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CITIZENS GROUP EMERGENCY DRILL - Members of the Citizens Emergency Response Team from Wonder, Selma and Cave Junction participated in a disaster drill on Saturday, March 27 at Selma Community Center. The exercise, simulating a 9.0 earthquake, was di-

rected by Joe Feldhaus, division chief of Illinois Valley Fire District; and Gary Biggs, emergency services director for the city of Cave Junction. Participants were able to practice using their training in triage, first aid, and other evaluations. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

Time for a change. Really!

OK, so two years ago, the "Noose" editor misled the valley on daylight-saving time, and some folks still want to fit a noose (the rope kind) around his chicken neck.

Be that as it may: Daylight-saving time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 4. The staff has grilled the editor several times, in more ways than one, to ensure the accuracy of this report. Clocks should be set ahead one hour.

Once again: Daylight-saving time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 4. This is not a drill.

P.S. - It will end on Oct. 31.



Sonny Moore Little League Volunteer of the Year for Oregon
Cave Junction resident Sonny Moore, 40, an Illinois Valley Little League volunteer and teacher at Lorna Byrne Middle School, has been honored as Oregon's 2003 LL Volunteer of the Year. He also was recognized as District 8 Volunteer of the Year, which nominated him for the statewide honor.



MUSEUM HAPPENING - Kerbyville Museum held its grand reopening ceremony last weekend. Grants Pass resident Dale Roderick (left) wore a pre-Civil War dragoon's uniform and displayed old weapons and an encampment. The museum features many old farming and other early day implements including windmill blades (lower right). A major feature is the one-room log Grimmitt School, which was moved in the early 1960s from about 10 miles out Caves Hwy. Grants are being sought to restore the old school, closed to the public two years ago. The structure is one of the few one-room schools left standing in the United States.



Museum hours:
Fridays, Saturdays,
Mondays, Tuesdays
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sundays - noon to 3 p.m.



IVHS ag project aiming to 'send in the clones'

By SHANE WELSH
Staff Writer

It's like something out of a science fiction novel: teen-agers using test tubes to create life.

In a highly unique setting, Illinois Valley High School agricultural science students have been replicating plants using advanced cloning methods for more than two years.

Because there are only two such labs in Oregon, including one in Canby, valley students are provided a unique opportunity to study cloning techniques used in the agricultural industry.

Jim Heern, agricultural science teacher at IVHS, conducts a course that introduces students to the fundamentals of agricultural cloning.

IVHS has an advanced tissue culture lab designed to provide a sterile environment for students to clone identical replicas of plants using leaves from other plants.

The program started

four years ago through funding provided by a Carl Perkins grant for small schools, which allowed construction of a campus greenhouse. I.V. Community Response Team provided additional funds to purchase equipment for the tissue lab. Phido Tech, a private Kansas supply company, also provides discount equipment and supplies to the school.

Students use the lab to clone plants including African Violets, Snap Dragons, Petunias, and a wide variety of other flowers and plants.

"Cloning plants in a sterile environment produces controlled hybrids which provide more uniform, disease-free plants," said Heern.

"It takes about three weeks before plants sprout and another six weeks before a clone is ready to be transplanted," said IVHS student Edward Cunningham.

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Outpatient facility in GP to aid valleyites

By SHANE WELSH
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A new \$1.2 million outpatient residency site is coming to Josephine County near Three Rivers Community Hospital (TRCH) in Grants Pass.

The project is coming

compliments of the Grants Pass Association of Realtors (GPAR).

The GPAR Family House project began nearly two years ago with the idea that development of a house associated with the new TRCH would benefit

patients and family members from out of the area receiving outpatient care.

"Around 1994, Rogue Valley Medical Center opened a family house in Medford with 12 rooms," said Dawn Welch, site manager for TRCH. "Just

this year, they had to expand to 15 rooms. They generally have a waiting list. We even have people from Josephine County who travel there to stay during treatment."

The idea originated when GPAR wanted to

adopt a project that would do something positive for the community. GPAR privately met with Sharon Young, manager for the Medford Family House, and discussed the idea of

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