



ILLINOIS VALLEY’S ARTISANS and craftsmen were showcased during Second Friday Art Walk Oct. 14 in Downtown Cave Junction. (From the top) The sixth annual ‘Maskerade’ at BeBe’s Art for Everyone, Reni Schaeffer with her gourd art at Special Productions, Cole Brashear at Pizza Pit, I.V. Fine Artists, Inc./students of Alan Laurie at Taylor’s Country Store, Jim Krois and his wolves nature photography at Changes Art & Energy Gallery & Studio, Deborah Dawson and her watercolors at Blue Moon Café, and Michael Yanase of Yanase Jewelers in Kerby at Jefferson State Financial Group. Other participating businesses were A Creative Space, Abiding in the Vine, April’s Aroma Home, Gravel Gertie’s Antiques, Rising Suns, and Eye Care Group. Art Walk is supported by Evergreen Federal Bank and IVCDO. (Photos by Dale & Elaine Sandberg)

Cougars clip Chieftains 49-6; ready for homecoming game Friday vs. Henley

Illinois Valley is heading into its homecoming game Friday, Oct. 21 with a 49-6 victory vs. Rogue River Friday, Oct. 14 on the Chieftains’ field.

With that win, during which the Cougars carried a 41-0 shut-out until late in the fourth quarter, I.V. is at 1-2 in the Skyline Conference; 5-2 overall.

Friday’s game will begin at 7 p.m. with the homecoming court to be introduced during halftime. The homecoming king and queen will be announced.

The Cougars used a balanced attack, passing for two touchdowns. Overall, I.V. collected 359 yards on offense vs. 237 for Rogue River.

Scoring for the Cougars were Ian Moore on a pass from Zach Pagnotta; Aaron Adams on a Pagnotta pass; a run by Adam Miller from 2 yards out; a 7-yard run by Miller; scampers of 15-yards and 13 yards by Jacob Ellis; and a 21-yard run by Jesse Swift.

Joel Dierkes added an extra point kick; Miller a successful two-point conversion; and there were two two-point conversion runs by Larry Ragsdale.

Pagnotta was good for a pair of TDS and 66 yards, completing four-of-five passing with no interceptions. Miller rushed for 106 yards



(Photos by Roman Riggins)



and a TD on 15 carries, while Moore added 103 yards on 14 carries.

It appeared that the Chieftains were not prepared

for the early aerial attack by I.V. and were unable to recover their poise.

“It was a good win for us,” said coach Bob Thornhill.

Wyden hails opportunities for public commentary on country’s health care

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) has welcomed the Citizens’ Health Care Working Group release of a new “Health Report to the American People,” and urged Oregonians to weigh in with their opinions about how to fix the U.S. health-care system.

The report, available at citizenshealthcare.gov, is the first effort to give Americans people the facts about the health-care system they deal with every day, Wyden said.

It focuses specifically on two areas: where America’s health dollars are going, and what those dollars really do and do not buy in terms of coverage and effective health care.

As the report is distributed, Americans will be invited to participate online and in community meetings nationwide to share their own opinions and priorities for improving the health-care system. Congress is required by the 2003 Wyden-Hatch “Health Care that works for All Americans” law to hold hearings in every committee of jurisdiction on the American people’s views.

In preparing the report, the Working Group held a public hearing in Portland Sept. 23 to discuss how Oregonians came together to reform the health-care system in their own state.

“The report unveiled is the first of its kind to arm Oregonians and all Americans with the facts about their own health-care system,” said Wyden.

“The town hall meetings and online input that will take place in the next few months will be the American people’s first chance to really bring their own priorities and their own prescription for improving health to government’s attention, instead of the other way around.

“Then, Congress will owe the people some answers.”

Last year, \$1.8 trillion was spent on health care in the United States -- more than \$6,000 per person -- yet many Americans still struggle to obtain quality, affordable care, said Wyden. The Citizens’ Health Care Working Group’s endeavor marks the

first reform effort that asks the American people to weigh in with their opinions about the American health care system as a whole instead of piecemeal.

Besides being available online, the report will be dis-

tributed nationwide in booklet form. Oregonians are encouraged to read the report’s findings and provide opinions.

For more information, telephone Connie Smith or Jessica Federer at the Working Group (301) 443-1502.

SOG, Laurie offer workshop

Illinois Valley-based Southern Oregon Guild (SOG) will hold an Artist in Residence Workshop Series.

As part of SOG’s “Artist in Residence Series” to further art education and art opportunities in the Illinois Valley, Cave Junction artist Alan Laurie will conduct a four-week workshop: “Acrylic Painting for Beginners”, at the Guild’s Service Center located at the rear entrance to Kerbyville Museum.

The workshop is scheduled to begin later this month on Thursday evenings. Laurie describes himself as a lifelong artist. Having moved to Illinois Valley in 2001 from Seattle, his career of more than 30 years has earned him numerous awards in the fields of graphic arts and fine arts.

Laurie has been one of the Grants Pass Bearfest artists since its inception three

years ago. Recently he conducted two painting workshops for Illinois Valley Fine Artists Inc. The paintings by participants in the most recent workshop were featured at Taylor’s Country Store for the Oct. 14 Second Friday Artwalk.

SOG has a mission to improve the economic health and vitality of the region by helping artists and artisans to become more commercially successful. The guild offers training in arts marketing, use of photographic and print making equipment, art-business skills, group purchasing discounts for art materials and a community arts enrichment programs.

For information on this and other coming SOG workshops, phone the guild’s service center at 592-4594 weekdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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