

Seven from valley cited for helping young folks

Seven Illinois Valley residents were among 24 persons honored with Asset Builder awards by the Josephine County Commission for Children & Families.

Presentations were made during the second annual celebration on Thursday evening, Oct. 17 at Grants Pass High School. Illinois Valley recipients:

- *Kate Dwyer.
- *Tim Talty.
- *Katherine Roncalio.
- *Jack Dwyer.
- *Sarah Kuhn.
- *T. Lund.
- *Aleena Schlotzhauer.

Kate Dwyer was recognized for the "Family Support" asset, as she has provided "a loving home to several teen-agers who were either in need of a place to live or simply needed someone to talk to."

Talty, a teacher at Lorna Byrne Middle School, received an award for the "Creative Activities" asset. He was cited for his "exceptionally creative teaching style in getting students interested in science."

Roncalio was recognized for "Youth Activities." She is coordinator of the Rangers youth program at Dome School.

Jack Dwyer, a retired teacher from Lorna Byrne Middle School, received the award for "Bonding to School." He was selected "for strengthening so many kids' commitment to school while he taught at LBMS."

Kuhn, a staff tutor at the Rangers program, was cited for building the asset, "Reading for Pleasure." During the past summer she developed a Reading Rainbow, which "motivated many youth to read all summer long."

Lund, music director for I.V. High School and LBMS, was singled out for "Building Responsibility" for so many of the valley's youth.

Schlotzhauer, a student at IVHS, received an Asset Building award for "Equality and Justice." She was nominated as a student body leader advocating for students who are different -- racially, economically or in any other way.

In addition, Deputy Keith Hubbard, of Josephine County Sheriff's Office, received an Asset Builders award for his work with youth. Hubbard is the contract officer for the city of Cave Junction.

Club News

Ivy Doll Club

Club members will attend the doll, bear and miniature show on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Medford Armory. Attendees will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Maxine Kinnie's.

The club next will meet on Nov. 21 in the Illinois Valley Senior Center. Dolls that have been repaired should be brought for the Christmas Basket program.

For more information, phone Lorraine Clark at 596-2062.

**Be kind.
Every person
you meet is
fighting a
hard battle.**



LORNA BYRNE HONOREES - Students of the Month for September have been recognized at Lorna Byrne Middle School. (From left) Lucas Reynolds, 6th grade; Ambermae Hollis, 8th grade; David Paulsen, 7th grade; Hannah Gogulski, 7th grade; Christeen Fierro, 6th grade; Charlie D'Angelo, 8th grade and Principal Peter Maluk. (Photo by Britt Fairchild)

Saturday, Oct. 26 planned for awareness of valley Safe House Alliance plans, goals

By BRITT FAIRCHILD

Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVSHA) hopes that the community will turn out on Saturday, Oct. 26 to give what they can -- even if it is simply their support.

On Saturday there will be tables with printed, information and volunteers who can provide details at Cabin Chemistry in Cave Junction and Selma Select market.

Since early October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the organization has been raising funds, in various Illinois Valley locations, for construction of a home for abused I.V. women and children through its One Thousand Friends for Safety project.

Some \$600,000 is need to build the house, said IVSHA Director Chris Mallette.

During August the organization received a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture/Forest Service. Another \$400,000 probably will be received through grants, said Mallette. She added that the building will house 15 to 30 women and children.

"We don't want to have to tell women to leave after two weeks," she said.

The house will offer some

unique features, including glass walls in the children's playroom, so that moms and dads can see each other. And there will be a separate outdoor covered play area, and an open outdoor area.

One bedroom will be wheelchair-accessible. As well, it will be separated from the other rooms, so that a mom with a teen-ager could stay.

There will be an office, where other organizations can meet with the women, as well as a conference room for workshops for topics including education and job training.

An eventual goal, Mallette added, is to build a special "tranquil area" where women can pray. Religious texts of all faiths will be provided.

The campaign objective of One Thousand Friends, according to IVSHA, is to encourage the entire community to support the mission of making women and children safe, without asking them for large sums of money.

The efforts on Saturday the 26th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., are the last opportunities to participate.

By signing up as a "friend for safety," individuals will have their names printed on

tiles that will line the inner courtyard wall around the planned safe house.

It will show women who stay in the house how much support and love they have, said Mallette.

Donations can be in any amount. Those unable to make a monetary donation can still sign the list and have a tile made displaying their name.

Another effort, Build the Shelter Donation Drive, also is under way, but only until the end of October. Donation jars are located throughout the valley.

For more information, telephone 592-4149, Ext. 318.

Finch Road Bridge temporary closure scheduled for Friday

For several hours on Friday, Oct. 25, the Finch Road bridge will be closed to through-traffic due to a routine state bridge inspection, said Josephine County Public Works Dept. (JCPWD).

The closure will run from 8 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m.

The bridge, which crosses Illinois River in Kerby, is referred to as non-Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) bridge. It is one of many in the county inspected approximately every two years by

consultants contracted by ODOT, said JCPWD.

H.W. Lochner Co. is the consultant of choice. Routine inspections, said JCPWD, include visual inspections made possible by snooper cranes and "manlifts" so that the bridge underside can be viewed.

There also are non-destructive, scientific tests that will be conducted on steel portions to ensure that the metal still is strong, according to JCPWD.

Women's Golf News

Illinois Valley Women's Club played a low-net tournament at I.V. Golf Course on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Winners:

- *1st, Diz Harvey.
- *2nd, Kathy Gibney.
- *KP #8, Marjorie Culbertson.

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November 21, 2002 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you haven't seen my letter yet, my new practice, Cave Junction Family Medicine, will open November 1, 2002, across from the library at 114 West Palmer Street (formerly the old blue laundry and Darn Near Everything). It will open five days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., though scheduled visits will not be available on Thursdays. I am currently making arrangements to accept most forms of insurance but if you have any question about your particular plan, please call Michelle at my new office at 592-5099.

As a reminder, if you wish to transfer your care to my new office, you may need to make designation changes with your insurance carrier and you will need to request that copies of your medical records be sent to my new office. Michelle can assist with this process if needed. This may require a written release or signed authorization(s) from you for each individual in your family. You may also want to update notification lists with your or your family's school(s) or employer (s). If I am currently your designated physician and you prefer to stay with Siskiyou Community Health Center, you may similarly need to make changes with your insurance plan. In either case, changes may not be effective right away. Your insurance plan should be able to tell you when the change will take effect. For my Oregon Health Plan patients, I currently expect to accept Mid Rogue IPA (MRIPA) patients, but I will probably not contract with Oregon Health Management Services (OHMS). OHMS patients who wish to join me should contact their OHP caseworker to find out how to transfer care to my new practice.

When you come to see me in my new office there will be a certain amount of initial paperwork and documentation to establish you as a new patient to my practice. It will be very helpful if you come early and bring your health card(s) and other documentation with you for your visit. If you have already authorized to have your medical records sent to me that will help ensure that you have good continuity of care. My goal is to address your health needs and concerns with utmost respect and quality. I will continue to provide after hour on-call and urgent care coverage through various arrangements with the medical community, which you will be able to access through the main phone number at 592-5099. This is an exciting transition for me, and I look forward to serving you in my new practice.

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