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A GRASS-ROOTS MURAL PROJECT depicting scenes from Oregon Caves National Monument on the side of a Downtown Cave Junction building is in the works.

The white spaces in the illustration represent windows and awnings. The story is on page 14. (Illustration by Wanda Goines)

Selma solar open house set June 24

A gala grand opening and tour of the Solar Demonstration Pole Building, where the Selma Farmers Market is held beginning at 9 a.m. Sundays, will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 24, said the the Selma Community & Education Center Board of Directors.

The grand opening will include a celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony, tours and refreshments, and will be held on-site at 18255 Redwood Hwy. in Selma.

The pole building was completed and the solar array was installed earlier this month.

Enormous in-kind donations contributed to the two-year project, plus community donations totaling \$7,395; as well as grants from Energy Trust of Oregon (\$35,000), Josephine County Board of Commissioners (\$10,000), Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (\$700), and the Meyer Memorial Trust (\$8,212).

Thousands of volunteer hours from the center's members and interested community-minded people "have produced an exceedingly beautiful building and project that will help the center pay its electricity bill, while offering an educational opportunity in alternative energy to the growing Illinois Valley community," the board said.

Tours of the newly licensed commercial kitchen also will be available. Thanks to a \$1,000 grant from the Ashland Food Cooperative, the center now has a fully equipped commercial food processing kitchen.

Those interested in producing food items for sale (either at the Farmers Market or other retail outlets) may rent the kitchen by the hour. Information about Oregon Dept. of Agriculture regulations for food processing and labeling will be provided to processors.

More information about the grand opening and the center's events and opportunities can be obtained by phoning 415-1000.



Automotive fun adventure Friday, Saturday

A 1960 customized T-Bird owned by Chuck Mathis, of Roseburg, was chosen 'Best of Show' last year during the Cave Junction Lions Club car show, and the club has a full schedule of public events set for Friday and Saturday, June 23-24 during the eighth annual Antique & Classic Car Show. On Friday, based at the Sterling Savings Bank parking lot in Downtown CJ, there'll be a cruise available from 7 to 9 p.m., and a barbecue and dance from 7 to 10 with music by 'Southern Oregon Blues Band'. The car show, with plenty of show-and-shine, will be held in Jubilee Park Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast will be served from 7-11 a.m.; lunch from 11 a.m. until ? ('I.V. News' file photo)

Alternative medicine for I.V. explored

Illinois Valley Medical Center (IVMC) Inc. is one of 31 Oregon communities recently awarded a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) to support small business development and economic growth in rural communities.

IVMC has provided access to health-care services for Illinois Valley since 1946. IVMC's medical building on Caves Hwy., currently occupied by Siskiyou Health Center (SCHC), will be vacated when Siskiyou moves into its new facility in the fall.

IVMC is using a rural Business Enterprise Grant

to provide the technical assistance necessary to evaluate the feasibility of developing an alternative and complementary health-care facility in Cave Junction.

Alternatives to Western medicine include health-care services provided by chiropractors, acupuncturists, naturopaths, homeopaths, herbalists, nutritional counselors, and massage therapists -- to name a few.

In a 1997 study of health services and facilities in Illinois Valley, commissioned by Illinois Valley Community Response Team, forerunner to I.V. Community Development

Organization, the second-highest ranked need for which there was considerable community consensus was alternatives to Western Medicine, said IVMC.

Alternative medicine use and expenditures have increased substantially in the United States. In fact, the number of annual visits to alternative practitioners is nearly double the number of visits to all primary-care physicians, IVMC said.

For more information regarding the proposal contact Meadow Martell at meadowm@frontiernet, or 592-2693.

Anti-graffiti team part of CJ security unit

Taking back the Cave Junction streets and park means that citizens must play a more active role, not to enforce the law, but to be eyes and ears for deputies.

"We are your backup," said Cpl. Sean Rarey, of Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO). "We will get to you in an emergency as fast as we can, but citizens must learn to

protect themselves," he said.

Also, helping identify suspects with specific descriptions, sometimes with photos, will be a big help. Citizens also can be involved by using a Neighborhood Watch-type attitude, and using burglar alarms, sturdy locks and exterior lighting.

"We need to let the criminal element know that

we will not tolerate their actions in our town," said Rarey. "They need to know that they're not welcome."

Rarey, officer-in-charge of JCSO's Illinois Valley Substation in Cave Junction, commented Monday night, June 19 in Cave Junction City Hall during the inaugural

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IVFD damage totals \$29,000

A number of money matters registered with Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) directors during their meeting Thursday night, June 15 at administrative headquarters.

Chief Harry Rich told the board, with Directors Dusty Bouchard and Sam Michel absent, that it appears costs will reach at least \$29,000 in connection with an accident at HQ.

He referred to May 26 when a full-size pickup truck, driven by a Nevada man, crashed into the new building. The vehicle ended up inside the conference room after the

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Smokejumpers reunion ignites many memories

By ROGER BRANDT
For IVN

What do you do when your parachute is tangled in the top of a 200-foot-tall tree; you only have 120 feet of rope in the pocket of your

and a forest fire is coming up the mountain toward you?

The answer to that experience, plus the relating of many other stories, were among recollections that visitors heard from former smokejumpers attending a reunion at the historic Siskiyou Smokejumper Base, now Illinois Valley Airport.

More than 150 smokejumpers attended the reunion with many coming from as far away as Texas, Wyoming, Florida, and Ohio. The oldest had worked at the base in 1946, and the youngest was at

the base when the U.S. Forest Service closed it in 1981.

Most of the individuals at the reunion had worked at the Siskiyou Smokejumper Base when they were go-

ing to college and then moved on to successful careers in a surprisingly diverse range of occupations. Many were doc-

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Hare today, gone tomorrow

Evie retiring at I.V. High

For Evie Hare, office manager at Illinois Valley High School, clocks and calendars will have different appearances after Friday, June 23.

That's because the date will mark her retirement after devoting 19 years to IVHS and Three Rivers School District.

"Clocks and calendars will not be such a strong force in my life," she said. "This is kind of a stressful job, and I won't be using weekends to get ready for the next work week."

Hare, who was honored during a recent school assembly, came to IVHS in 1987 as a substitute worker. She worked in the cafeteria and library nearly two years before being hired full time.

She subsequently served in the positions of youth advocate, office receptionist, and athletic secretary, becoming office manager in 1993. Her desk will be taken over by Janie Pope; and Pope's job as athletic secretary will be filled by Erika Lundberg, who'll move from Evergreen Elementary School.

Hare's first name is really Yvonne, but growing up, her younger sister called her Evie, and the name stuck. She was born at Camp Pendleton, a U.S. Marine Corps facility adjacent to Oceanside, Calif., but she grew up in Orange County, and still recalls how beautiful it used to be with many orange groves.

Regarding retirement, the longtime employee said, "I'll miss the kids and staff," who recognize her as "a great office manager: caring, concerned, fun and organized."

She's also known as a person who tries to have time for everyone, who loves the

Lord and her family, and who still loves lots of "things" from the '60s.

Staff and students laud her for a "wonderful personality and high expectations of people that will be her legacy. By her own example," they note, "she creates an expectation of personal excellence."

She and her son, David Bayless, who was an IVHS valedictorian now living in Seattle, moved to Illinois Valley in 1974. During their first day here, she met Denny Hare, whom she married in 1977, and two more children joined the family.

Also IVHS grads are her children, Simon, who lives in Virginia; and Maria Rose, who will make Hare a grandmother in January. Rose, who lives in Bend, is a graphic artist who made the retirement countdown calendar for her mom.

Evie plans to spend a lot more time with Denny, either gardening or just being at home on their 80 acres out Caves Hwy. She also enjoys reading suspense and mystery stories, especially inside "Lucy," their motorhome, and especially if they're at the Oregon coast.

The soon-to-be retiree would like to travel more than she and her husband have been able during her time at IVHS.

Staff and students will miss her, stating that "probably her greatest attribute is her caring spirit. She genuinely loves young people and willingly shares in their joys and pains."

As for Evie, she notes, "It's been a true pleasure and an honor to work for Three Rivers School District. I couldn't have had a better job."



A NEW MEDICAL FACILITY being built at the north end of the city of Cave Junction as the new home for Siskiyou Community Health Center is to open this coming fall. Part of the building will offer services including X-rays by Three Rivers Community Hospital. A benefit for construction costs, Savor the Valley, will be held Saturday, June 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Bridgeview Vineyards Winery on Holland Loop in rural CJ. The ad is on page 16. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News')



Evie Hare has been tearing off countdown pages in preparation for retirement June 23. (Photo by 'I.V. News')