out short 14-13 at the end in a non-league game in Cave Junction against Glide on Saturday, Sept. 7. Although the Cougs were in charge of the line of scrimmage, three third-quarter fumbles caused the loss. I.V. had 348 rushing yards and 18 first downs. The Wildcats were held to 161 offensive yards and three first downs. I.V.'s scores came from a 25-yard field goal by Josh Pope; a safety by Oley Crocker; and a TD by Mike Pagnotta. For the Cougars, Nattie Krauss led all rushers with 105 yards on 18 carries. (Photos by Clark Kent)



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gether, Rodriguez needed a mentor. He found one in Eddie Rodriguez (no relation), who was director of his Boys & Girls Club in Miami, Fla.

"Eddie was the one person I could count on," said Alex Rodriguez. "He taught me the importance of setting goals, hard work and believing in myself. In fact, Eddie is still my mentor. That's why I believe it is important for today's kids to seek the guidance and support they need every day after school."

Among Boys & Girls Club-provided statistics:

\*Students in quality after-school programs have better academic performance, behav-

ior and school attendance, and greater expectations for their futures.

\*Students who spend no time in extracurricular activities are 49 percent more likely to have used drugs, and 37 percent more likely to have become teen-age parents than those who spend one to four hours per week in extracurricular activities.

\*A Vanderbilt University study found that a career criminal will cost society, as a result of crime, drug abuse and lack of education, between \$2.2 and \$3 million in the course of a lifetime.

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Chicken quarter with supreme sauce, peas and mushrooms, spinach romaine salad, dill bread, ranger cookie

## Learning Fair with community aid information set Sept. 13

The RCC Community Education program in Illinois Valley is sponsoring a Learning Fair during the Cave Junction Art Walk, scheduled for Friday, Sept. 13.

The Learning Fair will be located at the county building in Downtown Cave Junction and will begin at 2 p.m.

Instructors will offer free class demonstrations, information and samples. The RCC Moving On, Small Businesses Development Center and

TRIO programs will participate, with staff on site to answer questions.

In addition, service organizations with learning opportunities for Illinois Valley residents will be present. They include United Way, Family Coalition, and Arts Council of Southern Oregon. There will be art, music, awards, marimbas and more.

For additional information phone toll-free, (800) 411-6508, Ext. 7303.

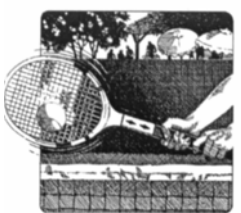
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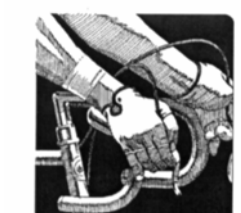
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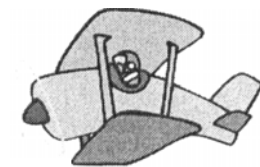
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