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in some benches.

He said that he also will look into planting new trees.

Council member Sandi Lund suggested that the city make sure the weevil problem has been taken care of before planting more trees.

Dyer asked if there was a future plan for the park. Faircloth said no.

"We need a plan for that area," Dyer responded.

During the meeting, council members also continued discussing downtown renovation options. They decided to review a packet of information about various planters, trash receptacles, benches, plants, trees and other decorations before making a final decision.

Cougar girls out-volley Mustangs

Illinois Valley girls were in a winning mode, defeating Hidden Valley three times with 25-19, 8-25, 25-17 and 25-18 scores in Cave Junction on Thursday, Sept. 19.

For the Cougars, Kim Hamilton turned in 19 floor saves, 16 kills and nine blocks in the Skyline Conference contest.

I.V.'s Ricci Coultas was good for 12 floor saves, three kills and seven aces. Teammate Tiphonie Pope logged 11 assists, five kills and three aces; Ashley D'Arpino had four kills; and Jenelle Hoskins recorded two kills and three floor saves.

The victory took the Cougars to 1-3 in the Skyline, and the team was to play Mazama in Ken Mann Memorial Gym on Tuesday, Sept. 24.



SACK HIM! -- In its 28-6 victory over Hidden Valley on Saturday, Sept. 21, Illinois Valley gave the Mustangs a rough time. After the action above the Mustang pass was intercepted by Gary Couch. (Photo courtesy of Timeless Photography/Andy Mechling)

RCC revises tuition waiver policy, credits

Recent area high school graduates will receive up to six credits at no cost when they enroll at Rogue Community College (RCC), down from the nine credits offered previously.

Facing a serious budget shortfall, the RCC Board of Education has revised the college's tuition waiver policy.

Under the new format, students can receive one free credit for each credit purchased, up to a maximum of six free credits. The new guidelines will become effective for summer term 2003.

The award is offered to area high school students

within one year of graduation, and to General Educational Development (GED) and Adult High School (AHS) students within one year of GED or AHS completion. It's estimated that the adjustment will save the college approximately \$60,000 per year.

"This is something we hate to do, but we don't have any choice," said RCC President Rick Levine. "Even though revised," he added, "this is still a pretty generous program. Most colleges don't do this at all."

The RCC Board wanted to make the change as early as possible so that students, par-

ents, and school counselors could plan ahead and budget for next year, Levine said.

The new policy replaces a former policy that paid for up to nine free credits after students paid for three credits. The board had initially reviewed the resolution last month, as well as a proposal to eliminate the award altogether.

Board members opposed totally eliminating the tuition award because the program serves as an incentive for students to continue their educations.

Melva retiring from C of C

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a highlight for Nichols.

"I couldn't hardly believe that (I was chosen)," she said. "I'm listed in a book and everything."

While looking forward to the new phase of her life, Nichols noted one thing she will never forget during her years of service.

"I've dealt with so many wonderful people from all walks of life: That's what I'll miss the most," she said.

An address to chamber members during the meeting was as heartfelt.

"I'll sure miss everybody," she said.

For Chamber Vice President, Kim Kemper, the feeling was mutual.

"This woman has had her hand in everything in the Val-



MELVA NICHOLS

ley," he told the group. "I say, 'Congratulations,' for a job well done."

Calling Nichols the "blood" of the chamber, he said as an aside, as if thinking aloud, "Replacing her is like trying to replace everything."

A private retirement luncheon is planned for Nichols at the I.V. Senior Center on Monday, Sept. 30.

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Saturday, October 12 —

— **Rogue Valley Flyers Model Plane Club—11:00 a.m.**
Lake Selmac Osprey Side Loop (signs posted) 541- 474-5234
— **YMCA Recreational Swim — 1:00-4:00 p.m.**
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