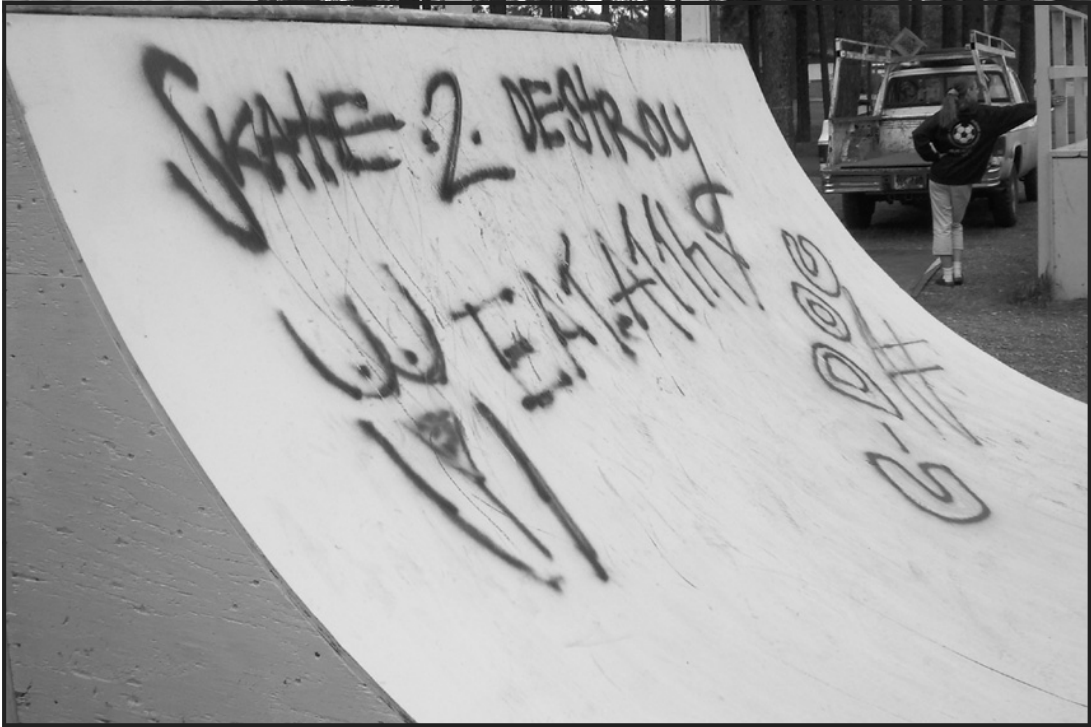




**SOME SKATE PARK parts were removed from the skate board area in Jubilee Park by The Shining Stars on Sunday, May 7 as a consequence of rules consistently not being followed. The Shining Stars, sponsor and overseer of the skateboard area for the past three of its five years of existence, cited constant problems with aspects including litter, vandalism, modifying equipment without permission, and equipment being moved continually despite warnings. The last straw, said the group, occurred last week when a brand-new sign listing rules was removed and the pole ripped up; plus the newly painted half-pipe was ‘tagged.’ Items could be restored if skate boarders will help The Shining Stars, which has raised money for the site, by volunteering for upkeep and other areas, as well as ensuring that all rules are followed. Concrete ramps are part of a long-range plan with the city of Cave Junction, but the youth must accept responsibilities, said the sponsor. The group also noted that it inherited a number of problems and financial questions when it took over. (Photos by ‘Illinois Valley News’)**



**The half-pipe (left) and the quarter-pipe (right) were left in the park.**



## Lorna Byrne students cited for earning top marks

The third quarter Honor Roll for Lorna Byrne Middle School students attaining a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 or better, based on individual student performance in all classes, is comprised of the following:

\*4.0 and above:

Sixth-grade: Myana Dhenin, Briana Grabarz, Christopher Heise, Fred Hults, CeCe Imerti, Cheyenne Johnson, Zachary Kay, Danielle LaVassaur, Andrew McLaughlin, Rachel Miller, Andrew Mullins, Kierra Perez, Travis Robbins, Radiance Schrpeter, Kaitlyn Skiles, Jamie Sowell.

Seventh-grade: Ryan Andrews, James Buck, Roger Hults, Kayla Johnson, Marissa Litak, Audrey Mechling, Kieran Rose, Sabrina Swartz.

Eighth-grade: Cambria Cook, Callie Harland, Jessiva Lindhe, Mitchell Swartz, Heidi Unger, Kenneth White.

\*3.5-3.99:

Sixth-grade: Stephanie Agee, Thea Barker-Cortecht, Tyler Bryant, Alexandra Buckmaster, Jazmyn Danko, Daniel Gomez, Anatasia Greenberg, Makayla Gunn, Jillian Hanson, Angelina Heath, Sierra Heikka, Meghan Householder, Willow Jackson, Thomas Knott, Clyde Mac-

Donald, Benjamin Milner, Jonathan Nichols, Jessie Rollins, Jacob Salas, Marisol Sanchez, Rebekah Sawall, Rose Summers, Kaela Sun-sitter, Xeniz Velasco, Kristen Vidales.

Seventh-grade: Chelsea Bullock, Sierra Burch, Cody Chiverton, Brooke Crocker, Gregory Cronbie-Fujita, Thea Deter, Nicholas Dowd, Winona Gallegos, Taylor Harris, Aleesia Hennings, Alexander Hess, Cynthia Moore, Brittany Mosely, Casey Robertson, Margaret Ruiz, Cassandra Thurman, Kara Faye Tyler, Geneva Vasquez, Ashley Webb.

Eighth-grade: Bricana Andrews, Joy Chen, Charles Davis, Matt Duran, Quayde Fisher, Crystal Gasser, Edward Goynes, Nigel Gulden, Woody Gutshall-Douglas,

Sonya Hogan, Autumn Isenagle, Ben Kendall, Daniel Nordal, Hanna Phlaum, Paige Ragsdale, Noelle Ramon, Robert Sanders, Jessyka Smith.

\*3.0-3.49

Sixth-grade: Brandon Bellus, Georgia Bricker, Sarah Eaton, Devan Elmer, Jaimme Foster, Gwydion Francis, Joshua Free, Kaichi Fujita, Miranda Garote, Rebecca Gogulski, Dale Grace, Katrina Grove, Austin Hart, Carly Jensen, Angela Johnson, Krista Joines, Tia King Brandi Matheson, Ashley Meyers, Felisha Ripley, Curtis Schlotzhauer, Zachary Silva, Isabella Spliethof, Krista Starbuck, Levi Vasquez, Brandi Wollerton, Destiny Yoshiwara.

Seventh-grade: Lindsey Aria, Burt Barker, Jesse

## Deterring underage drinking critical

**By KAREN WHEELER**

A dozen parents sat together recently to talk about underage drinking.

“Up until they are 12 or 13,” one of the moms said without intended humor, “they do what you say. Then stop.”

In fact, research shows that most young children view drinking alcohol as wrong. That does change as they grow older, when a third of Oregon eighth-grade girls say they have consumed alcohol during the past month, and one in 10 of both girls and boys say they have engaged in binge drinking during the prior 30 days.

Is your teen-ager one?

“None of us think so,” said another mom, “but we’re all worried.”

Perhaps they should be: A national survey found that one in five teen-agers said they had consumed five or more drinks during the prior two weeks, a rate 20 times higher than what a group of parents estimated in another survey.

The son of one of the Oregon parents surprised his folks: “We were gone on a weekend and he threw a party at our house.”

That not only exposed the parents to potential civil or criminal liability if someone had been injured, but most parents also are unaware that state law permits police to seize not only the liquor from an underage party, but also related property such as furniture, stereos and glassware if the party was held with the parents’ knowledge.

One parent said that she regularly shows her daughter news stories about teen-agers hurt or killed in alcohol-related auto crashes. “This could be you, it could be your friends, it does happen,” she tells her 13-year-old.

She’s right: The national rate of alcohol-related fatalities among 16-to-20-year-olds is almost double that for drivers 21 and older.

And that is only one of the risks. “The earlier you start,” one mom tells her kids, “the more likely you’ll have a problem. So I’d really like you to wait.”

She could add that teen-agers who drink at age 15 are four times more likely to

become alcohol-dependent than those who wait until they’re 21. The odds of alcohol dependence also are higher among children of alcoholics.

Teen-agers should know that binge drinking, defined as consuming five or more drinks in one sitting, can lead to alcohol poisoning that kills. Or that alcohol’s influence can lead to date rape, sexually transmitted diseases or unwanted pregnancies.

The teen-age years are a time of brain development. Sophisticated imaging techniques have detected structural brain differences in 17-year-olds who displayed alcohol-induced intellectual and behavioral impairments.

Studies of laboratory animals, meanwhile, show that alcohol consumption during puberty affects maturation of the reproductive system.

The parents who sat together all agreed: Parent-

ing is a tough job.

The job requires not only careful listening, setting clear expectations, enforcing consequences and identifying attractive alternatives to alcohol, but also modeling responsible behavior. What kind of example do your drinking habits set for your children?

As one mom put it near the end of their conversation, “I feel like I really don’t know what I think I know.”

If you’re also unsure where your young child or teen-ager is with drinking, it’s in your best interests -- and those of your teen-ager -- to find out.

For more information, see the DHS Website on underage drinking [www.oregon.gov/dhs/addiction/underage-drinking/main.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/addiction/underage-drinking/main.shtml).

(Editor’s Note: Karen Wheeler is addictions policy manager in the Oregon Dept. of Human Services.)



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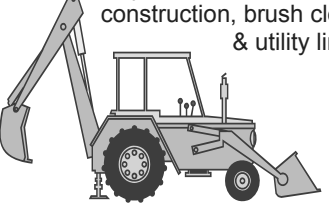
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