



STRANDED ON THE WEST SIDE of Illinois River some 6 miles out Illinois River Road near Store Gulch, an I.V. High junior was rescued by Firefighter Joe Brown, of the Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) swift water rescue team



early Sunday evening, May 14. The girl, identified as Roxi Holmes, 17, was brought to safety after being unable to swim back to shore. Indications were that in attempting to return, she became entangled in something. The shore

anchors were IVFD Firefighter Kamron Ismaili, and Don & Anetta Cooper, of the American Medical Response Reach and Treat Team. The family lauded IVFD for its great work. (Photos by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/IVFD Media Dept.)



A SPECIAL MARIMBA PERFORMANCE was given May 12 at Pizza Pit in Cave Junction by Thom Legay and

students during Second Friday Art Walk. Additional photos on page 16. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')

Holland Loop residents file complaint against Copeland Sand

Two Holland Loop residents have filed a complaint against a planned permit that would allow Copeland Sand & Gravel Inc. to remove material from Illinois River.

Kenneth Stern and Joel Perkins, of 2540 Holland Loop, officially filed a complaint Monday, May 15 with Josephine County Planning Dept.

Besides protesting the removal of bar run, and sand

and gravel by Murphy-based Copeland, they list several of what they contend are violations. The properties in question are at 2512 and 2601 Holland Loop. The property owner is listed as Illinois Valley Ranch LLC, out of Grants Pass.

The men indicate that they are being joined by a number of neighbors in protesting. The complaint to the county states that from 2601

Holland Loop, Copeland has removed approximately 10,000-plus yards of topsoil "in what appears to be wetlands, according to the latest survey."

All items listed in the complaint are subject to investigation: None have been proven as actual violations by county or state agencies.

Under "Nature & Extent of Risk of Harm," the complaint lists, "altering

river and waterways, and affecting wildlife." The complaint includes 17 photos showing primarily areas that that say have been affected by work.

The two claim that several nonpermitted operations have occurred on the properties. They add that "The Barlow property at 2512 Holland Loop had a pond dug that was at minimum 12 (Continued on page 5)

Primary election results

Results from the Tuesday, May 16 primary election will be posted on the "Illinois Valley News" Website as soon as possible Wednesday morning, May 17.

Due to printing deadlines, the story in the newspaper itself will appear in next week's issue.

Meanwhile, here are the editor's predictions, written Monday afternoon, May 15:

*For county commissioner -- Incumbent Jim Riddle, and Illinois Valley resident Dave Toler will emerge as the top two winners and face each other in the Nov. 7 general election.

*For county sheriff -- The top two vote-getters will be Undersheriff Bryan Anderson and candidate Gil Gilbertson. They'll have a runoff Nov. 7.

(These are only predictions; we'll see how accurate they are.)

Rough & Ready gains grant for woody biomass project

A \$243,500 grant to help Rough & Ready Lumber Co. develop a 1.5 megawatt electric generator using woody biomass has been awarded by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

"It's a win-win situation," said R&R's "Linc" Phillippi.

The project, anticipated to be online by the end of 2007, if all goes well, will cost approximately \$4.5 million.

The USDA grant is incentive "seed money," Phillippi said. He noted three potential benefits:

*Removing woody debris from the forests will decrease the fuel that can feed wildfires.

*The woody biomass is

a renewable power source, and the plan is to sell 100 percent of it to Pacific Power for use on the grid.

*R&R will benefit from being able to not only use the lumber it harvests, but to utilize the debris.

The rural Cave Junction company uses a wood-fired boiler system, which will be enlarged.

"We still have a lot of work to do," said Phillippi.

"We have to arrange financing and develop an agreement with Pacific Power."

The R&R grant is among 18 awarded nationwide for a total of nearly \$4.2 million. Each recipient must match the federal portion by at least 20 percent.

Jubilee Park problems due concentrated law attention

A couple of law enforcement priorities in the city of Cave Junction were agreed upon by a relatively small but lively crowd that met Monday night, May 15 in CJ City Hall.

At the end of the 90-minute gathering with Cpl. Sean Rarey, of Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO), the following emerged as main concerns that will be the focus of vigorous efforts:

*Jubilee Park problems including open containers of alcohol, plus disorderly conduct and drug dealing.

*Spotting potential burglars who have been hitting

homes and businesses.

Also, at Rarey's suggestion, monthly meetings to evaluate previous law enforcement efforts and set new priorities tentatively will be held on third Mondays in city hall.

Rarey, officer-in-charge of JCSO's Illinois Valley Substation, said that initial efforts will be focused in city limits. But, he noted, his efforts, with those of city contract officer Cory Krauss, likely will eventually spill into other areas of Illinois Valley.

Some 25 persons attended the meeting.

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Jo County budget talks begin

Deliberations on a proposed Josephine County budget of nearly \$104 million for fiscal 2006-07 began last week.

The Budget Committee also tentatively scheduled meetings for Tuesday and Thursday, May 16 and 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Anne Basker Auditorium.

The telephone number for the county board of commissioners is 474-5221. Members are Chairman Dwight Ellis, Vice Chairman Jim Raffenburg, and Jim Riddle.

(No notices of the proposed budget or public meetings were received by this newspaper).



SISKIYOU FIELD INSTITUTE (SFI) received a \$5,000 grant from State Farm Insurance Co. to develop 'Living in Fire Country' activity kits for children on behalf of the Josephine County Integrated Fire Plan. Accepting the check Friday, May 12 at the former Deer Creek Ranch, purchased by Siskiyou Project and Southern Oregon Univer-

sity to become the Deer Creek Field Station & Education Center, is Kenny Houck, an SFI board member. Others at the presentation are (from left) Sue Parrish, SFI executive director, Lt. Lloyd Lawless of Rural/Metro Fire Dept.; and Debi Ashley, Delynn Scharpen and Jannel Moore representing State Farm. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')