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I.V. Lions parade big hit for all

Hundreds of spectators lined Redwood Hwy. in Downtown Cave Junction for the Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Parade, part of the three-day 31st annual festival in Jubilee Park.

Chosen for the Best in Theme prize and first place in the Special Category was the Christian Churches of the Valley parade entry. Theme for the parade was, "United We Stand, One Nation Under God."

Members of several churches were involved, marching under a banner of allied Christianity. It was noted that the general body of Christ in the valley has a vision of unity for the community.

Longtime valley resident Jack Sauer served as parade grand marshal.

Besides the parade, the festival sponsored by I.V. Lions attracted other crowds of persons during its three-day run. There were booths featuring a range of food and beverages, trinkets, jewelry, clothing, and arts and crafts items. Amusement rides and a beer garden, and various displays also were included.

A highlight of the festival occurred Monday evening, Sept. 1 when the winning ticket was drawn for the centennial Harley-Davidson motorcycle raffle by I.V. Lions. The winner is Virginia Theis, a Central Point resident.

Jim Frick of Century 21 Harris & Taylor was parade announcer. Labor Day Festival and Parade winners:

*Antique Auto: Cave-man Vintage Car Club 1st, Bob Jones 2nd.

*Children: Crossroads Animal Hospital & Pet Supply.

*Classic Auto: Dan Blood.

*Commercial: Carlos Restaurante 1st, Baskets by Occasions 2nd, Lamb's Baaady Shop 3rd.

*Horse & Rider Group: Illinois Valley High School equestrian team 1st, Patty Miller and Joe Delasandro 2nd; girls on donkey, Wylie and Sierra 3rd.

*Horse & Rider Youth: Brandy Miller and Amber Griffen 1st, Cave Girls and "Turbo" 2nd, Alicia and "Princess" 3rd.

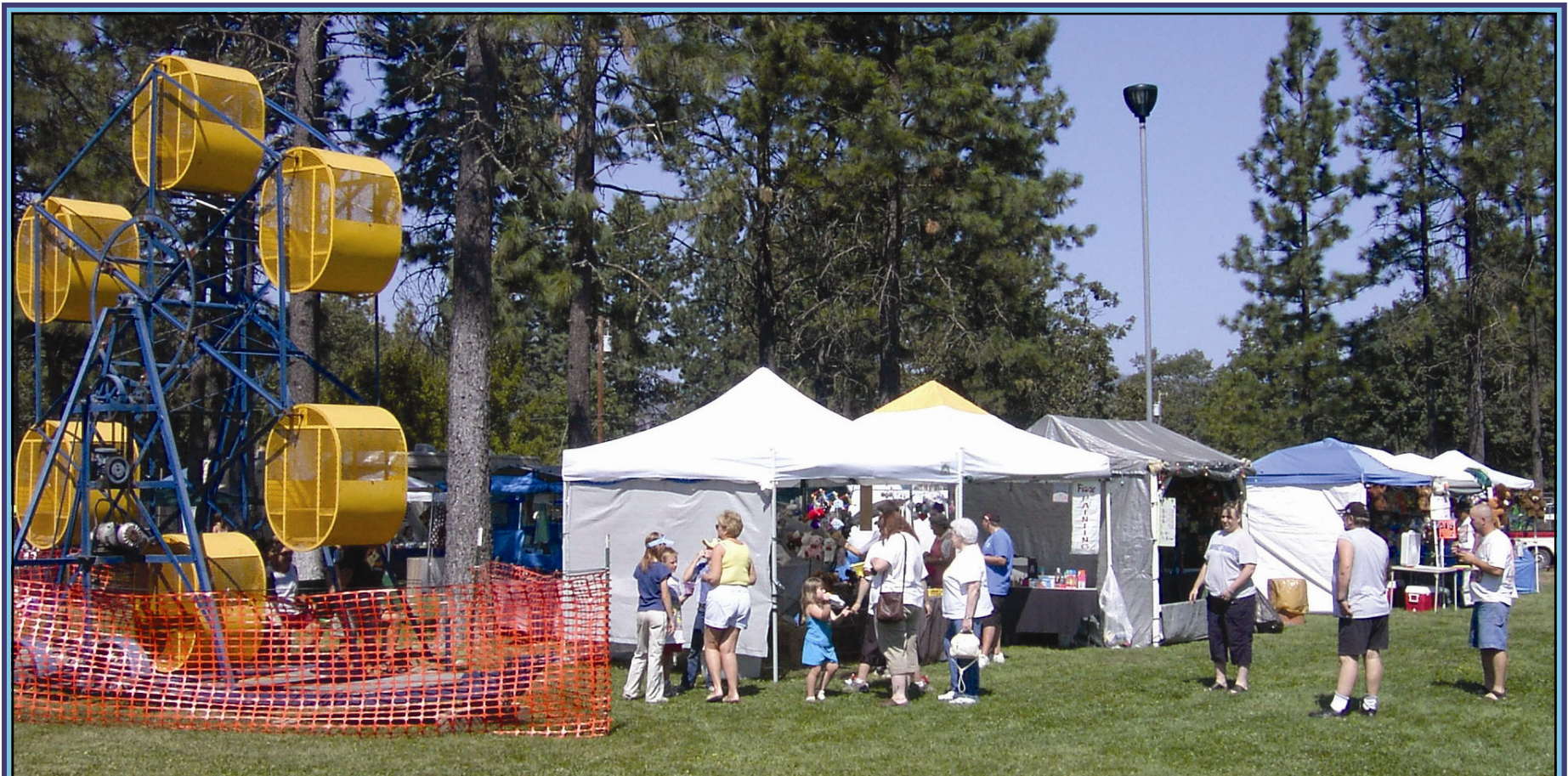
*Humorous: Bob Brotemarkle.

*Industrial: Antique tractors.

*Marching: American Legion Women's Auxiliary 1st, I.V. High School cheerleaders 2nd, I.V. High School football team 3rd.

*Military: West Coast Airborne Association 1st, World War II Merchant Marines 2nd, American Legion Post 70 Illinois

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Warm weather and clear skies made for another successful Illinois Valley Lions Club annual Labor Festival and Parade. The three-day event attracted thousands of people. Top prize in the parade commercial category went to Carlos Restaurante for its float featuring Mexican music and costumed dancers as well as the burro contingent. 'Flora Bell' the clown (far right photo) was a big hit on the outdoor stage. The festival featured many booths, rides and various other attractions. More photos on pages 10 and 11.



Teaching a different kind of lesson

Former I.V. school, karate instructor learning to live with fibromyalgia



Lydia Welcome and 'Prince'

By BRITT FAIRCHILD
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Every day, Lydia Welcome counts how many times she walks up and down the stairs.

She tracks the flights with pencil marks on a notepad. On a good day she does 35.

It's a weird habit, the former Evergreen Elementary School second-grade and karate teacher admits, but she's determined to

stay as active and physically fit as possible -- even on the days she struggles to get out of bed.

Welcome, 50, suffers from fibromyalgia, a chronic condition described by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases as being characterized by widespread musculoskeletal pain, fatigue and multiple tender points in specific areas of the body, particularly the neck, spine, shoulders and hips.

"You never know when it's going to hit you," Welcome said of the pain that shoots through her body. "Like something just stung you."

The pain and other flu-like symptoms associated with fibromyalgia, Welcome said, were exacerbated by the severe back and neck injuries she suffered when she slipped on a child's vomit outside her classroom door on Oct. 30.

Since then, she's had to make several lifestyle changes -- none hitting her harder than no longer being able to teach at Evergreen.

Welcome was terminated "without prejudice" - which means she left in

good standing and could be rehired if her health improves and a job is open -- by the Three Rivers School District (TRSD) board on Wednesday, Aug. 27 during a special meeting.

"It's a big blow. I'm devastated," Welcome said. "(And) I know there are a lot of very disappointed parents."

The decision, according to the board, was not due to Welcome's teaching performance, but due to the fact that she was physically unable to do her job.

Within two weeks of the accident, Welcome said she found it more difficult to stand on her feet all day, and also write on the chalkboard due to the increasing numbness in her hands.

"I worked with the pain, (and then) would go home and collapse," she said.

Welcome taught at the school until Dec. 10, when her doctor took her off work and insisted she undergo surgery.

During surgery on Dec. 16, Welcome had a plate, four bolts and a cadaver bone surgically installed in her neck.

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Deputies arrest culprits involved in CJ crimes

By STEVE FAIRCHILD
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Josephine County Sheriff's deputies made several arrests and recovered stolen property this week in connection with the recent rash of burglaries occurring in Illinois Valley.

On Friday, Aug. 29, deputies chased two men driving a stolen vehicle on Waldo Road. After crashing the car, the two suspects fled and were tracked down by a sheriff's K9 hiding near some residences on a dirt road.

Deputies arrested Michael Clyde MacDonald, 50, and James Steven Towe, 27, on charges of eluding police and driving a stolen vehicle. The men were also wanted on several felony warrants.

Upon further investigation, deputies recovered items that were taken in a burglary at Dr. Jim Nordal's house in August and from a recent burglary that occurred at the former Crazy K Ranch in Kerby, according to Lt. Lee Harman.

Deputies also released

more information on the youths arrested recently in connection to the July 31 burglary at Bear Images in Cave Junction.

Three juvenile boys were arrested in connection with the incident. On Wednesday, Aug. 27, deputies arrested Jon Michael Williams, 17, on warrants for the charge of third-degree theft, unauthorized use of a vehicle and failure to comply with the terms of probation.

Luey Magic Glenn, 14, was also arrested on a warrant after being spotted by a citizen near Speedy Mart for the charges of second-degree criminal mischief, absconding from probation, and a juvenile pick-up order. He was also charged with second-degree burglary, second-degree criminal mischief, and first-degree theft.

Another minor, Jeremiah Mutina, was arrested on an outside warrant in Humboldt County, Calif. in connection with the crimes.

According to Harman,

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Thank you I.V. Lions for another great Labor Day Festival and Parade.