



WEED WARRIORS - Several students from Community Christian Academy at Community Bible Church perform community service work by pulling weeds at Cave Junction City Hall on Monday afternoon, May 23. The students were led in their volunteer efforts by city Councilman Margaret Miller, who is also a teacher at the academy. The group cleared an unsightly area on the south side of city hall along Lister Street.



Toler re-elected to 3 Rivers School Dist.

Incumbent Dave Toler, of Cave Junction, was re-elected to the Three Rivers School District Board of Directors, according to final, unofficial results from the Tuesday, May 17 special election.

The vote-by-mail election drew a 22 percent turnout, said the Josephine County Clerk's Office.

Toler, who will be in his third term, defeated Travis Robbins 3,778-2,842. Toler, in the Zone One seat, took 57 percent of the majority

voting.

In Zone Five, whose seat had been occupied for nine years by Bill Bonnville, of Grants Pass, the winner is Phil Stephens, also of Grants Pass.

Stephens won with nearly 57 percent of the majority voting: 3,813-2,305.

Toler said, "I am looking forward to serving the people of Josephine and Jackson counties. I am particularly proud of completing facilities, including Lorna Byrne Middle School,

on time and within budget.

"I believe that this is the kind of leadership our community wants, and I will continue to work hard to ensure that you get it.

"I also will continue to push for more accountability in Salem," said Toler.

"The Legislature holds all the keys to our children's door to the future," he added. "Without more accountability, we will continue to see our children's educational opportunities suffer," he concluded.

Retiring Lt. Lee Harman thanks his lucky stars ...

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Harman moved to California, where he went to high school; then enlisted in the U.S. Navy at 17. "It was a deal where you went in for three years, and then were discharged one day before your 21st birthday," he said.

By that time, he and his wife, Coleen, had three children. All three -- Deena, Rob, and Lisa -- graduated from Illinois Valley High School in the early 1980s. They're all grown, gone away, and doing well now.

Besides his endeavors in law enforcement and animal control, Harman has sometimes worked as a tow truck driver (including for Jerry's Towing in Cave Junction), put up fencing, and has performed duties for Illinois Valley Funeral Home. Before moving to Oregon, he was vice president of a sporting goods store in San Jose, Calif.

He's also been a horse

wrangler at Lake Selmac.

"Whatever it took to make a living, I'd do it," he recalled.

It was at Lake Selmac, after moving to the area in 1978, that he joined the Cave Junction Police Dept. that was funded through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA). After passing the tests, he worked for 2 1/2 years before the city went bankrupt, and former Mayor Irv Whiting shut down operations.

During his time with the sheriff's office, one of the most difficult areas for him was euthanizing dogs. "It was just too stressful," he said, "so I went into the Civil Division."

He also was a charter member of the sheriff's office SWAT team, until it was disbanded in 1995 because of budget cuts.

Harman said that in retirement he plans to ride his Harley Davidson Road King

a lot more. "I've always been interested in motorcycles," he said, "and had a Cushman Eagle as a kid."

From his years of service he has many memories; some good, some not so good, of incidents. He recalls a good incident with the CJPD, when a bedridden man kept falling out of bed, and graveyard shift officers, including him, would put him back.

"The guy was really appreciative," said Harman, "and for Christmas we all got together and bought him a tree. It was neat being able to help that way."

Another situation he recalls is when a father was suspected of abusing his two sons. It turned out that the accusation was incorrect, but Harman spent all day trying to ensure that the boys wouldn't be harmed until there was assurance that the father was not a molester.

Water contract approved by city with Kerby group

Cave Junction city councilman have agreed to open the faucet to supply water to Kerby.

The council, during its meeting in city hall Monday night, May 23, and sitting as a contract review board, approved 4-0 a water purchase contract with Kerby Water District (KWD).

During the May 9 council meeting, some items in the agreement were disputed by John Plute, KWD board president. They were resolved during a subsequent workshop.

Under the contract OK'd by the council Monday, KWD will pay \$172,000 for an 8-inch meter, plus monthly water charges.

The city will read meters and provide maintenance. The current 76 planned users will be charged for a minimum us-

age of 500 cubic feet.

In a related item, Plute said that KWD plans to seek funding from state and federal sources for a 500,000-gallon reservoir. It would be available primarily for fire protection, he said.

Illinois Valley Fire District had recommended such a storage facility for the community because of potential growth once water is supplied by the city.

Plute thanked the city for its help, especially citing City Recorder Jim Polk. He also noted that KWD would not even have been able to begin planning for the water project without an initial grant from the U.S. Forest Service Rural Development organization.

He also recognized Gail Leborwitz, who 10 years ago, with the late Roy Jackson, began efforts leading to formation of KWD.

'Raffle for Wrestlers' Friday

Two Illinois Valley High School seniors, Sam Green and Wescott Lynch, continue to work hard to raise funds they need to represent the I.V. community in the Down Under Invitational Wrestling Competition in Australia.

They will conduct their "Raffle for Wrestlers" drawing at Taylor's Country Store on Friday, May 27. They'll be there beginning at 5 p.m. with raffle tickets, and to tell the story of how they became Oregon state

wrestling champs.

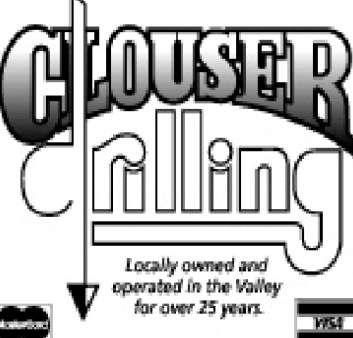
The drawing will be held at 7 p.m. Two cords of firewood have been donated by the family of an IVHS wrestler. There also is a quilt from Vintage Charm, a Kauffman Wood Products chair, and many other prizes donated by Illinois Valley businesses and individuals.

Taylor's will provide live music starting at 7 p.m. with "Two Foot Daddy."

Prior to Friday, raffle tickets are available at The Book Exchange in Western Plaza, and there are donation jars at several Cave Junction businesses. Green and Lynch need to have their funds raised by Wednesday, June 1.

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