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HOMECOMING HEROES & HIGHNESSES -- Ian Moore of the Illinois Valley football team escapes from the Henley defenders (photo top) during a Saturday, Oct. 11 homecoming game at IVHS, as the Cougars zapped the Hornets 20-19 to earn the homecoming crown. Friday's bon-

fire capped week-long homecoming festivities at IVHS (photo above left). Two seniors, Lacey Madden and Alex Gardner, were voted homecoming king and queen (photo above right). Related story below. Related photos on page 12.

O'Brien shooting suspect surrenders

O'Brien resident Wilfred C. Coddington, 47, suspect in the shooting of two men, surrendered to deputies on Thursday, Oct. 9, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office.

Coddington, by prior arrangement, was taken into custody at the Illinois Valley Substation of the Josephine County Sheriff's Office at approximately 8:21 p.m. He is being held in county jail in Grants Pass under \$75,000 bail.

He is charged with two counts of first-degree assault; manufacturing, delivery and possession of a controlled substance/

methamphetamine; possession of precursor drugs/meth; and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Deputies had been searching for Coddington since Sunday, Oct. 5. The assault charges stem from abdominal wounds to Jeremy Jorgensen, 18; and Jesse Ballinger-Windle, 26. Jorgensen was reported in fair condition in Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass; Ballinger-Windle has been released.

The suspect is cooperating with the investigation, which is continuing, said the sheriff's office.

City plan for revised rules draws fire; decision held

Much ado and not too much action about various matters highlighted a meeting of the Cave Junction City Council in city hall on Monday night, Oct. 13.

The start of the meeting was delayed five minutes until Councilman Tony Paulson arrived, thereby making a quorum. Councilman Rita Dyer arrived at 7:48 p.m., and Councilman Sandi Lund was absent due to illness.

Consuming the largest segment of time was the somewhat revised and proposed Ordinance 438, a document of some 50 pages addressing Titles 12, 16 and 17 of the city municipal code.

The specific areas: Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places; Design Standards and Improvements; and Zoning. The changes are necessary, said City Recorder Jim Polk after the 80-minute meeting, to comply with statewide planning goals. Otherwise, he said, the state's Land Conservation and Development Commission will not approve the city

comprehensive plan.

Addressing the issue for the longest time was Salwa Palmer, who owns property in the city. At one point, she said of the proposal, "The whole ordinance stinks!" She also called it "useless," saying it contradicts the city's existing rules.

Also speaking against the ordinance were Lynn Johnson of I.V. Real Estate; and property owner Ann Centonze. They questioned various aspects, including enforcement and confusing language.

Mayor Ed Faircloth continued the first reading to the Oct. 27 meeting for "clarification and refinement."

During another public hearing, the council noted that the city is seeking a grant of some \$428,000 from Oregon Economic Development Dept. The funds would be used to extend water and sewer lines to the site for a new Siskiyou Community Health Center on Redwood Hwy. at the north end of the city.

Town meeting set for Oct. 27

Josephine County commissioners will conduct a town hall meeting for Illinois Valley residents on Monday, Oct. 27.

The informal meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. at Redwood Hwy. and Lister Street.

AmeriCorps worker ASPIREs to help students

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Some students quit college before they start.

And it isn't always the expense that drives them away.

It's the overwhelming application, selection, financial aid and scholarship process.

"(Students) receive buckets and buckets of information and it's crushing them," said Ray Dinkins, Illinois Valley High School program developer for ASPIRE, a statewide mentoring program new at the school this year.



Ray Dinkins

ASPIRE -- acronym for Access to Student Assistance Programs In Reach of Everyone (ASPIRE) -- links adult volunteers from the community, called advisers, with high school students to help them overcome

barriers to furthering their education.

"I see great potential," Dinkins said of the IVHS program. "The more contact and advertisement about postsecondary education the better."

ASPIRE also includes support and assistance for students deciding attending a trade school, instead of college, is the best choice for them.

IVHS is the third high school in Three Rivers School District to implement ASPIRE.

North Valley, one of four ASPIRE pilot schools, started the program four

years ago and now has 50 students involved. Hidden Valley is in its second year with 20 students. Both schools also have students on waiting lists.

What Dinkins likes about ASPIRE is its versatility, allowing each school to work toward, and achieve, program objectives in an individualized way.

"My goal is to match volunteers with the sophomores," Dinkins said, noting sophomore year is a good time to help them choose classes and start planning for college.

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Homecoming victory sweet as pie

Despite a hard-hitting Henley team, a bunch of rain, and the loss of Natty Krauss, the Illinois Valley Cougars rose to the occasion and zapped the Hornets 20-19 in Cave Junction on Saturday, Oct. 11.

It made I.V.'s homecoming all the sweeter.

But the loss of Krauss for the season hurt. He suffered right forearm tendon damage and lost the tips of two fingers after a locker room accident on Friday, Oct. 10. Surgery was performed the same day, and he was at the game Saturday, looking pained, but cheering his teammates.

In fact, he and fellow standouts Mike Pagnotta and Josh Pope have been playing football together since the sixth grade. Krauss, who has rushed for 948 yards in the season's first six games, would have gone past the 1,000 mark at homecoming.

Because of the extent of his injuries, he likely also will miss the wrestling season. He was I.V.'s top rusher, and it will take some three months for his recovery.

On Saturday, the Cougars were slow starters, but jelled late in the game, after coach Bob Thornhill

urged them to give their all for just 12 minutes that comprise a quarter.

The team took the challenge, including Ian Moore, who had scored I.V.'s first TD on a 62-yard run in the first quarter. He was in for Krauss. Moore, singled out by Thornhill at the end of the game, amassed 92 yards on six carries.

The Cougs went out at the half trailing 19-7. But in the third, I.V. turned the crank on its ground game with Pagnotta scoring on a 2-yard run. Pope's kick

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AUTUMN ART ADVENTURES -- The Hope Mountain Barter Faire in Takilma provided a taste of local art Friday through Sunday, Oct. 10-12 as a fund-raiser for Dome School. Children enjoyed teepees, puppets, projects and dancing while adults enjoyed vegetarian cuisine, drum circles and live music. Related photos on page 5.

(Photos by Steve Fairchild)

