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I.V. Chamber
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Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 13
3 p.m.



BIKES 'N' TRIKES - A good group of motorcyclists turned out for the 21st annual Illinois Valley Bikers Toy Run based at the Junction Inn in Cave Junction on Saturday, Dec. 6. Participants helped gather more toys to add to the stash of gifts already collected by I.V. Bikers. Cyclists also participated in a poker run and gathered in the JI for fun and friendship. Watch the 'Noose' for when the toys will be distributed.

Housing to sprout in city with two projects

Two major housing developments in the city of Cave Junction, with approximately 172 homes planned, are in the works.

During its meeting in city hall, the Cave Junction City Council reviewed data on the Planned Unit Development (PUD) projects.

Sunny Brook Manor Estates on Laurel Road, and Illinois River Estates at the end of Schumacher Street, abutting Illinois River "The Forks" State Park on the city side, are in various planning and review stages.

During its Nov. 24 session, the council conditionally approved Sunny Brook Manor Estates for Larry Osborn, of Stockton, Calif. The site was to be an upscale mobilehome park, but developer John Costanza, of Aptos, Calif., has died.

Osborn plans approximately 132 to 134 manufactured homes on the Laurel Road property, between Hwy. 199 and N. Old Stage Road. The homes will all be Cape Cod style with pitched roofs and no taller than two stories.

The overall development plan for a gated community for senior citizens calls for completion in five years.

Lots were proposed by Osborn as 3,000 to 4,000 square feet each, but one condition from the council is that they be no less than 5,000 square feet.

Osborn plans at least

one tennis court, an exercise swimming pool, and a spa. "Buster" Short, president of the I.V. Golf Association, testified before the council last month in support of the development, stating that it would be a benefit to the area.

Among conditions set by the council: concerns of Josephine County Public Works must be addressed; a second access to Laurel Road must be installed prior to development or sale of lots in Phase III, and that storm drainage issues be addressed.

The other PUD, Illinois River Estates, is sought by James Armstrong as The Forks LLC. City Recorder Jim Polk said after the meeting that Armstrong has been involved in projects including the new Three Rivers Community Hospital, the new Albertson's Shopping Center, and the Grants Pass Clinic project.

Armstrong's application, involving 40 dwellings, will be the subject of a public hearing during the next council meeting, set for Jan. 12.

The smallest size lot, said Polk, will be three-quarters of an acre. It was noted that the developer will have to improve and pave Schumacher to proper specifications.

"We're not going to have another Daisy Hill Road," said Mayor Ed Faircloth, referring to an improved road at the end of W. River Street.

CJ event will honor lost loved ones

By BRITT FAIRCHILD
Staff Writer

For many Illinois Valley residents the holidays will be a time to not only rejoice with friends and family but also remember those who have died.

What better way to acknowledge such loved ones than with a special ceremony.

For a number of years Lovejoy Hospice has held its annual Light Up a Life Celebration in Cave Junction as a way to honor the people who meant so much to valley citizens.

"This is ours for our community," said Bill Shiery, coordinator of this year's event, "to remember those people who've died before us and share in the

healing process of those who have experienced the loss of a loved one."

The 2003 Light Up a Life will be held at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins St., on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

Anyone can attend.

Attendees don't have to be hospice patients, related to hospice patients, or have lost someone recently.

"It's for anybody in the community," Shiery said.

He stressed that although the memorial is held in a church and is quite a spiritual occasion, the event is non-denominational.

"It's a really nice cere-

mony," he said.

The ceremony will include a reading of loved ones' names, a commemorative tree lighting and musical performances by Joy and Anita Hoskins, pianist Dorothea Hover-Kramer, and possibly choirs from Lorna Byrne Middle School and Illinois Valley High School.

"We're going to have a lot of music this year," Shiery said.

Dr. Jim Nordal, Lyn Stanger, Joan Spohn, Rainey Farm and Bill Reithoffer will help read the names.

A reception with refreshments will follow.

There is no charge to attend, although donations

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JoCo lacks funding for needed work on roadways

By STEVE FAIRCHILD
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Members of the Josephine County Public Works Dept. stressed the importance of preventative maintenance when it comes to the county's half-billion-dollar road system during an open house at Illinois Valley High School Thursday, Dec. 4.

The words "Planned Deterioration" stood out like a neon sign on a deserted highway on several of the department's diagrams explaining the county's transportation system plan.

According to Rolf W. Pitts, public works service officer, funding is sorely lacking for repairing guard rails, chip sealing roads, upgrading bridges, and for general upgrade of roads.

"I don't know how to sell preventative maintenance," Pitts said. "It takes time for things (disrepair) to become obvious. Do we want to spend \$1 now (to keep up with repairs and make improvements) or \$4 to \$5 by waiting?"

With the disappearance of important funding from timber dollars, public works has been operating under the mantra of "get more for less," something the department has been able to do by making 10-percent reductions in staff the past two years.

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More blood needed during holidays

By BRITT FAIRCHILD
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The greatest gift some will give this holiday season doesn't cost money, need batteries, or take hours to find.

It saves lives.

There is a critical need right now for all types of blood -- O negative in particular -- throughout Southern Oregon, according to Dianne Nicholls, consultant for American Red Cross.

The organization has scheduled several blood drives in Josephine and Jackson counties during December to help alleviate the situation. The Illinois Valley drive will be held in

Cave Junction on Thursday, Dec. 18 in the I.V. Senior Center from noon to 5 p.m.

"We need a regular, continuous supply of blood," said Nicholls, noting that the Southern Oregon Region (Josephine, Jackson, Curry, Coos and Douglas counties) is not meeting the necessary 90-units-a-day mark.

She stressed the need for blood is especially great this time of year.

"When there are more people traveling (on the road) during the holidays there are more accidents," she said. "Accidents don't go on vacation."

Yet, there are typically

fewer donors available during the holidays.

"We lose so many donors in December (to winter illness, the stress of the holidays and vacations) but the need increases," Nicholls said.

She noted that some senior citizens mistakenly think they are too old to donate.

"If you are in good health you can donate," Nicholls said.

Donors do however, have to be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and have identification.

Those who meet the above requirements are

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PEARL HARBOR DAY - Glenn Morrison American Legion Post and Auxiliary held a Pearl Harbor Day observance on Sunday, Dec. 7 at CJ City Hall. Rebecca Colbert, 3, placed a memorial wreath.