

Here, There & Everywhere

***MUSEUM MEMO** - Due to a shortage of volunteer and financial support, the Kerbyville Museum will not be having a Christmas Open House this year. Anyone interested in volunteering can phone 592-5252. Winter hours for the museum are Sunday - noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday - Closed, except by appointment and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

***IVHS HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT** - IVHS will host a holiday tournament Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14. The scheduled game times and schools competing on Saturday are Glide girls vs. Gold Beach girls - 2 p.m.; Glide boys vs. Gold Beach boys - 4 p.m.; Cascade Christian girls vs. IVHS girls - 6 p.m. and Cascade Christian boys vs. IVHS boys - 7:30 p.m. Sunday games times will be: consolation bracket - 2 and 4 p.m. and championship bracket - 6 and 7:30 p.m. Admission for the tournament is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

***CAVE JUNCTION CARES** - Lynn Boucher and Cave Junction Cares crew is gearing up for their annual Christmas Day dinner. As usual donations or volunteers are needed. Phone Lynn Boucher at 592-3594 or 592-6855.

***WEIGHT WATCHERS** - Sign-up dates for Weight Watcher classes have been changed to January 3 and 10. The ad in the Dec. 4 'Noose' showed the dates of Dec. 13 and 20.

***SAFEHOUSE TRAINING** - Due to larger than expected enrollment the location the Illinois Valley Safehouse Alliance outreach effort on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. has been changed and will be held to the county building in Downtown Cave Junction. For more information phone Leeandra Brocker at 592-4147.

***FREEING' PRISONERS** - Life Lines, a valley-based prison outreach ministry, will hold a Christmas sale of craft items and goodies on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It'll be at the home of Doug and Joy Hoskins, 349 Caves Hwy., next to Pietro's Italian Restaurant. There also will be ministry tours, showing the Christian work that is conducted.

***CHRISTMAS BASKETS** - There are plans again to have Christmas baskets for needy Illinois Valley senior citizens. Baskets will be given away at the I.V. Visitor Center in the I.V. Chamber office approximately a week before Dec. 25. Donations of food and money are sought, but no home-canned items. Monetary donations will be used to purchase fresh food and a gift certificate for each basket. For details, phone Melva Nichols, chamber secretary emeritus, at 592-3548, right away. Last year, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in the valley provided more than 70 seniors with food, said Nichols. She plans to have a new office with RSVP fairly soon, and plans a monthly newsletters

***CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Annual Auction Fund Raiser on Friday, Jan. 10. This will be the Chambers first "Mixer" of the new year.

***CLEAN THE CUTS** - Volunteers are sought for a trash removal party from BLM land at the end of Fernwood Drive on Saturday, Dec. 14 beginning at 10 a.m. Members of I.V. High groups, including FFA and 4-H, are encouraged by the sponsor to participate. For more information phone 592-3060.

***IVHS SCHOLARSHIPS** - Local scholarship application packets will be distributed on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at Illinois Valley High School. Senior students and their parents can pick up packets and get their questions answered about local scholarships, financial aid, and the application process.

***NOTE PAD - Holiday lights** can be seen at 220 Fernwood Drive, off Mesa Verde Drive and also at 728 N. Old Stage Road. "Drive by and enjoy," said the families ...

American Legion wood raffle winning ticket is number 498923 - Sauer. Anyone wanting to donate to the American Legion may send them to American Legion Post 70, P.O. Box 2, Cave Junction, OR 97523 ... **Light Up a Life** a Lovejoy Hospice celebration of the special people in our lives who have passed away will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at Immanuel Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins Avenue in Cave Junction. For more information phone (888) 758-8569 ... **Illinois Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association** responded to 17 fire-related alarms, 40 medical-related alarms, 15 motor vehicle accidents and rescue-related alarms and 2 other alarms with a total of 74 ... open to the public, will be presented by second- and third-graders at Evergreen Elementary School on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym ... **Petite Placer mining** plan of operation comment period has been extended until Monday, Jan. 13. Comments must be postmarked by that date and can be sent to Pam Bode, District Ranger, Illinois Valley Ranger District, 26568 Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction, OR 97523. For more information phone Mark Stephens at 592-4083 ... **Josephine Community Transit (JCT)** provides transportation services to seniors (age 60 and up) and people with disabilities on a first call first serve basis. JCT has recently entered into a partnership with the Illinois Valley Family Coalition. The I.V. Family Coalition now dispatches JCT rides. To schedule a ride with JCT phone 592-6139.

***LAST WORDS** - +The day the Lord created hope was probably the day he created spring. (Bern Williams)
+It takes a lot of courage to show your dream to someone else. (Erma Bombeck)



CAROLYN UNDERHILL

Underhill art displayed at I.V.s Klamath First Bank

By CASSANDRA NEWTON-MILLER
Carolyn Underhill of Cave Junction is Illinois Valley Artist's, Inc., featured artist for December.

Underhill has her work on display at Klamath First in Cave Junction; Some quick sketches done in a "life study" workshop at a recent meeting of the art group. Artists were given the opportunity to sketch with a live model for several sessions. The pieces were the result of approximately one hour each of quick sketching with pencil and watercolors.

Before her nearly twenty years of residence in Illinois Valley, Underhill lived in California. She was born and raised in Southern Cal., and went to College in Davis, majoring in animal husbandry.

From there, she went overseas to teach school for the Dept. of Defense in Germany and Turkey. After returning to Los Angeles, she graduated from the University of Southern Calif., majoring in education, then transferring to Berkeley.

She taught primary school until retirement, returned to Southern Calif. in Ojai where she began work with La Mancha Goats.

While in Southern Calif., Underhill took part in a USC sponsored artists program called I.S.O.M.A.T.A., where she studied sculpture and drawing.

Underhill then moved to Illinois Valley with her goats,

where she has studied with area artists, Patti Young and Marilyn Clouse, and has attended numerous other workshops.

She has been the recipient of awards from several art shows and fairs, and enjoys working in watercolor, carving and painting gourds, and frequently sculps in clay and soapstone.

The Illinois Valley Fine Artists, Inc., meet every Monday at the RCC Belt Bldg. in Kerby from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Members work on individual projects. The public or interested artists can attend.

There is presently a 6-week watercolor workshop being led by artist, instructor, Debbie Dawson, who recently moved to the valley from Medford.

A brief drawing class is being offered by member, Cassandra Newton-Miller, just previous to and in conjunction with the watercolor program. Many members are participating in both programs.

For more information phone 592-3949.

Transportation improvement programs ready for viewing

The "Draft 2004-2007 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program" (STIP) is ready for public viewing and comment.

"Citizens may view the new STIP document at public libraries, city and county main offices, and at ODOT regional offices," said Jill Vosper, Statewide STIP Development manager. "People may also see it online or download a copy to a computer," she said.

Bridges, preservation, and modernization projects proposed for 2006 and 2007 were evaluated for consistency with Interim Project Eligibility Criteria and Prioritizing Factors adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission in April 2002.

Information on the Interim Criteria begins on page 255 of the draft. The list of projects using them starts on page 262.

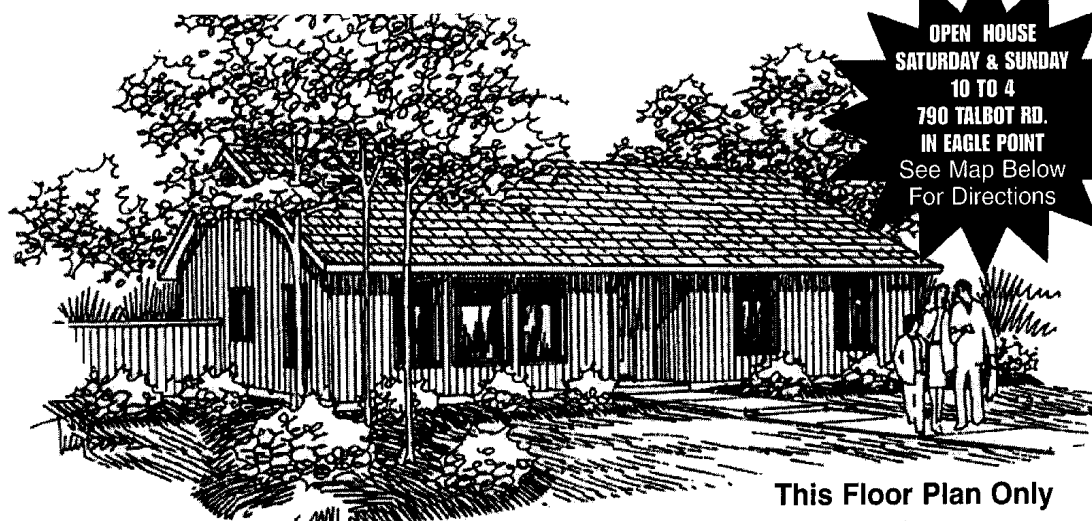
"Individual project summaries and maps are also available on the department's STIP web site at www.odot.state.or.us/STIP, and paper copies are also available," Vosper said.

Public comment on the Draft STIP will be received through December. Comments may be submitted by mail or electronically to: STIP Development Group, Oregon Dept. of Transportation, 355 Capitol St., Room 434, Salem, OR 97301-3872.

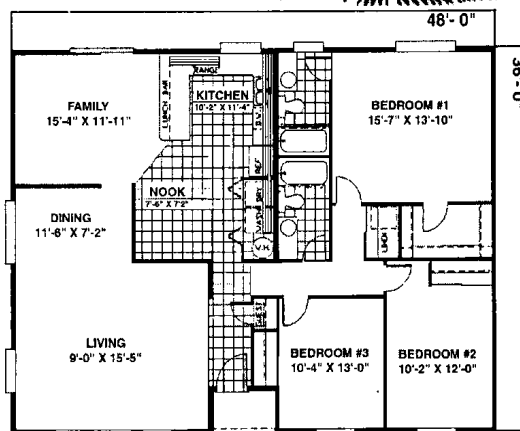
The final "2004-2007 STIP" document will go to press in December 2003.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 12
Lorna Byrne Middle School concert - 7 p.m.
Winter sports pictures after school

FRIDAY, DEC. 13
IV Holiday girls & boys basketball tournament - 2/4/6/7:30 p.m.
Dance after game until 11:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14
Wrestling at Gold beach tournament - to be announced

IV Holiday girls & boys basketball tournament 2/4/6/7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 16
Wrestling vs. Brookings here - 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17
Varsity girls basketball at St. Mary's - 7 p.m.

Boys basketball vs. Eagle Point here - 5:45/7:15 p.m. school board meeting at Hidden Valley - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18
IV Winter Concert - 7 p.m. site meeting at IV - 3:30 p.m.

Illinois Valley Alternative Center field trip to Medford all day

