

CRT Insights

Grant for airport given; Phillips Africa-bound

By **RON PHILLIPS, Executive Director Illinois Valley Community Response Team**
Illinois Valley Community Response Team (IVCRT) received word that the Business Incubator grant has been approved by U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Lynn Schoessler, state director for Rural Development, presented a symbolic “Big Check” to IVCRT Board Chairman Bob Schumacher on Tuesday, Aug. 10 during a small ceremony at Oregon Caves National Monument.

Besides being the first building at the Illinois Valley Airport Industrial Park, the incubator will serve as the base for IVCRT’s new business support program that will provide technical assistance to incubator tenants and other small businesses as well.

Creating jobs is one of IVCRT’s top priorities; growing local businesses and helping new entrepreneurs get started is the strategy to do this. With the in-house market for craft items, souvenirs, and food products at the Caves, the opportunities for small businesses producing these products has increased dramatically.

The purpose of the incubator is to provide the quality production space, professional equipment and business advise that will allow local businesses to reach these and other markets.

IVCRT will contact local people who may be interested in becoming tenants in or using equipment at the incubator to assist with design and choice of equipment.

If you are engaged in or thinking about starting a wood-working or catering/food product business that would require a commercial kitchen, contact IVCRT if you would like to be included in these discussions.

We should be receiving the final approval for the Business Mentor program. This is intended to identify existing and retired local business people and professionals, who are willing to answer questions, provide advice or conduct very specific training for other entrepreneurs to help them start and grow their businesses. Funds will be available to compensate the mentors for these services.

If interested in participating in this program to help grow the local economy, contact IVCRT.

And finally, the last item on economic development is that SOWAC will soon select eight entrepreneurs to work with intensively during the next 12 months to assist them increase their management skills. Again, contact IVCRT (592-4440) if you would like additional information.

It is with mixed feelings that I am announcing I will leave IVCRT this fall. I have been offered a posting in southern Africa that is too attractive a combination of a great country (Namibia) and program (doing economic development around national game reserves) to refuse. Also, I feel that I have largely accomplished the mandate that I was charged with when I joined IVCRT almost three years ago – to assist it toward becoming sustainable.

Thanks to a great deal of hard work by the board – past and present – and other staff, I think that IVCRT has been transformed into a significantly different organization better able to continue to serve the valley after the end of the Enterprise Community designation this December. The board has successfully re-engineered itself to assume the new role of social entrepreneur.

Committees have been restructured, bylaws revised, and new procedures put into place. Rather than depending on the dwindling EC grant to support operations, we will be drawing from funds earned through Oregon Caves Out-fitters and other social ventures, as well as an increasing flow of grant overhead.

The mission remains the same – to promote the economic and social development of Illinois Valley. To that end, three new programs have been started: business support, natural resources/fuels reduction, and support to non-profit organizations through a USDA Rural Community Development Initiative. A fourth new program, affordable home ownership, is under way and hopefully will begin this winter with receipt of a HUD grant.

Although the new course has been set, CRT remains an organization in transition. The next task will be to enhance our managerial systems to be able to operate this new diversity of programs and social ventures. The board has decided that – given the still fragile nature of this transition – that the luxury of an executive search at this time would put these accomplishments at risk.

Deciding that someone already familiar with IVCRT would be a more appropriate choice at this point, the board decided to hire Bob Schumacher, the current chairman, as interim director. Schumacher is a CPA and has had a career in agribusiness. He certainly brings the skill set required at this time. Later, a full recruitment process to find a permanent executive director will be launched.

It certainly has been a pleasure and wonderful learning experience to have been allowed to work with IVCRT during this period of change. On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to express our appreciation for the warm welcome and support and friendships during the last three years. We will miss the valley and will think of it often as we settle into Namibia.



MORE VANDALISM - Another tree was snapped off in Downtown Cave Junction, probably late Thursday, Aug. 5, or quite early Friday, Aug. 6 in front of CJ Video Mart/Radio Shack. Information about those vandalizing property should be phoned to Josephine County Sheriff's Office or the city of Cave Junction. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

Another bank in GP robbed

Another Grants Pass bank robbery, the second in slightly more than a week, is under investigation by FBI agents and Grants Pass police officers.

Umpqua Bank at 117 N.E. F St. was robbed by a lone suspect at approximately 2:50 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, said Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS).

The suspect gave a demand note to a teller and left without further incident, but with an undisclosed amount of cash. No weapon was seen, said GPDPS.

The man was de-

scribed as a 5-7 to 5-9 white male adult in his late 20s to early 30s, weighing approximately 160 pounds. He has a slim build and short brown hair.

At the time of the robbery he was wearing a dark blue T-shirt with a sun or similar design, knee-length blue jeans, white tennis shoes, and blue ball cap with a multicolored red design.

Anyone with information is asked to phone (541) 474-6370.

On July 29 a U.S. Bank branch was robbed under similar circumstances.

‘Road rage’ big ‘no-no’

Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers are launching a campaign to deter aggressive driving.

Often referred to as “road rage,” aggressive driving complaints number into the thousands each year in Oregon. Utilizing police package, street appearance, unmarked vehicles in the Salem and Portland areas, troopers will be watching for aggressive drivers.

“We are looking for ways to be more effective with our limited resources,” said Capt. Dan Durbin, director of the Patrol Services Division. “Last year alone we had over 34,000 aggressive driving complaints statewide.

“We are hoping that targeting these types of violations will have a significant impact on transportation safety in Oregon,” said Durbin.

The vehicles are equipped with front and rear video cameras and will be highly noticeable when engaged with violators.

“We are very concerned that the motoring public recognize these as police vehicles - there will be no doubt at all that this is a police vehicle when its emergency lights are activated,” continued Durbin.

The OSP Aggressive Driving Enforcement Plan will primarily be targeting the drivers who do the following:

*Endanger themselves and others by traveling at very high rates of speed.

*Endanger themselves and others by committing multiple, accident-causing traffic violations such as following too closely and aggressive or bad lane changes.

“These are not your average motorists who are going moderately faster than the limit or making an occasional lane change

Please don't drink and drive!

Fire snuffed

A 1.5-acre brush fire in the 4000 block of Takilma Road, which began under suspicious circumstances, was extinguished handily on Tuesday, Aug. 10 around 4 p.m. Firefighters from I.V. Fire District, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, and Grayback Forestry responded.

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