



IN BATTLE OF THE BOOKS at district wide Three Rivers School District competition, the top school-level team from Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction took second place. Team members are (rear, from left) Erik Householder, Sam Harris, Brandon Parker, Zach Welch, Catherine Vawter and Brelyn Dhenin; (front, from left) Amanda Brooks, Shawn Laney, Seth Williams and Joss Vawter. Each team had to read 10 books, then answer questions about author, title and plot, including comprehension. Evergreen's efforts were directed by Jannie Heller, Title 1 coordinator. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')



A GOOD SPELL was recorded by (from left) Kevin Scott and Liam Dwyer, students at Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction, who were top winners in the recent Three Rivers School District Spelling Bee. Kevin, son of Kimberly Clifford & Greg Teunissea, earned second place in the Intermediate Division. Liam, son of Kate & Mark Dwyer, captured first place in the Primary Division. (Photo by 'I.V. News')

21st Century program coming to I.V. High

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certified and classified teachers available for tutoring students after school," she said. "And the Boys and Girls Club is one of our partners in the grant.

"We also offer counseling, the SMILE Club, science club, marimba, art, video, woodshop, drama, mock trial team, Brain Bowl and others, to name a few," said Ryan.

According to Ryan, if students are having an "academic problem that's been indicated by teachers or parents, then the Homework Help House has the most weight. It helps to bolster kids' academics."

On an average day, Ryan said that she sees anywhere from 40 to 60 students. Students are given a permission slip at the beginning of the year that parents must sign in order for the students to stay after classes and participate in the program.

"We also offer at least two to three family nights a year where the community is invited to come in and play and have fun with their kids and have a free dinner," said Ryan.

"The whole grant is designed for after-school activities that bring the parents and students together, and help to increase communication and academic performance," Ryan explained.

Ryan and Taylor agree that the program has been a huge asset to help students succeed by keeping their minds and hands active.

"There have been kids here who wouldn't have made it without it," said Ryan. "It's saved a lot of kids. It's very valuable, the

whole thing," Ryan noted.

She added, "This program has been very much in



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need and mostly successful. We feel that ours (program) has been a very successful opportunity for kids to succeed much more than if it didn't exist. The tricky thing for us to do when it ends is to keep it going.

"We're going into the fourth year of the five-year grant; and it's designed to be self-sustainable, so that after the grant is over, the community supports it."

Taylor agreed that funding for programs in Oregon is "always a challenge."

"The school funding," she said, "is pretty closely tied to the economy. If the economy is up, then so is school funding. If the economy is down, then school funding is too.

"Once the funding ends after the five years, we'll be working on ways to sustain the program," said Taylor, who is entering on her 19th year working for TRSD.

Taylor, a longtime Illinois Valley resident, was a teacher and administrator for several years at LBMS and Evergreen. And she takes great pride in the quality of education students receive at all three schools in the valley.

"Lorna Byrne has had

the highest test scores in all areas out of all the middle schools, and IVHS was the only high school in Josephine County that exceeded the state average in all testing areas," Taylor praised.

Besides offering tons of fun for students, the program offers invaluable education for valley youth.

"We have great teachers, great kids and great test scores," Taylor noted.

She said that TRSD is in the process of hiring a coordinator for the program at IVHS. Once the program starts, Taylor predicted that it will offer a variety of programs varying from "cake decorating, computers, cheerleading, archery, science and just whatever students are interested in."

Wolf Creek Elementary is the only other TRSD school that has the 21st Century Program in place, Taylor said.

For more information on the program, contact Taylor at 862-3111, or the appropriate school.

Weather Watch

Illinois Valley

Wednesday, May 24	
Mostly Cloudy	High--71 Low--40
Thursday, May 25	
Partly Cloudy	High--70 Low--40
Friday, May 26	
Partly Cloudy	High--72 Low--41
Saturday, May 27	
Cloudy, Chance of Rain	High--73 Low--35
Sunday, May 28	
Partly Cloudy	High--78 Low--47
Monday, May 29	
Sunny	High--83 Low--49
Tuesday, May 30	
Partly Sunny	High--85 Low--51



Garden event coming June 3

Tickets are available for the second annual Illinois Valley Garden Tour on Saturday, June 3.

The event will benefit Illinois Valley Garden Club, and Friends of the Oregon Caves Chateau. Tickets can be obtained at Dillon's Nursery and Garden Center, and Family Tree Garden Center.

The tour will include "all new natural, native and cultivated gardens." The day will begin at Dillon's with complimentary coffee and pastries.

There also will be wine tasting at two locations. Additionally there will be complimentary snacks in the evening from Carlos Restaurante, Taylor's Country Store, Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., and Stevereno's Family Restaurant.

There will be a raffle, with the main prize being an overnight stay at Oregon Caves Chateau.

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson.

- *Fri., May 12: 80-48
- *Sat., May 13: 84-42
- *Sun., May 14: 97-44
- *Mon., May 15: 94-51
- *Tue., May 16: 93-51
- *Wed., May 17: 95-54
- *Thurs., May 18: 93-52

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in Cave Junction at Mountain Wind Farm.

- *Fri., May 12: 76-44
- *Sat., May 13: 81-35
- *Sun., May 14: 90-37
- *Mon., May 15: 92-45
- *Tue., May 16: 90-44
- *Wed., May 17: 93-56
- *Thurs., May 18: 91-44



A MEDIEVAL FAIRE was held at Lorna Byrne Middle School Thursday, May 18 for all sixth-graders. The special event was presented by the Learning Through Art Committee of Illinois River Valley Arts Council. Students donned homemade costumes, and got involved with activities including stilt walking and catapult throwing. Additionally there was a medieval feast with students (in keeping with the times) eating with their fingers. (Photos by 'Illinois Valley News')

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