

Drive to raise \$20,000 to open city swimming pool under way

Describing herself as “a one-woman fighting machine,” Cave Junction resident Shawn Carmody is making a splash to get the city swimming pool open.

She’s working to take advantage of a commitment from Mayor Tony Paulson that if \$20,000 in donations are received prior to the city council meeting Monday night, June 12, the pool would be open in four days.

A number of persons are planning to demonstrate at the meeting to protest not opening the pool. City officials reiterate that the situation is purely monetary because the city does not have funding for the pool.

Carmody said that she already has a commitment for \$10,000. She also was told by county Commissioner Dwight Ellis of the possibility that the county could come up with \$10,000 although when the money will be available was in question. Meanwhile she’s making phone calls for donations, and said that those who want to help can leave checks made out to City of Cave Junction with the notation pool fund at the bottom at city hall.

They also can be left at the *Illinois Valley News* office, which will take them to city hall. For more information phone Carmody at 592-2000.

Hooligans cause problems in Downtown Cave Junction

Videotape identification of a suspect in a break-in at Evergreen Federal Bank’s Downtown Cave Junction Branch is under way.

The suspect was captured by a bank video camera inside and outside in connection with the 4:30 a.m. alarm on Thursday, June 1, said Brady Adams, Evergreen president.

Adams noted that in his 34-year Evergreen career, it is the first time anyone has broken into a branch. “There have been holdups,” he said, “but not someone breaking and entering.”

A unique reward in connection with identifying the “young suspect with short blond hair” will be described in an ad in next week’s *Illinois Valley News*.

The Evergreen break-in, in which a large wrench was used and left inside on the carpet, was one of at least three recent incidents, including those at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. and the state liquor store, both in Downtown Cave Junction.

Adams said that the “serious vandalism” is one of several recent incidents at the CJ Branch. Others involved large windows broken with a big rock. Damage from the most-recent occurrence is estimated at more than \$2,000.

Adams said that the

culprit was seen “running about the bank as though he thought there would be loose dollars lying about.” He said that the person apparently thought he’d find money in trash cans and other “inappropriate places.”

Someone with a brain, he indicated, would know that banks use safes and vaults, and do not leave cash lying around. “We need to stop this thing,” he noted, referring to a spate of recent vandalism in the city affecting other businesses.

The June 1 Wild River break-in damage estimate was not available in time for this issue. It is believed that a suspect got in through a window around 2:30 to 3 a.m. and went through the business office. Personal items and some cash were reported missing.

Besides the window damage, both front doors were buckled, although they did not give in.

A break-in also was reported at the state liquor store on Friday, May 27, but details were not immediately available.

There also was a report that a blond-haired man on some sort of scooter or minibike grabbed cash from the register at Dragon Gate Restaurant in CJ. It was reported shortly after 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 31.



AERIAL FLIGHTS OF FANCY were performed by youthful aficionados during Picnic in the Park on Saturday, June 3 sponsored by The Shining Stars as a benefit for the skate facility in Jubilee Park and other projects to benefit valley youth. Additional photos on page 13. (Photo by ‘Illinois Valley News’)

Barlow Sand & Gravel excavation plan met with contention, fraud allegations

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“I realize you guys have been pretty much kept in the dark.”

So admitted Bryan Ross, somewhat nervously, to a gathering of 35 or so persons at Illinois Valley Grange Hall on Holland Loop Thursday evening, June 1.

Ross, director of operations for Barlow Sand & Gravel LLC, issued the invitation to residents whose properties are proximal to Illinois River Ranch (given the address 2612 Holland Loop on permit applications). The 90-minute meeting was in response to concerns and official complaints filed by neighbors regarding Barlow Sand & Gravel’s proposal to mine the property for aggregate this year.

Other interested persons were able to attend, as they had been alerted to the “neighborhood meeting” by a story in the *Illinois Valley News* and “a flurry of emails,” one person said.

Also present for Barlow was Bill Peterson, who has an administrative office in

Murphy, and an email address that includes @copelandpaving.com.

Peterson, former Grants Pass city manager, as Barlow’s finance and administration representative, ran a tightly scheduled meeting. It included an overview of the



Bryan Ross,
Barlow Sand & Gravel
director of operations

company’s plan for the property, and introduction of a mitigation agreement.

Following introductions all around, Ross gave a brief recounting of the pur-

chase of Barlow Rock in April 2005 by a group of investors. At that time, Ross stated, the company was struggling and ready “to shut down.”

That group, among them Bob Copeland, of Copeland Paving, plus Chad Hansen and others, made investments which now have Barlow Sand & Gravel poised to benefit from Illinois Valley’s current construction spurt.

The demand for aggregate, coincident with rising fuel costs, Ross said, make finding additional sources of material near-at-hand a priority.

However, Ross acknowledged that given “all the violations at Barlow Bar,” the new owners “have not been very respectful about the way they’ve done business” under the Barlow name.

Ross spoke of finding a middle ground, where an agreement could be reached between the neighbors and Barlow, limiting the number of loads per day perhaps, or speed of truck travel.

He also mentioned an

Community barbecue, family events set in O’Brien for IVSHA, Su’s first anniversary

Pony rides, a barbecue and plenty of other attractions will be parts of a community event to benefit Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance (IVSHA) in O’Brien on Saturday, June 10.

Billed as “A Good Olde-Fashioned Community Barbecue” and family fun day, the festivities will be held on the grounds of O’Brien Store & Deli from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Besides serving as a fund-raiser for IVSHA, the event will mark the first-anniversary celebration as store owners by Jimmy & Salena Su. They are providing substantial support for the benefit.

There will be barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, with chips and beverages – all proceeds will benefit IVSHA. Bingo games will

run from 1 to 4 p.m.

There will be free admission to the grounds, but game tickets will cost 25-cents.

All goods and services, plus the work to put on the event, are being provided by volunteers.

DJ music will be provided from 11 a.m. to 1

p.m. by Buster Vander Woude, and there will be puppets and juggling, plus face-painting.

Other attractions: drawings and raffles, a horseshoe tournament with cash prizes, a fishing booth, a dime toss booth, throwing darts at balloons, and Ping-Pong ball toss booth.

Mike’s Gulch sale pending

Bids for what has become the controversial Mike’s Gulch Timber Sale in a roadless area that was part of the 2002 Biscuit Fire will be opened Friday, June 9 by the U.S. Forest Service.

Bids will be revealed at 10 a.m. at the office of the Siskiyou National Forest supervisor in Grants Pass.

The sale must be logged by helicopter. Involved are 251 acres containing an estimated 9.35 million board feet of timber. Should the sale proceed, it will mark the first time for logging allowed by the forest service in a roadless area.

Council to meet

A public hearing on the city of Cave Junction’s approved budget for fiscal 2006-07 is among agenda items for a city council meeting Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. in city hall.

The council will consider adoption of the budget following the hearing.

Other items include a law enforcement report from the Josephine County Sheriff’s Office, three annexation matters, and a request from Illinois Valley Lions Club for use of Jubilee Park for the annual Labor Day Festival.

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

*Fri., May 26: 53-43,.52
*Sat., May 27: 57-40
*Sun., May 28: 70-46
*Mon., May 29: 76-45
*Tue., May 30: 82-41
*Wed., May 31: 72-47,.11
*Thurs., June 1: 73-56,.12

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

*Fri., May 26: 52-44,.27
*Sat., May 27: 56-40,.02
*Sun., May 28: 64-45
*Mon., May 29: 72-38
*Tue., May 30: 79-38
*Wed., May 31: 72-44,.14
*Thurs., June 1: 71-56,.16

Weather Watch

Illinois Valley

Wednesday, June 7
Partly Sunny
High--81 Low--47

Thursday, June 8
Mostly Sunny
High--80 Low--45

Friday, June 9
Partly Cloudy
High--85 Low--51

Saturday, June 10
Partly Cloudy
High--85 Low--48

Sunday, June 11
Sunny & Warm
High--86 Low--50

Monday, June 12
Mostly Sunny
High--80 Low--43

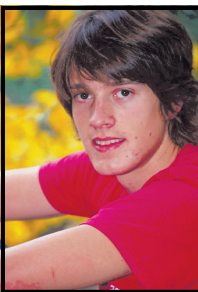
Tuesday, June 13
Sunny & Windy
High--76 Low--40



A Josephine County Sheriff’s Office deputy responded to Evergreen Federal Bank in Cave Junction after employees discovered that the glass in the front door had been shattered. The deputy entered with his gun drawn, but the suspect was gone. (I.V. News’ photo)



Garrett Crowl
Valedictorian



Jessea Mucha
Valedictorian



Nikko Fujita
Salutatorian



Joy Messerli
Salutatorian



Max Hoffman
Salutatorian

ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL’S Class of 2006 will undergo commencement exercises Wednesday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the new football field. Among principal speakers will be two valedictorians and three salutatorians (above). Congratulatory messages are on page 11, and the remainder of the graduating class is on page 12.