

City sells land parcel on N. Old Stage Road

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Staff Writer

During a 40-minute meeting in Cave Junction City Hall on Monday night, Aug. 25, the city council approved selling one of its two parcels of land within city limits to area Realtor Lynn Johnson.

The city's asking price was \$24,990, however it sold the .61-acre lot at 656 N. Old Stage Road to Johnson for \$22,000. Her initial bid of \$20,000 was submitted in writing on Aug. 4. She amended that amount in writing on Aug. 20.

Cave Junction resident and business owner Sally Palmer had also noted her interest in the lot with a written bid submitted on Aug. 7 for \$21,111.

Councilmen asked Palmer, present at the meeting, if she wished to raise her bid to \$22,000. She declined to do so, but asked about several others who had previously bid on the other piece of city-owned property at the end of Schumacher Street.

Mayor Ed Faircloth said those parties had been notified about the second lot.

"They probably didn't want to get into a bidding war like last time," Faircloth said.

During the Aug. 11 city council meeting a bid-

ding war ensued over the Schumacher property, raising some questions of legality.

Referring to the Old Stage lot, City Recorder Jim Polk noted that there was a mortgage payoff of approximately \$7,800.

Faircloth and councilmen also approved an increase in Jubilee Park use fees during the meeting due to the rise in costs to operate and maintain the park.

The new fees are as follows: one-time use of the pavilion and kitchen area is \$40 for the first four hours and \$3 for each hour thereafter when heat is not needed and \$50 for the first four hours with \$5 for each extra hour when heat is used; use of pavilion and kitchen on a continual basis is \$25 per day during the summer months; use of the amphitheater is \$30 for the first four hours and \$3 for each additional hour; use of light at the baseball field is \$5 per hour; snack bar use fee is \$5 per day and use of the entire park for special events is \$150 per day.

These fees had not been increased since 2001.

The council also approved a change requested by H.D. Patton Construction for property at 200 S. Junction Ave. to be zoned single residential to multi-family residential.

Rockwell retirees plan annual picnic and reunion Sept. 3

The 24th annual NAA/ Rockwell Retirees Picnic/ Reunion will be held at Indian Mary Park on the Rogue River on Wednesday, Sept. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dozens of prizes will be raffled. Participants are asked to bring their own

lunch.

The festivity will be extended to those interested with an evening dinner at the Brewery in Grants Pass.

For additional information, phone Gil Judson at (541) 582-0675 or Bob Morse at (541) 474-1438.

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CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION - Lorna Byrne Middle School will soon be filled with students anticipating attending classes in their brand new school as they

head back on Tuesday, Sept. 2. Finishing touches are being done to the inside of the school as work on the outside continues. (Photo by Sam Newton)

San Francisco girl's body found at coastal wayside

Oregon State Police (OSP) are asking for assistance from the public with any information that they may have regarding the activities of Rachel Talbott prior to Aug. 10. If you have any information please contact OSP at (541) 247-6641 or after 4 p.m. (541) 776-6111.

On Aug. 10, 2003 at approximately 3:10 p.m. the body of a young woman, later identified as Rachel Talbott, age 20 of San Francisco, Calif., was located in the water at the base of several rock cliffs near Indian Sands Wayside just north of Brookings.

Property belonging to the deceased woman was located along Highway 101 approximately half a mile from Indian Sands

Wayside.

After the sighting of Talbott in the water was reported to law enforcement, the U.S. Coast Guard stationed in Brookings recovered Talbott's body. An autopsy was later performed by the State Medical Examiner at the OSP office in Central Point.

The results of the preliminary investigation have raised the possibility of criminal involvement in the death of Talbott.

When last seen Talbott was wearing dark clothing and a hooded sweatshirt. She was carrying a blue and black backpack. She was about 5-feet tall and weighed 100 pounds. She had dark hair and a fair complexion.

Photos will be made available at the Oregon State Web site as soon as they are available.



Word of the Week

Onomatopoeia:

- The formation of a word, as cuckoo or boom, by imitation of a sound made by or associated with referent**
- The use of such imitative words.**

Random House Webster's College Dictionary



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Steve & Wendy Zabriskie welcome
Alexa Lynn Zabriskie,
6 pounds 13 ounces
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Questions and Answers

by Christina Snell
Executive Director at Lovejoy Hospice



In order to help you become better informed about hospice services, Lovejoy Hospice is publishing this question and answer column every month. Look for us on the fourth Wednesday of every month in 'Illinois Valley News.' If you have questions you would like answered in this column, phone or Email us at the numbers below.

Question: "Can I tell my child that her grandmother has died, or should I tell her some other reason for her not coming?"

Answer: Most children are quite sensitive and know when something is not okay. If you choose not to tell her the truth, she will fill in the blanks. With a creative imagination, her explanation could be very difficult to deal with especially when she hears the truth.

You may want to talk with Barbara Knox who with trained volunteers is preparing for the 'Good Grief!!' program that will begin September 29. While the children learn how to express their grief through art, music, and play, the parents have the chance to learn about children's grief and how they can cope. Please phone (541) 474-1193 for more information and to pre-register for Lovejoy's 'Good Grief!!'



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Jim Nordal, MD welcomes Carolyn Litak, MS, PA-C

Carolyn graduated from the Yale Medical School Physician Associate program, and has been dedicated to providing quality health care in the Illinois Valley for the past five years. In this new association with Jim, who is celebrating ten years here, she will be available on a regular basis, by appointment, for Women's Health Care, adolescent medicine, and general family practice. Cave Junction Family medicine is still accepting new patients.

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