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Burglars hit more CJ targets

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Burglaries and vandalism are continuing in Cave Junction despite increased attention to crime from downtown business owners, law enforcement and the city council.

Following a string of other downtown businesses that have been hit during the past few months, Cave Junction 1-Hour Photo/ Cave Net had its front door shattered sometime between late Thursday night, Aug. 14 and early Friday morning, Aug. 15, according to an employee on Monday, Aug. 18.

Workers noticed the damage on Friday morning, she said, noting that though that no one saw a rock or brick or other item that had been thrown at the door.

Vandals also caused around \$50 worth of damage at downtown antique store Darn Near Everything early the previous morning.

Owner Carol Gilmore said the store alarm sounded at 3 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

"We arrived within eight minutes and (Josephine County Sheriff's Deputy Keith Hubbard) arrived 10 minutes later," she said.

Apparently someone pried several rocks from a structure in front of the store and threw them through the window, Gilmore said.

No one entered the store and nothing was stolen, but there was a lot of shattered glass around the front window, she added.

"The store will be patrolled and armed on a regular basis," Gilmore said. "I will be actively participating (with other business owners) to rid downtown of these vandals."

Later in the week, burglars twice struck River Valley Village Mobile Home Park on Ollis Road, stealing a TV, VCR, CD player, CB radio, a vacuum and other items from an RV owned by park resident Donald Campbell.

The first incident took place between late Friday night and early Saturday morning, Aug. 15 and 16, said Campbell, who had returned on Thursday, Aug. 14 from a weeklong trip to California with his wife, Claire.

He had parked the large RV in the designated lot at the park and even checked it sometime during in the day Friday and everything was fine.

When he went back to the RV on Saturday, he found a window screen had been removed the window slid open.

Campbell said he must have left the front passen-

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Valley gets its new Lorna Byrne Middle School ... and what a school it is



NEW SCHOOL SPIRIT— Lorna Byrne Middle School Principal Peter Maluk and Vice Principal Tom Hewkin (photo above) stand in front of one of the two tile murals on display in the new school's main entrance. In just a few weeks, students will fill the halls of the new school (photo right). Related photos on page 8.

(Photos by Britt Fairchild)

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Careful, or you could get lost.

OK, maybe not lost exactly, but at least a bit turned around.

The new Lorna Byrne Middle School (LBMS) is so large -- not to mention grand -- that during a recent visit, I found myself, more than once, pondering which hallway or doorway I had just entered or exited.

And that was after LBMS Principal Peter Maluk, who to the contrary knows his way around the building with ease, had given me a guided tour.

Not that the approximately \$7 million school -- paid for with a portion of the November 2000 school bond funds -- isn't well-designed.

Each of the facility's

three sections houses its own set of features in quite an organized and usable fashion.

For example, the two-story portion at the north end of the school consists of spacious classrooms centered around a commons area, computer labs on both levels and the student health center on the first floor.

"(There are two stories) because I'm from New York and I wanted a skyscraper," Maluk joked as we entered the elevator to go to the second level. (Yes, there's an elevator, but don't worry, there are stairs too).

Actually, the reason for the extra floor on top was so that the structure itself wouldn't encroach on what limited outdoor recreation space there is around the new school, Maluk said, noting there

was previously more recreation room.

Perhaps I was simply too enthralled with the shiny new lockers, expansive media room (library), stage and administrative office, and pleasing palette of cranberry, custard, mustard, peach and "Smith River green" on the walls and floors to notice where I was going.

My junior high sure didn't look this snazzy.

"The Eatery" is another treat. For the first time, LBMS will have its own kitchen and cook to prepare meals for students.

And there's windows. Plenty of 'em.

"We wanted a lot of light," Maluk said.

The most unique features of the new school, however, are the two colorful tile murals in the main entrance. Last year each LBMS student and



staff member decorated an individual tile. Of particular sentiment is the one painted with a delicate rose made by Tygrachet "Tiger" Rose Lorentz.

The LBMS eighth-grader died in a car accident in April.

It seems that everything at the school is new, except for the existing gym and music room that were built in 1994, which remain. Part of this existing structure will be converted into a modern art room, Maluk added.

In reference to the trees that were removed in this vicinity which caused some upset within the community, Maluk explained they had to be taken out in order to reach the crumbling foundation of the gym and fix it.

"We made every effort to save them (the trees)," he said.

After more than 20 years as a principal, this is the first new school Maluk has opened.

Needless to say he's excited.

"I'm pumped," he said, noting his appreciation to the community for its support.

And Vice Principal Tom Hewkin?

He was as cheery as ever when I ran into him in the hall during my visit. I think he was also guiding a tour.

In the few minutes we spoke, he noted that he's heard that some of the Illinois Valley High Schoolers wish that they too, could start the coming school year, which begins Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the new LBMS.

I can see why.



Tile by "Tiger" Lorentz

Blackfeet Nation welcomes Dykeman

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Receiving an honorary membership into a Native American tribe has been a once-in-a-lifetime honor for Barbara "Bobbie" Dykeman of Cave Junction.

But Dykeman said she was heartbroken when doctors told her she would not be allowed to make the trip to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Browning, Mont. to participate in a ceremony and accept her honor.

Dykeman, 62, is currently under hospice care for cancer that is affecting the sciatic nerve in her hip area.

She learned from doctors that she would not have access to the medical



Barbara 'Bobbie' Dykeman

care she would need for her cancer if she tried to make the trip, she said.

Dykeman, also known by her Indian name of "Golden Cloud," comes from a lineage of the Powhatan, of Virginia, and Cherokee tribes. Her grandparents were Native American and she said that she is related to Pochontas.

Her relationship with

the Blackfeet Nation began in grade school.

"I went to school with a brother and sister that were Blackfoot children," Dykeman said. "We wanted to become blood sisters, but had to get special permission from the chief at that time who was also the children's grandfather."

"We were only al-

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Salvage operations in Biscuit area to expand

After investigating a new report, Scott Conroy, Rogue River and Siskiyou national forest supervisor announced recently the expansion of the area to be salvaged in the Biscuit Fire Recovery Project.

The decision was based on new information and ideas generated in the report by a group of scientists led by Dr. John Sessions of Oregon State University (OSU). The report is titled, "The Biscuit Fire: Management Options for Forest Regeneration, Fire and Insect Risk Reduction and Timber Salvage."

"It (the report) has provided us with some important new information," Conroy said.

The new alternative will increase the salvage timber operations on the 500,000-acre fire area from the proposed 450 million board feet to more than a billion board feet.

The report called for tougher salvage logging in order to reduce the possibility of wildfires and speed up the restoration of spotted owl habitat.

Scientists have concluded that actively managing the area will prevent the overgrowth of shrubs and dead snags (dead standing trees) which would be fire hazards.

Conroy's decision will delay the draft rehabilitation plan. Work on the area is expected to start in late spring or next summer.

Tom Lavagnino from the supervisor's office of the U.S. Forest Service in Medford said 22 percent of the value of the Biscuit Fire timber was lost in one year. An additional 30 percent is expected to be lost each additional year.

The alternative also calls for cutting trees in roadless areas within two miles of existing roads.