

Tourism ...

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Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce office in the center, summer is the busiest time for tourism.

“Part of my job is to run the chamber office and answer phone calls, but I also mail tourist information and relocation packages,” said Moore.

“I get information from local real estate agents,” she said, “and I send ‘Illinois Valley Community Profile’ and ‘Illinois Valley at a Glance’ pamphlets, plus a few real estate booklets.

“During the summer months, especially, we get people from all over the United States who request information and want to come through the area,” Moore said.

Moore said she believes the reason why the Illinois Valley is such a hot spot for tourism is because of Oregon Caves National Monument.

“People usually come here because of the caves,” she said, “but once they arrive, they realize that the valley has a lot more to offer, like the wineries, the rivers, fishing, camping and hiking.

“There’s also a lot of interest in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness,” she added.

“There’s a lot for visitors to do and see here, but people don’t know about it,” said Moore. “So that’s part of my job -- to let them know what attractions are available.”

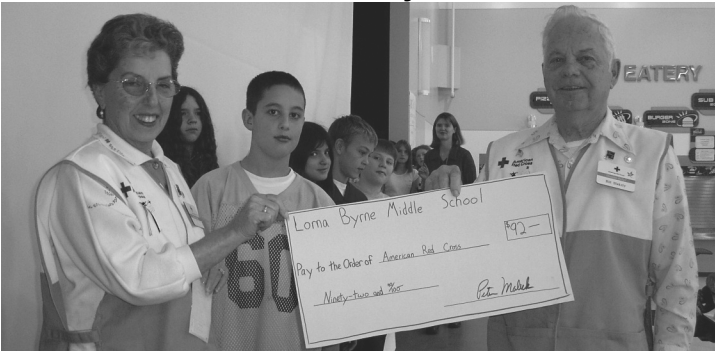
Strayer and Moore agree that the valley has much to offer visitors and residents alike, but Strayer’s job may be on the line, he said.

Budget cuts threaten to cause closure of the visitor center. It currently is funded or supported in other ways by several partnering organizations.

They are the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, the chamber, and the city of Cave Junction. And recently, Josephine County rejoined to support it.

“During the week I wear three different uniforms,” said Strayer. “Those of the forest service, National Park Service, and BLM. All three of those federal agency partners, along with others, work together to fund my salary and the center, so it’s part of my job description to wear one of those uniforms,” said Strayer.

A proposal by Illinois Valley Community Response Team to take over management and to operate the center as part of the Oregon Caves Concession is still in the works.



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LBMS 6th-graders achieve

Sixth-grade community projects, including charitable fund-raisers, were spotlighted at Lorna Byrne Middle School during an assembly last week.

A special guest was Dr. Jerry Fritz, superintendent of Three Rivers School District, who attended to watch the students receive certificates, and a “power point” presentation put together by Sonny Moore and a number of students.

One group held a bike-athon and raised \$500 for the school’s student health center to assist those who

need financial aid.

Another group sold Rice Krispie bars and bagged groceries at Shop Smart Food Warehouse, raising \$67 for the Salvation Army operation in Grants Pass.

And other students held a car wash and raised \$92 for the American Red Cross in Grants Pass.

Other projects were reading to kindergarten students at Evergreen Elementary School; picking up litter on the track above the school; and creating a mural project for buildings in the community.

Results from Nov. 2 general election

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council seat, and two seats on the Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District likely will not be known until sometime next week, according to the clerk’s office, which has 21 days from the election to tally the results.

Terms of Lund and Faircloth will expire at the end of this year.

In the soil and water district election, Carl M. Summer received 2,711 votes for the Zone 1 post. There were 89 write-ins.

For Zone 5, Clayton W. Fincher received 2,632 votes, and there were 92 write-in votes.

No one filed for Zone 4, but there were 586

write-ins. And no one filed for the at-large seat, and there were 589 write-ins.

Other results:
*U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden defeated Al King.

*2nd Dist. Rep. Greg Walden handily defeated challengers Jack Brown Jr. and John McColgan.

*4th Dist. Rep. Peter DeFazio beat Jim Feldkamp.

*Secretary of State Bill Bradbury retained his seat vs. Betsy Close.

*Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers defeated Paul Connolly.

*Dist. 3 Rep. Gordon Anderson was victorious against Kevin Marr and Shane Savoie.

*Measure 31 was approved. It allows postponement of election for office when the nominee dies.

*Measure 32 was approved. It will allow taxes and fees on mobile homes

to be used for nonhighway purposes.

*Measure 33 to expand medical marijuana guidelines, was defeated. Josephine County voted gainst: 27,717-12,997.

*Measure 35 was defeated. It would have limited noneconomic damages in connection with medical lawsuits. Josephine County voted 21,733 “yes” to 18,440 “no” votes.

*Measure 36 was approved. It recognizes that marriage is valid or legal only between one man and one woman. Josephine County voters favored it 28,412-12,635.

*Measure 37 was approved. Under it, governments must pay owners or forego enforcement when certain land-use restrictions reduce property value.

*Measure 38, to abolish SAIF, was defeated.

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