

Without help, park gazebo will be razed

Without donations, the cash-strapped city of Cave Junction will have to tear down the gazebo in Jubilee Park, as it has been deemed a safety hazard.

With help from the community, to the tune of approximately \$2,500, the city could rebuild the gazebo on an elevated concrete platform, said Gary Biggs, city public works supervisor. The current roof would be retained, he said.

Biggs can be contacted at 592-3480.

The gazebo, because of rotting wood, no longer is structurally sound

Rafter dies

A man from College Station, Texas died near Galice of an apparent heart attack after the raft he was in capsized in the Rogue River, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO).

He was identified as Gainer B. Jones, 46. He and his wife, who was not identified, were near the Galice Chutes when their small, inflatable raft capsized, reported JCSO.

Jones and his wife were wearing personal flotation devices, but while trying to recover from the incident, he went into cardiac arrest, JCSO said.

Rescue efforts were aided by a HellsGate Excursion boat. American Medical Response took the man to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass, where he succumbed to his condition and was pronounced dead, JCSO said.

His wife was treated for shock.



Forestry Action Committee (FAC)

FAC again is seeking volunteers to pull the dreaded knap weed at Onion Camp. Work during the past two years has reduced the knap weed population there by 90 percent.

Many native plants are coming back.

Onion Camp is high on a ridge in the Biscuit Fire area. Participants will be rewarded with outstanding views, and opportunities to visit an area they might have missed previously.

Phone 592-4098 to sign up or for additional information, and "Do a good deed."

Waldo Mining District (WMD)

A general meeting will be held Wednesday, June 29 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction.

Agenda items include a general election of WMD officers and board; the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality's new 700-PM suction dredge mining permit; and the U.S. Forest Service's new Final Rule of the 36 CFR 228.4 mining regulations, which regulate if and when a Notice or Plan are required.

The status of the Siskiyou Regional Education Project and WMD's opposing lawsuits against Siskiyou National Forest also will be discussed.

WMD can be contacted at P.O. Box 1574, Cave Junction.

City law enforcement

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The council had a written proposal showing what options are available and how much they would cost.

The mayor called the situation "a bad deal" and others stated that there seems to be a lack of communication with the sheriff's office.

"I think the sheriff would like to have this \$92,000," said Dyer, "but if he did he ought to have his butt in here to talk to us."

Several people, including Jim Frick, of Century 21 Harris & Taylor, echoed comments that there is a lack of response from deputies for Illinois Valley calls. It was noted that it can take 25 to 30 minutes for a deputy to respond from Grants Pass, and that sometimes there is no response, or a deputy comes to handle a complaint days after it is reported.

The possibility of grants for starting a city police force was broached by Gary Biggs, public works supervisor for the city.

"Is that what this is about?" asked Dyer.

Biggs said that it is not, but that he wanted to point out the possibility.

The mayor said that he had talked to three officers, apparently about being a city marshal, and that they all want to be unionized. He indicated that it would not be in the best interests of the city because of union wages and benefits, especially the Public Employees Retirement System.

Following a litany of

complaints about the sheriff's office, the vote to delay approving the contract was passed.

One suggestion for an option came from developer Larry Osborne. He cited the city of Sunnyvale in California which, he said, uses fire-fighters in dual roles.

He and Frick also urged the city to contact the state attorney general's office about the proposed contract.

Regarding law enforcement coverage, even with the 2004-05 contract expiring and the proposed agreement in limbo, the council stated its opinion that the sheriff's office must respond to calls in the city, as it's part of Josephine County.

Councilman Russell Ehrman asked whether there could be a liability issue without a contract. "There could be a perception that they've been let down," he said.

"They already think that now," said Paulson.

He and Miller said that the city needs to regain control of its law enforcement. They said that the city has asked for reports from the sheriff on hours spent, and duties conducted, but that he has not provided them.

There was a consensus that the city has not been provided what it has asked for, either in the way of coverage or reports.

"We need someone who will respond because they care, not because it's a job," said Paulson. Someone suggested Andy Griffith, who played "Sheriff Andy Taylor of Mayberry."

Cow Creek gives grant

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Rivers Community Hospital. This partnership with Three Rivers Community Hospital will make laboratory and X-ray services available to all residents of Illinois Valley for the first time, said SCHC.

Siskiyou Community Health Center purchased the 7-acre site several years ago, and has been raising money to meet the \$3.7 million projected project cost. Community Development Block Grants have been awarded the city of Cave Junction to help offset infrastructure costs (water, sewer, roads), and to Josephine County for the facility itself.

Siskiyou, through its Choose to Care Capital Campaign, is conducting a community fund-raising campaign, which has thus far, netted donations of \$270,000 from community members.

Ninety percent of Siskiyou's staff and board have

donated money for the new clinic. With The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation grant, SCHC also has received \$408,000 from private foundations.

The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation has made grants to eligible non-profit organizations in communities in Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lane counties since 1997. Since the foundation's inception, 425 grants totaling \$4,670,534 have been given.

The mission of the foundation is to offer assistance in youth education, strengthening youth and family, providing positive youth development and adding to the quality of life for people residing in the seven counties. The foundation previously has supported SCHC with two grants supporting development of the Student Health Center at Lorna Byrne Middle School in Cave Junction.

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CJ Lions list results from car show

A shiny-red customized 1960 Thunderbird -- that to some viewers resembled a brightly colored Batmobile -- was the "Best of Show" vehicle in the Cave Junction Lions Club event Saturday, June 25.

The annual antique and classic car show was held in Jubilee Park. The T-Bird is owned by Chuck Mathis, of Roseburg.

Assisting the CJ Lions with the show, the mobile health-screening van, the poker run and other aspects of the event were Clear Creek Family Practice, Order of the Eastern Star/Western Chapter 64 & Auxiliary, American Legion Post 70 & Auxiliary, Sons of Thunder Motorcycle Club, and At the Cross Motorcycle Club.

Also, the Eye Care Group, Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation with audiologist Dave Robertson, and Guide Paws 4-H Club.

Car show winners and trophy sponsors:

*1970-79 Modified - 1975 Chevy/Fred Yarrist, of Grants Pass; I.V. Building Supply.

*1970-79 Stock - 1972 Dodge/Mike Mikel, Medford; Oregon Caves Chevron.

*Best Restoration - 1931 Ford Model-A, Leroy Rice/Grants Pass; Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co.

*Best Truck - 1975 Fred Yarrist; Rogue Truck Body.

*Best Convertible - 1950 Chevy/Walter & Kathy Blood, Cave Junction; McGrew's.

*Best 2-Door - 1937 Plymouth coupe/Walt & Marilyn Keen, Central Point; Tender Treasures.

*Best 4-Door - 1931 Ford Model-A/Leroy Rice; Stevereno's Family Restaurant.

*Best Motor - 1967 Chevy Camaro/Darlene Dunsmore, Brookings; Barlow Sand & Gravel.

*Best Interior - 1955 Chevy/Roxanna Chestney; Cave Junction; Pizza Pit.

*Best Paint - 1967 Chevy Camaro/Rick & Roberta Klimek; Central Point; Mike Palmer Realty.

*Most Unique - 1960 Thunderbird/Chuck Mathis; River Valley Restaurant.

*Oldest Vehicle - 1926 Ford 2-Door Sedan/Mike Roe; Roseburg; Rough & Ready Lumber Co.

*1920-29 Modified - 1926 Ford/Mike Roe; Challenger

Fence & Decks.

*1930-39 Stock - 1937 Dodge delivery vehicle/Patty Petty, Grants Pass; Ted Crocker LTC.

*1930-39 Modified - 1938 Buick/Ron & Kellie Pomeroy; Rogue River; Don's Tire & Auto Center.

*1940-49 Modified - 1940 Chevy coupe/Dennis & Judy Saugstad; Grants Pass; Northwest Hairlines.

*1940-49 Stock - 1950 Chevy/Harold Harrop; Cave Junction; Hometown Interiors.

*1950-59 Modified - 1955 Chevy/Roxanna Chestney; Bi-Rite Auto Parts.

*1950-59 Stock - 1950 Chevy/Harold Harrop; Dillon's Nursery & Garden Center.

*1960-69 Modified - 1967 Chevy Camaro/Rick & Robert Klimek; SOFCU.

*1960-69 Stock - 1968

Camaro/Barry Babson, Cave Junction; Crossroads Animal Hospital & Pet Supply.

*Under Construction - 1940 Chrysler/Dennis Knight, Cave Junction; Dave's Perfect Pizza.

*Farthest Driven - 1967 Pontiac/John & Erin Briggs; Eureka, Calif.; Loren Conner Construction.

*Most-Altered Vehicle - 1928 Dodge/Loren Conner, Cave Junction; "Illinois Valley News."

*Welcome-You Made It - 1941 Chevy/Howard Hill, Cave Junction; Buster Vander Woude.

*Mayor's Trophy - 1964 Chevelle/Rodger Gamache; Fort Jones, Calif.; Home Valley Bank.

*Lions Choice - 1953 Ford Sunliner/Tom & Kathy Hewkin; Grants Pass.



CAVE JUNCTION LIONS Club is sponsoring Morgan Brown, 14, and 'Frito' in the 4-H Guide Paws program. Morgan and other members of the 4-H Guide Paws club showed their dogs Saturday, June 25 during the CJ Lions annual car show in Jubilee Park.

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