

# Water Forum at IVHS irrigates public mind

By CHRISTINA HILL  
Correspondent

On Thursday night, April 21, weeks of hard work from students flowed into the public eye with their final presentation: the Illinois Valley High School Water Forum.

The three-hour program, including an hour-long panel presentation, was directed by teacher Gary Enoch and students in his Advanced Placement Composition Class.

Enoch's class spent weeks researching information, developing eye-catching projects and constructing the forum which presented the public intriguing information on almost every aspect of water, ranging from clean drinking water to drought.

The topic of the forum, held in the cafetorium, was outlined through displays of students' work. They varied from poster boards and poetry, to artwork and photographs, to documentaries -- all related to water.

The first hour was spent viewing the work. The second hour was a closed debate by guest speakers.

Speakers were John Firth and Dwight Fickes, foresters from Rough & Ready Lumber Co.; Ivan Gall, a natural resources hydrologist; Jim Hutchins, a fish and wildlife biologist; Mike Bollwig, a specialist with the city of Cave Junction waste-water treatment plant; Susan Chapp from the Forestry Action Committee; and Gordon Lyford, a water rights specialist.

Firth jump-started the water forum by explaining part of his job as a forester.

"We have a sustained yield management plan," he said. "We cut four million board feet a year, but we also plant, grow and harvest new trees.

"We provide wildlife with a habitat, as well as the public with timber products," Firth said.

Others also shared their job duties.

"Part of my job," said Lyford, "is to focus on the restoration of riparian ecosystems and irrigation efficiencies. When water is over-allocated, we see the effects during drought.

"We're trying to learn and teach new and more effective techniques. In China, they've successfully irrigated for 5,000 years, and in the United States, we've only been irrigating for about 150 years, and it's not nearly as effective," said Lyford, who works with the Provolt and Sprague Seed orchards.

"This area has had the wettest winter in all of Oregon, yet we're still about 70 percent of normal," Lyford added. "Improving irrigating efficiency will lower the lack of water. Water is cheaper than manure, so people think that water's too expensive and they can't afford to improve their system, but you can't drink manure."

Gall spoke about geological features of water.

"This area is geologically special," he said. "There's a deep alluvial aquifer which may allow for further development in the future. But, the low permeability of soil and rocks makes well-drilling difficult for most," Gall explained.

Chapp added, "When you engage everyone in the issue, the better the solution you come up with. Ecosystem balance comes from the

bottom up." In his closing statements, Gall noted the big issues that Illinois Valley may face with water in the years to come.

"Oregon and Washington are facing some of the greatest population increases by the year 2025 or 2030," Gall said. "Demand for water is going to continue to increase, and development will affect the amount of surface water available.

"Domestic wells use ground water that would eventually surface as surface water," Gall explained.

Lyford added that population growth will have an effect on water as well as soil. "Soil management is another important aspect of water quality," he said.

"When the ground is stripped of nutrients and overused, water runs straight into streams," Lyford said.

The final hour of the forum was an open discussion. Curious forum-goers asked questions and engaged in discussion with the guest speakers.

# I.V.'s former smokejumper still putting out fires

By CHRISTINA HILL  
Correspondent

Educational roots run deep for Gary Thornhill, the vice principal and athletic director at Illinois Valley High School (IVHS).

Thornhill, who graduated from IVHS in 1967, followed in the footsteps of his father, Wayne Thornhill.

Before he retired, the elder Thornhill taught math, driver education and industrial arts, and coached for 32 years at the high school.

"My dad taught a lot of the parents of the students I see now," Thornhill said. "It's pretty interesting."

Thornhill's family moved to Illinois Valley while he was in the second grade.

"My father took a teaching job at the high school, so we moved here from Oklahoma, he said. "After Evergreen Elementary School, I went to the middle school in Kerby, which had grades five through eight. Then I went on to the high school, which

was then at Lorna Byrne Middle School," Thornhill explained.

After graduating IVHS, Thornhill didn't jump right into education. Instead, he jumped right into fire.

"I worked for the forest service," he said, "and I was a smoke jumper at the Siskiyou Smoke Jumper Base (at Illinois Valley Airport) from 1969 until 1980. It was really interesting work. We'd jump out of airplanes and parachute to forest fires and extinguish them," Thornhill said.

Most of his work was based in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness, and he said that most of the fires were small and caused by lightning.

"There weren't a lot of roads in the '60s and '70s, so we'd have to parachute in, extinguish the fire and then hike to the nearest road, which could sometimes take quite a while," Thornhill recalled.

After dancing with flames, Thornhill began his teaching career in 1984,

when he started teaching at Fleming Middle School in Grants Pass.

In 1989, he moved back to Illinois Valley and began teaching physical education,



GARY THORNHILL

and coached football and track until 1996 when he became the new dean of students. In 1997, he was promoted to his current position as vice principal and athletic director.

"As vice principal, 90 percent of my work is dealing with discipline," he said. "The discipline runs anywhere from talking, to expulsion," Thornhill said.

"Teachers usually write

discipline referrals and they usually end up on my desk," he said, "so I have to call the student in and talk to them. If that doesn't work, then we go to the next disciplinary step."

When he's not busy disciplining students, Thornhill is "dealing with all of the things that go along with being an athletic director, whether it's schedules, games or the Oregon State Athletic Association."

"If I had to define my daily job, it would be like I'm still a firefighter and I'm running around putting out different fires (problems) that students, teachers and parents create," Thornhill said with a laugh.

Outside of school, Thornhill is still able to reminisce with his high school sweetheart and wife of 36 years, Kathy.

"We have one son, Scott Thornhill, who's the local director of the Boys and Girls Club; and I have one grandson, Rylan, who's 3 1/2," Thornhill concluded.

Illinois Valley Fire District notes that the valley is setting a precedent in education and work on the ground to meet the goal of living with fire. A volunteer Fire Safe Council is looking for more members to aid the process. Phone De Spellman at 592-2225 for more information.

# THE MARKET

## SOUTHERN OREGON'S USED CAR & TRUCK HEADQUARTERS

### \$9,999 & UNDER

|                                               |                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>1992 Ford Crown Victoria</b> \$6999        | <b>2002 Ford Focus LX</b> \$8999          |
| 17555, LX, 4 door, Sharp & Loaded, 76K        | 17432, 4 dr, 5sp, PS, Air, FM, Cass       |
| <b>2001 Dodge Neon</b> \$6999                 | <b>2002 Chevrolet Cavalier</b> \$9999     |
| 17449, 4 dr, Auto, PS, Air                    | P16900, LS, 5 spd, Ld'd, Sports Coupe     |
| <b>1999 Ford Taurus</b> \$6999                | <b>2001 Chevrolet Malibu</b> \$9999       |
| 17275, SE, Loaded                             | P17547, LS, 4 Dr, V6, Loaded              |
| <b>1997 Suzuki Sidekick</b> \$7999            | <b>2001 Chevrolet Malibu</b> \$9999       |
| 17650, JX, 4 Dr, 4x4, 5 Sp, Loaded            | P17279, 4 door, Loaded, 38k mi.           |
| <b>2001 Ford Focus</b> <del>SOLD</del> \$7999 | <b>2003 Ford Focus ZX3</b> \$9999         |
| P17571, 4 Dr, 5 Sp, PS, Air, FM Cass          | 17553, Hatchback, 2 dr, 5sp, PS, Air, 12K |
| <b>2000 Ford Taurus</b> \$7999                |                                           |
| 17631, SES, Loaded                            |                                           |

### Mock's Used Car Center

|                                                |                                                |                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1999 Ford Taurus</b> \$6999                 | <b>2002 Chevrolet Cavalier</b> \$9999          | <b>2004 Ford Taurus</b> \$16999                          |
| 17275, SE, Loaded                              | P16900, LS, 5 spd, Ld'd, Sports Coupe          | P17673, Wagon, SE, Loaded                                |
| <b>2001 Dodge Neon</b> \$6999                  | <b>2002 Ford Taurus</b> \$10999                | <b>2004 Ford Mustang</b> \$18999                         |
| 17449, 4 dr, Auto, PS, Air                     | P17595, SE, Loaded, 30K                        | P17619, Convertible, Leather, Ld'd                       |
| <b>1992 Ford Crown Victoria</b> \$6999         | <b>2003 Ford Focus ZTS</b> \$10999             | <b>2004 Ford Crown Victoria</b> \$19999                  |
| 17555, LX, 4 door, Sharp & Fully Loaded 76K    | 17611, 4 Dr, 5 Spd, Loaded                     | P17666, LX, Leather, Loaded                              |
| <b>2000 Ford Taurus</b> \$7999                 | <b>2001 Chevrolet</b> \$11999                  | <b>2004 Mercury</b> \$19999                              |
| 17631, SES, Loaded                             | P17546, Monte Carlo LS, Coupe, Ld'd            | P17620, Gmd Marquis LS, 4 dr, 19K, Fully Loaded, Leather |
| <b>2001 Ford Focus</b> <del>SOLD</del> \$7999  | <b>2004 Ford Focus</b> \$11999                 | <b>2002 Lincoln LS</b> \$26999                           |
| P17571, 4 Dr, 5 Sp, PS, Air, FM Cass           | P17467, SE, 4 door, Loaded                     | P16557, Loaded                                           |
| <b>2002 Ford Focus LX</b> \$8999               | <b>2000 Mercury</b> \$11999                    | <b>2002 Lincoln LS</b> \$26999                           |
| 17432, 4 dr, 5sp, PS, Air, FM, Cass            | P17561, Grand Marquis, LS, Ld'd, 49K           | 17445, Moonroof, Loaded                                  |
| <b>2003 Ford Focus ZX3</b> \$9999              | <b>2003 Ford Taurus SES</b> \$12999            | <b>2004 Lincoln Town Car</b> \$31999                     |
| 17553, Hatchback, 2 door, 5speed, PS, Air, 12K | P17661, 24 Valve, Leather, Ld'd                | P17667, Signature, Leather, Fully Loaded                 |
| <b>2001 Chevrolet Malibu</b> \$9999            | <b>2003 Ford Focus</b> <del>SOLD</del> \$12999 | <b>2004 Lincoln Town Car</b> \$31999                     |
| P17547, LS, 4 Dr, V6, Loaded                   | 17524, 5 Speed, Loaded                         | P17671, Ultimate, Loaded                                 |
|                                                | <b>2004 Ford Taurus</b> \$13500                |                                                          |
|                                                | P17675, SES, Loaded                            |                                                          |

### Mock's Used Import Center

|                                               |                                                  |                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>1997 Suzuki Sidekick</b> \$7999            | <b>1999 Nissan</b> <del>SOLD</del> Under \$13999 | <b>2002 Volkswagen Jetta</b> \$16999  |
| 17650, JX, 4 Door, 4x4, 5 Speed, Fully Loaded | 17652, 4 Door, SE, 4x4, Loaded                   | 17375, GLS, Turbo, Moonroof, Ld'd     |
| <b>2001 Subaru Forester</b> \$13999           | <b>2000 Nissan Frontier</b> \$14999              | <b>2002 Toyota SR5 Tundra</b> \$22999 |
| P17664, 4x4, Sport, 4 Door, Fully Loaded      | 17586, CrewCab, XE, 4x4, 34K                     | 17612, 4x4, Extra Cab, Loaded         |
|                                               | <b>2004 Mazda B2300</b> \$15999                  | <b>2004 Honda CRV</b> \$22999         |
|                                               | 17605, Truck, SE, Cab Plus, 4x2, 4700 mi.        | 17614, 4x4, EX, 4 Dr, Loaded          |

### Mock's Used Truck Center

#### 4X2s: Pickups, Mini & Passenger Vans

|                                                |                                                       |                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2002 Chevrolet S-10</b> \$12999             | <b>2002 Ford Ranger</b> \$14999                       | <b>2003 Chrysler Minivan</b> \$23999                        |
| 17684, Ext. Cab, 4x2, Auto, PS, Air, 24K       | P17155, XLT, 4x2, S.Cab, Loaded                       | P17071, T&C, Limited, Loaded                                |
| <b>2001 Ford F-150</b> <del>SOLD</del> \$13999 | <b>2001 Ford F-150</b> \$15999                        | <b>2000 Ford F-250</b> \$23999                              |
| 17645, Short Box, 4x2, XL, V8, 20 K            | P16857, S.Cab, XLT, Loaded                            | RVT222, S. Duty, SuperCab, 4x2, 17k, XLT, Ld'd, Utility Box |
| <b>2003 Chevrolet S-10</b> \$13999             | <b>2001 Ford E-350 Van</b> \$16999                    | <b>1999 Ford F-350</b> \$26999                              |
| P17680, Extended Cab, 4x2, V6, 5 Sp, Air, 19k  | 17654, Econoline, 8 Pass, Turbo Diesel, Loaded        | 17450, CrewCab, Turbo Diesel, 4x2, Dually, Lariat, Loaded   |
| <b>2001 Dodge Minivan</b> \$13999              | <b>2002 Ford E350 Van</b> \$18999                     | <b>2003 Ford F-250</b> \$31999                              |
| 17681, Grand Caravan, Sport, Fully Loaded      | P17662, 12 Passenger, XLT, Ld'd                       | 17653, SuperDuty, SuperCab, 4x2, Ld'd                       |
| <b>2001 Ford Windstar</b> \$13999              | <b>1999 Ford F-350 S.Cab</b> \$19999                  | <b>2003 Lincoln Navigator</b> \$33999                       |
| P17152, Sport, Loaded                          | 17376, 4x2, Lariat, Turbo, Dually, Fully Loaded       | 17447, 4x2, Loaded                                          |
| <b>2002 Ford Ranger S.Cab</b> \$14999          | <b>2001 Dodge D-250</b> \$22999                       | <b>2004 Ford F-350</b> \$36999                              |
| P17665, XLT, 4x2, Stepside, Auto, Fully Loaded | 17638, Ext. Cab, 4x2, Turbo Diesel, SLT, Fully Loaded | 17593, CrewCab, SuperDuty, 4x2, XLT, Fully Loaded           |

#### 4X4s: Pickups & Sport Utility Vehcles

|                                                       |                                                         |                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1998 Dodge 1500</b> \$11999                        | <b>2002 Ford F-350</b> \$25999                          | <b>2001 Ford F-350</b> \$30999                                    |
| 17606, Club Cab, 5 Speed, SLT, Loaded, Short Bed, 4x4 | 17590, SuperDuty, CrewCab, L.Bed, 4x4, V10, XLT, Loaded | 17536, CrewCab, 4x4, Diesel, Ld'd                                 |
| <b>2001 Ford Escape Sport</b> \$15999                 | <b>2002 Ford F-350</b> \$26999                          | <b>2004 Ford Expedition</b> \$32999                               |
| 17441, XLS, 4x4, Loaded 43K                           | 17596, CrewCab, 4x4, XLT, Ld'd                          | P17465, 4x4, XLT, Loaded                                          |
| <b>2003 Ford Ranger</b> \$21999                       | <b>2004 Ford F-150</b> \$28999                          | <b>2002 Ford F-250 4x4</b> \$34999                                |
| P17517, S.Cab, 4dr, 4x4, XLT, Fully Loaded, 21K       | 17584, SuperCrew, 4x4, XLT, Ld'd                        | 17594, S. Duty, CrewCab, L.Bed, Turbo Diesel, Lariat, Loaded, 16k |
| <b>2003 Ford Ranger</b> \$21999                       | <b>2003 Ford Excursion</b> \$28999                      | <b>2004 Ford F-150</b> \$34999                                    |
| P17276, 4x4 Edge, S.Cab, Ld'd                         | P17682, 4x4, XLT, Loaded                                | P17623, SuperCrew, Lariat, 4x4, Ld'd                              |
| <b>2004 Dodge 1500</b> \$23999                        | <b>2003 Ford F-350</b> \$29999                          | <b>2003 Ford F-350</b> \$37999                                    |
| 17422, QuadCab, 4x4, ST, 9000 mi.                     | 17685, CrewCab, 4x4, Turbo Diesel, XLT, Ld'd            | 17644, CrewCab, Lariat, 4x4, Turbo Diesel, Fully Loaded           |
| <b>2003 Ford Explorer</b> \$24999                     | <b>2002 Lincoln Navigator</b> \$29999                   | <b>2002 Cadillac Escalade</b> \$39999                             |
| P17516, 4x4, XLT, Loaded, 19k                         | P17663, 4x4, Loaded, Moonroof                           | 17651, EXT, 4x4, Loaded, 28k                                      |
| <b>2002 Ford F-150 S.Cab</b> \$24999                  | <b>2003 Ford F-250</b> \$29999                          | <b>2004 Lincoln Aviator</b> \$41999                               |
| P17422, LongBed, 4x4, Lariat, Fully Loaded            | 17545, CrewCab, V10, XLT, Ld'd                          | P17669, TV, Navigation System, Fully Loaded                       |
|                                                       | <b>2003 Ford F-150</b> \$29999                          |                                                                   |
|                                                       | P17123, SuperCrew, 4x4, XLT, Ld'd                       |                                                                   |

GRANTS PASS  
913 SE 6TH STREET

476-6656

**MOCK'S**  
The Best Experience. *All Ways!*

SEE OUR USED CARS ONLINE  
[WWW.MOCKS.COM](http://WWW.MOCKS.COM)

**110 POINT INSPECTION**  
On Every Mock's Used Vehicle!

All vehicles shown for illustration only and subject to prior sale. License, title and administrative fees not included in price. All financing on approved credit. Sale prices good through May 3, 2005.