

Here, There & Everywhere

MONSTER MASH - A “monster” multifamily rummage sale to benefit Illinois Valley parents and children will be held Saturday, Feb. 19 at the county building in Downtown CJ from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fundraiser is sponsored by the I.V. Head Start Parent Group. Head Start serves preschool children and their families, who have low income or special needs. To donate items phone 592-3161.

STEED DEED - Kelsey Arnett and Kaylah Arnett, sisters at Illinois Valley High School, were among winners at the Southern Oregon High School Equestrian season-opening event at Central Point Expo early this month. Kelsey, a sophomore, took 2nd in driving. Kaylah, a senior, was 3rd in barrels, 1st in individual flags, 2nd in figure 8, 1st in pole bending, and 3rd in steer daubing.

FLOAT YOUR BOAT - A courtesy boat exam day, sponsored by Josephine County Marine Patrol, will be held Saturday Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held at the new Josephine County Search and Rescue facility on Tech Way in the North Valley Industrial complex in the 5600 block of Monument Drive in rural Grants Pass. Boaters should bring all required paperwork and equipment, said Marine Deputy Ernie Fields, of JoCo Sheriff’s Office.

BREAST CANCER GROUP - A new organization, the Illinois Valley Breast Cancer Support Group, has been organized. It will meet on second Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12: 30 p.m. at the I.V. Family Resource Center on E. River Street. The next gathering will be held March 8. For more information phone Vici Carlton at 592-6625.

NOTEPAD - **Diana Coogle**, a Jefferson Public Radio commentator, RCC teacher and author of three books, will be featured at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 at Blue Moon Café’s writers series in Downtown CJ ... **Cub Scout** Pack 79 has a window display at the CJ branch library, from now until March 7... **A free pruning** seminar will be held Friday, Feb. 18 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the OSU Extension Auditorium, 215 Ringuette St., GP ... **A blood drive** by the American Red Cross will be held March 10 at I.V. Senior Center. Phone (800) 448-3543 to schedule a donation ... **Girl Scout** cookies will be sold from Feb. 26 through March 13 to support the organization’s various programs ... **T-shirt:** Gray hair is God’s graffiti ... **’Nuther T:** Leave me alone. Today is my day off ... **One more T:** I’ve tried relaxing, but I don’t know, I feel more comfortable tense ... **Last T:** Doesn’t play well with others.

LAST WORDS - Worse than being between a rock and a hard place is finding yourself between a dog and a tree. (Roberto Rene Ardott)

IVFD to the Rescue

Monday, Feb. 7 *2:12 p.m., medical assist with American Medical Response (AMR), 200 block W. Lister Street. *7:15 p.m., medical assist, 400 block S. Old Stage Road. Tuesday, Feb. 8 *9 a.m., medical assist, 100 block S. Redwood Hwy. *9:02 a.m., districtwide medical standby for AMR. *9:57 a.m., medical assist, 500 block Deer Creek Road. *10 a.m., districtwide medical standby. *12:14 p.m., structure fire, 100 block Caves Ave. *12:20 p.m., districtwide medical standby. Wednesday, Feb. 9 *2:18 p.m., illegal open burn, 5100 block Dick George Road. *4:51 p.m., medical assist, Ollis Road. *4:41 p.m., districtwide medical standby. *9:10 p.m., medical assist, 200 block Josephine Avenue. *9:14 p.m., districtwide medical standby. Thursday, Feb. 10 *11:03 a.m., districtwide medical standby. *11:20 a.m., medical assist, 700 block Caves Hwy. *3:38 p.m., vehicle fire, Hwy. 199/Gold Canyon. *8:26 p.m., medical assist, 4600 block Dick George Road. *9:42 p.m., medical assist, 24500 block Redwood Hwy. *9:42 p.m., districtwide medical standby.	Friday, Feb. 11 *5:56 a.m., medical assist, 100 block Naue Way. *11:58 a.m., public assist, 2700 block Caves Hwy. *5:01 p.m., medical assist, 24500 block Redwood Hwy. *7:28 p.m., medical assist, 600 block Briar Lane. *7:28 p.m., districtwide medical standby. Saturday, Feb. 12 *12:44 a.m., med assist, 1600 block Rockydale Road. *7:44 a.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA), 14500 block Redwood Hwy. (mutual aid with Rural/Metro Fire Dept.). *11:44 a.m., structure fire, 5400 block Holland Loop. No damage, lots of smoke from old stump inside chimney. *11:45 a.m., districtwide medical standby. *4:15 p.m., medical assist, 24300 block Redwood Hwy. *4:47 p.m., MVA, Redwood Hwy./Pinewood Way. *7:37 p.m., medical assist, Prottzman Way. *11:25 p.m., med assist, 27800 block Redwood Hwy. Sunday, Feb. 13 *2:30 a.m., medical assist, 200 block S. Redwood Hwy. *10:08 a.m., med assist, 24500 block Redwood Hwy. *10:14 a.m., districtwide medical standby. *10:20 a.m., med assist, 4500 block Deer Creek Road. *10:46 a.m., ADT fire alarm, Robinson Road. *9:33 p.m., medical assist, 700 block Logan Cut Road.
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Illinois Valley wrestlers take down district crown

Jay Miller Skyline Coach of the Year; Cougars qualify 13 for state competition

Illinois Valley High school wrestlers had a “shouting match” last weekend.

After going to the Skyline District meet mats, what they shouted the most is, “We win! I.V. rocks!”

And using the motto, “Refuse to lose,” the Cougars took it to heart.

Besides the team district crown and 13 I.V. wrestlers qualifying for state, head coach Jay Miller was named Skyline Coach of the Year for the third time.

Miller started the I.V. Youth Wrestling Program, which has become a training camp for IVHS. Miller has been head coach about nine years, but has 26 years experience coaching valley youth.

The overwhelming district victories cap an historic league season. Not only did the I.V. grapplers overpower the competition -- including nearly perennial champion Phoenix -- but were undefeated against all-league competitors, earlier cinching the Skyline dual-meet title.

It is the first district title for Miller, who said that he’s thrilled for the team and what their skills mean for coming years.

The state event will be

held in Salem Thursday, Feb. 17 through Saturday, Feb. 19. The district meet was held in Klamath Falls on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 11 and 12.

Overall last weekend -- besides the district team crown -- IVHS emerged with four district champions, six runners-up and a trio of third-place winners. Those going to the state high school matches for 3-A schools, and their district wins:

- *Jacob Miller, 1st place (119).
- *Sam Green, 1st place (130).
- *Paulo Rocha, 1st place (145).
- *Zach Pagnotta, 1st place (152).
- *Larry Ragsdale, 2nd place (103).
- *Jerrad Miller, 2nd place (125).
- *Jesse Swift, 2nd place (130).
- *Adam Miller, 2nd place (140).
- *Jacob Ellis, 2nd place (145).
- *Wescott Lynch, 2nd place (152).
- *Anthony Miller, 3rd place (160).
- *Lefi Tausaga, 3rd place (171).
- *Duke Scott, 3rd

place (189).

Qualifying 13 matmen for state represents a first in IVHS wrestling history.

I.V.’s team at district scored 335 points, handily keel-hauling the Phoenix Pirates, who amassed 243.5; and unhorsing the North Valley Knights, who tallied 224.5 points.

Last year the Cougars qualified five wrestlers for state. With continued dedicated direction from Miller

and assistant coaches Ted Hall and Eric Unger, the talented team was looking for victory at district, and they made it happen.

Of the six freshmen from the Skyline going to state, five are from IVHS. And only two Cougars going to Salem are seniors.

The coaches are feeling good about the next few years, as the Cougars have their sights set on a continuing success story.



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It's time for baseball season!

Registrations for the 2005 baseball season will be held Sat., Feb. 26 and Sat., March 5 at Lorna Byrne Middle School.

'Players' Mechanics Clinic' will be held Sun., Feb. 27 and Sun., March 6 from 2 - 5 at Jubilee Park. Registration will be open on these two days also. You Must be registered to participate in the clinic.

We need adult volunteers to help with the clinics and the baseball season.

For further information contact Janet Ewing, Information Officer, at 659-8618.



Illinois Valley Med Center donates \$1K to city pool

Illinois Valley Medical Center (IVMC) made a splash during the Cave Junction City Council meeting on Monday night, Feb. 14 in city hall.

Kendell Phillips, IVMC board president, presented City Recorder Jim Polk a check for \$1,000 toward

opening the city swimming pool this summer.

“We have heard that the city is short funds for opening the pool,” said Phillips, “and the board has approved this donation.”

The approximately 10 people attending the meeting applauded the donation.

IVCDO grant-writing plans

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given the shortfall of the revenues that we expected from the Oregon Caves concession,” said Jerry Work, chairman of IVCDO’s Social Ventures Committee.

“I think we need to rekindle our grant-writing activities,” said Work. “I’m proposing a resolution in a formal motion that we immediately commit to the submission of the request for proposal for grant writing services on behalf of the organization in the amount of \$25,000.

“Proposals are to be delivered to us by Friday, Feb. 25, and we will make a determination by the first of March.”

Work, who made the approved proposal during a recent board meeting, received some rebuttal due to the costly amount and short time to make decisions.

“However,” he said, “We’ll extend up to \$25,000 in grant-writing services requesting a proposal from grant writers to see how they would utilize that money and how they would perform. If we don’t like the results, we don’t have to commit to anything. It’s just a proposal to get things started.”

Time is of the essence, too, Work stressed.

“There is a significant time lag between the time we actually submit a proposal for grant writers and the time that grant is actually acted upon,” Work said.

“We can expect a minimum of six to nine months before we’d even see the money,” he explained.

Nevertheless, IVCDO has undergone huge positive changes recently. As it transitions from a grant-supported organization to a self-supported organization, board members have worked unselfishly to make it all appear seamless.

For more information about IVCDO, telephone 592-4440.

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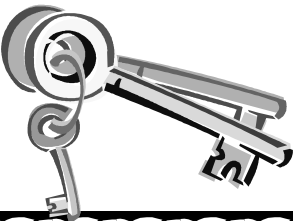
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