

IVHS health

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to leave campus and go elsewhere.

"(Students) can miss a whole morning" going somewhere off school grounds, she said, noting the main goal is to keep students in school. "We can save them time."

Beyond her experiences at the center, Stohlman noted a recent report to show the significant benefits school-based health centers have on students.

"Face to Face: Caring for Youth," a 2002 report on school-based health centers in Oregon, listed the following findings: Two-thirds of students reported their health had improved because of an SBHC; one-third of clients who used an SBHC reported having no health insurance; some 97 percent of clients rated the quality of their care good or excellent; approximately 98 percent of clients found it easy to talk to center staff members; and 94 percent of clients were likely to follow the advice of SBHC staff.

This, and other such studies, Stohlman said, ultimately show that healthy students learn better and have better school attendance.

There is some good news for the students and parents who will no longer be served at the high school.

Lorna Byrne Middle School also has a health center which serves school-age children, including some from Evergreen Elementary School.

Since the LBMS clinic receives its funding from a federal government grant through the Siskiyou Community Health Center, it will not be affected by the state's money problems and will not close, Stohlman said.

Most of the same services provided at the IVHS clinic are available at the middle school center.

"We're going to try and help families," said Stohlman, who is program coordinator for Lorna Byrne's student health center and works there two days a week. "We're going to look at other options (as well)."

The 15 hours she puts in each week at the IVHS center will be reassigned to other county health programs, she said. The nurse practitioner at the high school center, however, will lose her 16-hour-per-week job, according to Stohlman.

"It has been a privilege to work at the (IVHS health center)," she added. "There has been outstanding parental support."

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you National Forest.

"I am pleased with the results of the survey. I'm not sure about other people, though," Haugen said.

Economic development was a constant topic for discussion throughout the evening, especially considering the potential closure of Rough & Ready Lumber Co. and Krauss Craft moving to its new Merlin facilities.

Concerned individuals asked what is being done or could be done to stimulate business growth in the valley.

"Unfortunately when it comes to economic development, Oregon does not promote commercial business development in rural areas," Haugen added.

"This is where we need some citizens to step up and create committees like Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development Inc. that helps businesses in development," he continued.

Volunteer work second nature to Dave Abbey

By SHARON SILVA
Staff Writer

After seven years as a Josephine County Sheriff's Office volunteer, Dave Abbey has decided to take some well deserved time off.

While he's made no specific plans yet, it's clear he's had one thing on his mind



DAVE ABBEY

lately — relaxation.

After that, "I'll probably find something else to do," said Abbey, a man who's used to staying busy.

Leaving the sheriff's office is a second retirement of sorts for Abbey, who moved to the Illinois Valley in 1986, after retiring from AT&T in Southern California in 1985.

Since his arrival here, Abbey has been a volunteer in one capacity or another.

Prior to his time at the sheriff's office, Abbey spent ten years as a Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District

volunteer, working at the station in Selma.

Abbey spent most of his time as a volunteer for the sheriff working from home, making phone calls and sending out form letters.

"Some weeks there is nothing to do. Other weeks there is so much to do it's overwhelming," he said.

Abbey's duties also included tagging abandoned vehicles to be towed, trying to identify those who illegally dump trash, and working with stores to recover their losses from non-sufficient fund checks.

"Besides being sworn in and getting your own black and white car, you get to do some detective work," said Abbey.

"It helps the deputies by freeing up some of their time. It's something they don't have to do. And it helps the community," he said.

As he prepares to hang up his hat, Abbey hopes another eager volunteer will follow his example.

"The community really needs volunteers," he stressed, noting that those interested in giving their time can pick up an application and get information about the required background check at the county building in Cave Junction.



FAC OPEN HOUSE - Forestry Action Committee held its annual open house on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the lower compound of the Cave Junction Forest Service office. Approximately 30 people attended and enjoyed finger foods during the open house. Paula Yablonski presented 'Oregon Talk About Trees' - a special program for children describing different types of trees. (Photo above from left) Paula Yablonski, Kelly Armigo, 7, Scott Armigo, 12, and Rusty Wilson, 11. (Photo right) Kevin O'Brien, tree planting program coordinator displays a piece of wood where the tree had grown around a shovel.

(Photos by Sam Newton)



City council

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Marlin Inn, also received approval from the council on their liquor license application.

The Josephine County Sheriff's Office had approved the application Jan. 10. These recommendations will be passed onto the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) for the 2002/2003 licensing year.

Mayor Ed Faircloth said the City of Cave Junction has received an \$84,000 Oregon Community Development Block Grant from the Oregon Economic & Community Development Dept., which will fund handicapped accessibility improvements.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

**Truth will sooner
come out of error
than from confusion.**

- Francis Bacon -

I.V. branch library new hours

The Illinois Valley branch of the Josephine County Library system will have new hours beginning Saturday, Feb. 1.

The library will be open Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and

Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The regular Wednesday story time will also move to Fridays from 3 to 3:30 p.m., beginning in February.

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