

# I.V. Board ..

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work the board started in 1949.

"There are several organizations that qualify," Lopez said.

Lopez said that the board will hopefully have a decision within a couple of months. But he noted that there isn't a timeline because members want to find a replacement with the same ideals as those now on the board.

While the IVMC Board of Directors will basically disband, Lopez said that any board member who wants to help the new landlords may do so.

"I know I will," he said.

A drop box for the survey is located at the senior center, or it can be returned by mail to IVMC at P.O. Box 669, Cave Junction, OR 97523.



# Angel abducted; Coffee Heaven offers reward

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Staff Writer

Coffee Heaven owners Kenny and Marilyn Houck are offering a \$500 reward for information about who may have vandalized and stolen an angel sculpture from the roof of their business.

The crime most likely occurred between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, said Kenny Houck, explaining the sculpture was still there when a friend drove by the Redwood Highway business at approximately 12:45 a.m. that morning.

But it was gone by the time an employee arrived at the shop sometime before 6 a.m., he added.

"It's that usual feeling of being violated," Houck said the following day, still disbelieving the motive behind such a disrespectful act.

Physical signs, such as broken pieces of wings on the ground, skid marks on the asphalt, and cable marks on the roof led the Houcks to suspect that a cable hooked to a vehicle was used to pull the more

than 200-pound, life-size angel from its perch.

Houck also said that the metal platform that the angel was attached to had snapped at the weld -- another piece of physical evidence showing the sculpture was yanked down instead of lifted by someone on the roof.

The Josephine County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident.

Some tips have come in as to who the perpetrators might be, Houck said.

Deputy Emory Souza examined the scene at around 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 9.

Installed in August 2000, the wood angel carving by area artist Dudley Douglas, has become an admired and appreciated work of local art, Houck said.

Already, he said, people are wanting to donate money to refurbish the statue if it is found, or replace it with a new one.

To report any information about the incident, phone the Houcks at Coffee Heaven at 592-3888.



(Photo by Lynne Clafin)

**HAIR-RAISING EXPERIENCE** - The sixth annual OMSI 'Science is Fun Saturday,' was held at the Dome School in Takilma on Feb. 8. Students were given the opportunity to learn how to handle chemicals safely, and participate in various science experiments. (Photo above, from left) Briana Bode, Anna Fiorini, and Juniper Harvey-Marose measured and combined ingredients to create polymer 'goop' and flubber. (Photo at right) A Van deGraaff generator raised the hair on Sarah Jaentsch's head during a presentation on electricity.

**LORNA BYRNE OMSI** - Another OMSI show was held at Lorna Byrne Middle School on Friday, Feb. 7 at Lorna Byrne Middle School in the gym. (Additional photos and information on page 11 of the T.V. section.)



(Photo by Ginger Nordal)

# Scratching surface of Miller's art

The Illinois Valley Fine Artists, Inc.'s February 2003 Featured Artist is Cassandra Newton-Miller of Cave Junction, a member of the organization since 1990.

Cassandra, known to friends as "Sandy," her son, KC, and husband, Blackie, came to the valley in 1989 after traveling for four years around the U.S.

They began their travels after care-taking an experimental gold mine in the Sierra Mountains near Foresthill, Calif., where the owners were testing some new gold-extracting equipment.

When the owners abandoned the mine site due to weather, the Millers headed out to see the country. Their son, then 10, had been registered for home schooling with a Foresthill school, so they continued to home school him until their arrival in Cave Junction.

Travels then ensued for the four years moving all around the country from California to Maine, first in an old truck, then a Volkswagen camper and finally a motor home.

"The travels were fun, educational for my son, and a dream realized for Blackie and me. We still love to travel," Miller said.

Prior to traveling, Miller participated in many art exhibitions in Reno and Sacramento, and worked as a graphic artist, layout artist-copy camera tech, and art director for various companies.

In 1965, she began teaching at the YMCA in Yuba City, Calif., where she lived for 20 years.



CASSANDRA NEWTON-MILLER

She has three children, KC (Ken Gibson) mentioned earlier, Bill Johnson in Tillamook and Sherryl Arend in Red Bluff and three and "one-half" grandchildren.

Recently, Cassandra joined Rogue Community College (RCC) to teach adult education both in Grants Pass and Cave Junction. She presently has classes in Grants Pass teaching cartooning and calligraphy. This spring she will offer calligraphy, cartooning, musical keyboard and special drawing workshop.

Her work can be seen regularly at the Book Exchange in Cave Junction.

As the Featured Artist, scratchboard etchings by Cassandra will be on display at the First Klamath Bank in Cave Junction for the month of February, 2003.

The IV Fine Artists welcome all interested artists and

patrons of the arts to visit the group at their weekly workshops in the RCC Belt Bldg. in Kerby on Mondays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For more information concerning the art club or IV Featured artists, please phone 592-3949.

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