IVFD staff & volunteers to the rescue

Sunday, Oct. 10

*11:27 a.m., smoke investigation, Squaw Mountain Road.

*3:52 p.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA), 18200 block Redwood Hwy.

*4:20 p.m., medical assist with American Medical Response (AMR), 6000 block Rockydale Road.

Monday, Oct. 11

*9:12 a.m., AMR medical assist, Aquarius Way.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

*8:30 p.m., AMR medical assist, 400 block Dick George Road.

Wednesday, Oct. 13

*12:10 a.m., AMR medical assist, Garner Road.

*2:34 p.m., AMR medical assist, 1000 block N. Old Stage Road.

*2:35 p.m., AMR medical standby, 28000 block Redwood Hwy.

*3:23 p.m., AMR medical assist, 18300 block Redwood Hwy.

*3:26 p.m., AMR medical standby, 28100 block Redwood Hwy.

Thursday, Oct. 14

*9:52 a.m., illegal open burn, 6000 block Holland Loop.

*4:32 p.m., AMR medical assist, 600 block Caves Hwy.

*9:27 p.m., AMR medical assist, 2400 block Holland Loop.

*11:30 p.m., AMR medical assist, 4600 block Takilma Road.

Friday, Oct. 15

*9:55 a.m., smoke investigation, 100 block Krauss Lane.

Saturday, Oct. 16

*11:43 a.m., silo fire, Rough & Ready Lumber Co., 30000 block Redwood Hwy.

*4:39 p.m., AMR medical assist, 200 block W. River Street.

*5:20 p.m., AMR medical assist, 100 block S. Redwood Hwy.

*8:25 p.m., AMR medical assist, 16800 block Redwood Hwy.

Sunday, Oct. 17

*12:41 p.m., MVA, 24000 block Redwood Hwy.

*12:42 p.m., MVA, 37700 block Redwood Hwy.

*5:24 p.m., AMR medical assist, 1600 block Reeves Creek Road.

*5:26 p.m., AMR medical standby, 28195 Redwood Hwy.

Monday, Oct. 18

*6:10 a.m., public assist, 700 block Caves Hwy.

Liquor money disbursed by state agency

August liquor revenue to the cities of Cave Junction and Grants Pass, and Josephine County is listed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC).

Cave Junction received $1,032; Grants Pass $17,768; and the county $19,378.

Statewide, OLCC distributed $9.4 million during August, including $4.9 million to the state general fund.

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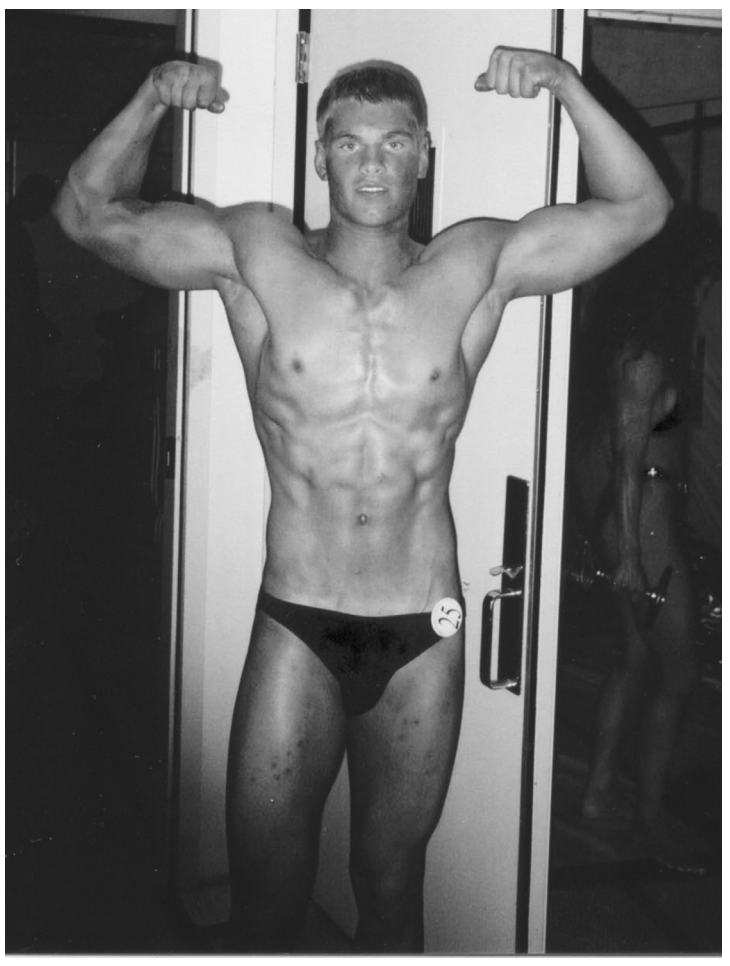
- Cicero -



CHRIS EVANS

Bodybuilder Chris Evans takes third in NPC event

Chris Evans, a 16-year-old student from Illinois Valley High School, participated in the Northern Pacific States Classic Bodybuilding Championship (NPC) on Saturday, Oct. 9.

He was the youngest of 104 competitors at the event at Seven Feathers in Canyonville. He also was the youngest in the Teenage Men's Competition.

Evans, introduced as being from Cave Junction and an IVHS student, was in his first competition with 18 months training.

He was awarded third place in his category. Evans credited his success to Illinois Valley resident Lefi Tausaga, who assisted him with backstage performance preparation.

Also competing was Peggy Shipley, daughter of I.V. resident Setsuko Blair. Shipley earned second place in the Adult Women's Fitness & Figure category.

Bodybuilding is an activity requiring great self-control and discipline to achieve results, it was noted.

Training for events such as NPC includes an hour of weight training five days a week, and an hour of "cardio" exercise every day.

Many competitors also engage in a 12-week pre-show diet designed to eliminate all but three percent of body fat to enhance the display of muscle definition.

First-place winners from NPC will proceed to national competition.

Connolly seeking AG post

By SHANE WELSH
Staff Writer

Paul Connolly is running against incumbent Hardy Meyers for the position of Oregon state attorney general on the Nov. 2 election ballot.

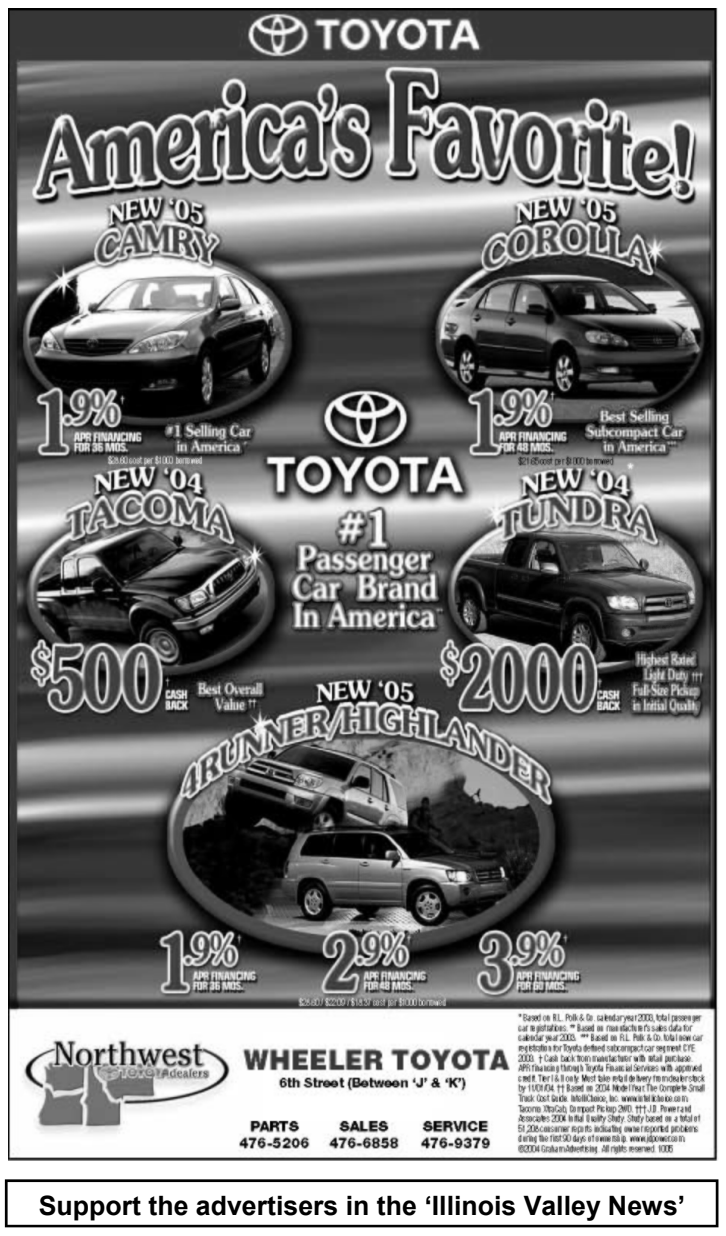
Connolly, husband and father of three daughters, is a lawyer representing farmers, growers and small business owners at his private law firm in Salem for the past 20 years.

"There's a striking need for leadership in the attorney general's office," said Connolly. "We have an out-of-control methamphetamine problem throughout Oregon.

"And we need a leader who's going to be in charge of public safety for our state."

Connolly said he feels the methamphetamine problem can be addressed by increasing penalties and establishing mandatory minimum sentencing for offenders.

Additionally, he feels there is a need to focus on attracting new business.



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Nifty Tidbits

By CHUCK RIGBY

Snakes always seem to have a negative effect on people's minds. From the beginning, according to the Bible, snakes have been in need of a good public relations expert.

I will try to change some ideas about their importance. It's true that many are poisonous. But the only poisonous snakes in our area are rattlesnakes, and even rattlesnakes perform a beneficial service to mankind by eating lots of rats, mice, rabbits, and squirrels.

No snakes are vegetarians and eat our crops or damage our gardens. Besides rattlesnakes, the other large snakes in our area -- gopher snakes -- also eat rats, mice, rabbits and other warm-blooded prey. Racers, king snakes, garter snakes, and even Rubber Boas eat various sizes of lizards, other snakes, frogs, worms and even insects, which means that they cause no harm to human beings.

There are two fairly small snakes, rarely more than a foot long, which are found in moist habitats, such as rotting logs and densely forested areas of Illinois Valley. They are very docile, are easily handled, and both are beneficial to humans.

Ringneck snakes are olive or gray-green in color on the back or dorsal surface. The belly, or ventral surface, is a vivid orange, and this color forms a ring around the body just behind the head. There is also a series of black spots all along the upper part of the orange area.

This is the basis for its scientific name, Diadophis punctatus. Diadophis, derived from the Greek word diadem, which means "headband," and ophis, which is Greek for "snake." Punctum, the source of the word "punctuate," is Latin for "spots." Therefore it means the "spotty snake with a headband."

Ringneck snakes normally feed on salamanders, lizards, frogs, and earthworms. They also are known to eat slugs, which should make all gardeners happy to have them in the area.

They are usually active only at night and will secrete a smelly mucous from their mouths when disturbed. I've never seen that trait and have handled them many times when brought to school.

The other small snake in our area is known as the Sharp-tailed snake. These are a dull reddish-brown color with faint white stripes along the length of both sides. The name is based on a noticeable sharp spine at the tip of its tail. The function of the spine is not positively known, but seems to serve as an anchor when it struggles with its prey.

That prey, which is their main food, seems to consist almost entirely of slugs, but small salamanders may be eaten as well.

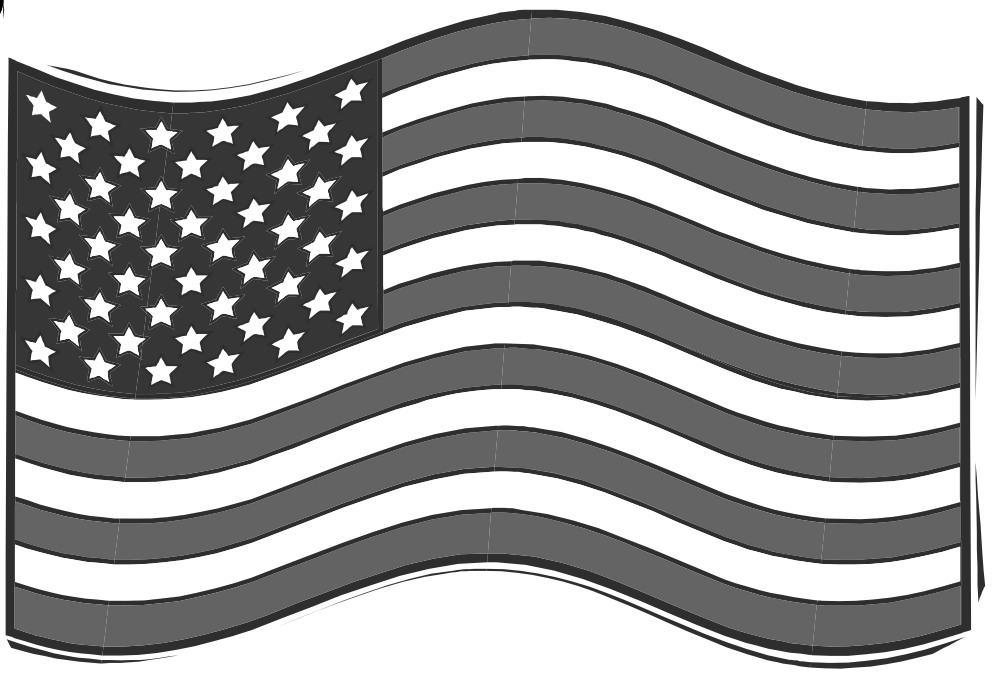
Sharp-tailed snakes also have long, thin fangs which help in gripping slimy slugs. By the way, no snakes are slimy. They are smooth and dry, but they produce no mucous in the skin as do salamanders and frogs. They may be wet because of wet grass or coming out of water. Hopefully, this information may help make some people more inclined to hold them in their hands.

The scientific name for Sharp-tailed snakes is Contia tenuis. It was named "Contia" to honor John L. LeConte, a herpetologist (a scientist who studies reptiles and amphibians). LeConte collected many reptiles and amphibians for the United States National Museum. Tenuis is the Latin word for "narrow" or "slender."

Predators of both snakes are abundant and varied, including jays, opossums, other snakes, shrews, skunks; scorpions and spiders on occasion.

My main objective in writing this article is to show that snakes are generally beneficial, as far as humans are concerned. Finding a snake in the woods, even a rattlesnake, is not an excuse to destroy it. They are usually not considered cuddly pets, but they are an important part of the ecosystem.

The natural ecology thrives if species are left to fill their niches in the environment.



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