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Valley aid main goal of IVCRT

During the last 10 years, the volunteer board of the Illinois Valley Community Response Team (IVCRT) has worked with community members and IVCRT staff to identify and serve community needs.

It has funded or helped fund works for the common good; provided a forum for dialogue and community-building; brought together individuals and groups for collaboration; and helped spark volunteerism, said IVCRT.

It has worked to achieve its mission "to foster community consensus and improve the economic health and quality of life of the Illinois Valley."

IVCRT efforts have aimed to improve quality of life, whether directly focused on social needs like family assistance and education, housing and water quality, or more indirectly through improving the economy of Illinois Valley to help create opportunities for I.V. youth, and to alleviate economic pressures on working people and their families.

Grants have provided start-up funding or matching funds to get other grants. More recently, IVCRT has come to rely on its "fishing crew." It consists of Executive Director Ron Phillips and staff, who hook and land new grants and other assistance needed to accomplish most of the current and future work.

Following is a list of some of the projects in which IVCRT has been involved:

*Helped build infrastructure for the Light Industrial Park at the I.V. Airport, which will provide space, tools, facilities, training and mentoring to give a boost to local business ventures. IVCRT small business revolving loan fund has helped many local businesses get started.

*To attract tourists and help them spend their money in Illinois Valley, IVCRT coordinated marketing and planning, assisted the development of the Kerbyville Museum, Rough & Ready Botanical Wayside, and "Forks" State Park; worked on billboards, kiosks, Cave Junction downtown redevelopment such as rockwork and façade projects; and officiated Second Friday Art Walks.

*Took the lead in developing community response to wildfire, including fire planning, and coordinating and training local businesses doing fuel reduction and land owners involved in stewardship.

*Partnered with Options of Oregon to assess housing needs, a step to

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SELMA SHOP - A 20-by-30 foot shop was engulfed in flames when an alarm was sounded at 10:17 a.m. on Friday, May 7 at 1300 Lakeshore Drive. Damage to the building and contents was estimated at \$25,000 by Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD). Investigation has determined the cause of the fire was electrical, said IVFD. Two vehicles near the building were damaged. The alarm was given by volunteer Capt. Ken Gavlik, who lives next door, and who heard a 'whoosh.' (Shane Welsh photos)

Funding for CJ Swimming Pool OK'd

Grand opening scheduled for June 12 with free admission

With a fresh infusion of funds from the city of Cave Junction, the CJ Swimming Pool is gearing up for the 2004 season.

The CJ City Council found money in its budget to help fund the pool by approving a transfer of \$10,000 from the contingency line of the law enforcement fund to the pool ops line of the park fund.

Mayor Ed Faircloth said the funds transfer would not affect the city's contract with Josephine

County Sheriff's Office for patrol coverage in the city.

The CJ Pool will host its grand opening Saturday, June 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission will be free, and anyone can attend.

This season's pool manager will be Robin Paulson, wife of Councilman Tony Paulson. She was one of five applicants, whose resumes were examined, and they were interviewed by a hiring committee.

The committee consisted of two persons from Grants Pass Family YMCA, which operated the pool last year; Gary Biggs, supervisor of city public works; and Councilman Rita Dyer.

The pool is available to rent for private parties. Information is available at CJ City Hall about aquatic programs, group events, open swimming, and swimming instruction schedules.

-Michelle Binker

Siskiyou Health site gains partition nod

Riverside Physical Therapy will share property at north end of Cave Junction

By MICHELLE BINKER Staff Writer

Having won approval for a minor land partition on its property north of Cave Junction, the new Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC) development is another step closer to achieving its vision of a comprehensive medical complex.

The application for the partition came before the CJ City Council during its regular meeting Monday night, May 10 in city hall.

"Our overall plan has always included the intention to aggregate related health-care services," said Kenny Houck, project coordinator for SCHC.

The 1.1-acre partition north of the planned SCHC site will be developed by Riverside Physical Therapy owner Jeff Wood. The property will share access to Hwy. 199 with SCHC

and, according to an Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) review of the plan, with other properties to the east.

The ODOT review states that no other accesses will be allowed in the immediate vicinity.

The city staff report on the partition noted that because of increased water demand from these proposed developments and extension of city water service to the Kerby Water District, the planned 8-inch water line may be revised to a 10-inch diameter line.

The council approved the partition 4-0, with conditions as recommended by ODOT and the staff report.

In other business, the council agreed 4-0 to adopt an ordinance amending the zoning map of the city zoning changes.

Councilman Rita Dyer was absent.

CJs water meter readers plan to be scootin' about

By MICHELLE BINKER Staff Writer

Cave Junction city water meter readers will soon be zipping around on a new, Chinese-made fuel-efficient motor-scooter.

Citing increased gasoline prices and a reduction in man-hours needed to read city water meters, the CJ City Council approved an expenditure from the vehicle equipment reserve fund to purchase a 50cc motor-scooter.

The issue was presented during the council meeting held Monday night, May 10, in city hall.

"The vehicle (we are presently using to read meters) gets about 8 miles per gallon," Gary Biggs explained in a letter to the council.

Biggs, city public

works supervisor, said that some employees have been using their own bicycles to run the meter routes. The scooter will reduce the time and personnel needed to read the water meters.

With this vehicle, "one person can run the water meter routes in about five hours," Biggs said.

The initial cost to the city for the vehicle is approximately \$1,600. The city received a \$200 discount as a municipality from Scootin' Around Oregon, of Grants Pass.

Motorcycle endorsement isn't needed but a helmet is required.

Scooter operators, and others driving city vehicles on city business, would also be subject to new ve-

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COUGARS PULL HORNETS STINGER - Illinois Valley High School's softball team took its Skyline Conference mark to 15-2, ensuring second place, by beating third-place Henley 3-0, 7-6 in Cave Junction on Saturday, May 8. For I.V., Kim Hamilton lead the way by pitching a 4-hit shut out in the first game and going 4-

for-4 with a home run in the second game. Other standouts for I.V. were Ricci Coultas and Angelique Miller. The Cougars were to play Lakeview in an away game on Tuesday, May 11. Cougar sophomore Erika Riley (above) is tagged at home by the Hornet catcher at home. (Photo by Ron Humphres)

Remember to vote. The deadline to submit ballots in the primary election is Tuesday, May 18. Ballots can be deposited in the box at Cave Junction City Hall until 8 p.m. the 18th. Or they can be taken or mailed to the county elections office in Grants Pass, but in that case they must be in the office by the deadline. Postmarks do not count.

