

Talent pool

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still practicing medicine," said Hobbins.

Between her current profession at the pool and her past profession, Hobbins has never skipped a beat.

"I was a professional performer," she related.

"I've been all over. New York, Atlanta, Hartford, Los Angeles. I got so tired of the rat race, so my husband and I went to find property in a nice quiet place," said Hobbins, who moved to Illinois Valley with her husband of 30 years, Michael Gosenski.

"I was a ballet dancer and had a ballet school here for 10 years," she said. "Then I was in a car accident and had to give up ballet. So, I opened a dog grooming business, which was very successful, but performing was still in my blood, so I ran away with the Ringling Brothers Barnum Bailey Circus and traveled with them for a year as an aerialist and dancer.

"I rode elephants and got to know Gunther Gable Williams quite well. He was one of the world's most famous animal trainers," Hobbins elucidated.

"I have had a very exciting life," she said. "I did a lot before I had children, and now I have two of the greatest children in the world. I have a 16-year-old, who is a lifeguard at the pool, and a 12-year-old who is a wonderful volunteer helper at the pool," Hobbins said.

Despite putting in a full day at the pool and raising her family, Hobbins still manages to find time to squeeze in a couple of classes at Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University at Ashland.

"I'm in college to get my certification for teaching," she said. "I volunteer at the middle school and high school as a classroom aide. I plan on graduating in two or three years, which is my goal at this stage.

"I've always been interested in psychology, so I'm not sure if I'd go into counseling or substitute-type teaching," Hobbins said.

In her spare time, Hobbins can be found exercising, doing Yoga, swimming, reading, or riding horses.

"I like to be busy," she said. "You only live life once. I love learning, and hope to always continue.

"I always learn just by living," Hobbins noted.



CYNTHIA HOBBS

Workshop set on West Nile, mosquitoes

A workshop on controlling West Nile Virus and mosquitoes will be held in Central Point Thursday, Aug. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m.

There is a fee, said Jackson County Master Gardener Extension. To register, phone 776-7371.

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CLINIC 'IN THE SWIM' - More than 100 people went to the Cave Junction Swimming Pool Saturday, Aug. 6 for a two-hour free community swim sponsored by Siskiyou Community Health Center and its programs including Outreach Services, Project Baby Check; and Ready, Set, Go! The free splash was presented as part of the celebration of groundbreaking for a new clinic that will be held Thursday, Aug. 11. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')



CYCLE AMERICA IN CJ - Approximately 100 bicyclists participating in a Cycle America tour used Jubilee Park for a meal stop Sunday morning Aug. 7. The riders began their tour Aug. 3 in Cottage Grove. The Sunday trek of 94 miles, from Hiouchi, Calif. to Gold Hill, Ore., was the longest during the nine-day, 602-mile tour, which is to end Thursday, Aug. 11 in Cottage Grove. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')



ANOTHER MED EVAC - Illinois Valley Fire District, American Medical Response, and Medford-based Mercy Flights combined for a medical evacuation Friday, Aug. 5 from the Junction Inn vacant lot in Cave Junction. The patient apparently had a heart condition, and the evacuation was requested by Siskiyou Community Health Center. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')

Grants for tourism announced

Some \$100,000 is available for tourism promotion grants of up to \$10,000 from Travel Oregon's 2005-06 matching grants program.

Eligible to apply are those involved with tourism promotion and development such as cities, counties, port districts, federally recognized tribes, and nonprofit entities. A match of 50 percent is required.

Sept. 1 is the deadline for applications.

Contact (503) 378-8850 or Patti@TravelOregon.com.

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Joan Norman blockade noted by Wild Siskiyou Action group

To protest Biscuit Fire salvage logging, a 17-year-old girl is atop a platform 50 feet in the air between two trees, said a group calling itself Wild Siskiyou Action.

The group is calling the platform, near Merlin at the Hobson Salvage Sale, the Joan Norman Memorial Road Blockade.

Joan Norman Miller, 72, died in a traffic crash

near O'Brien July 23. She was a longtime "forest defender and peace activist."

Most recently she had been involved in earlier protests in connection with the Biscuit salvage near Illinois Valley.

The young protester, identified as "Leera," is "dedicating the blockade to Joan," said Wild Siskiyou Action.

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