



GREAT CATS WORLD PARK at the south end of Cave Junction hosted a mixer for Illinois Valley and Grants Pass Chambers of Commerce Friday evening, Sept. 8. Nearly 100 persons attended. Refreshments were provided courtesy of Craig Wagner, park operator, who also arranged for food and beverage by Taylor's Country Store. The mixer (photos at top and left) featured a park tour with interpretive commentary by park employees including Rachel McKee. Additionally, Wagner went into the enclosure with Tabu, a 6-year-old black leopard, and demonstrated certain training techniques. Unfortunately, photos of Tabu and Wagner were unusable because of darkness and enclosure fencing.

On Sunday, Sept. 10 (photo below), Wagner hosted a group of zookeepers in training from Adventure World in Japan. The visitors were given a tour of the park, including a session with Twister, a year-old carcal; and Wagner and his staff presented considerable, detailed information about working with wild animals. The group returned Wednesday, Sept. 13 for additional training. Wagner said there is a possibility that next year he and some of his menagerie will visit Adventure World in a sort of exchange program. (Photos by 'I.V. News')



Council

Despite an unusually large crowd for a routine, brief agenda, the Cave Junction City Council meeting Monday night, Sept. 11 lasted only 18 minutes.

The meeting in city hall began with a moment of silence, called by Mayor Tony Paulson, for all victims of the terrorist attack on New York City and the Pentagon five years ago.

Eighteen persons attended the meeting. The shortest on record in his 14 years with the city is 12 minutes, said City Recorder Jim Polk after the session.

During the public comment portion, which lasted some eight minutes, the council heard from Sean Norvell, 18, a member of Boy Scout Troop 880. Norvell said that the intersection of Hwy. 199 and River Street is dangerous and that traffic signals should be installed.

Polk said that signals there are the city's "number-one priority for improvement with Oregon Dept. of Transportation." But he said that criteria, including traffic flow and accidents, must be met before signals can be OK'd and that so far the 199/River intersection hasn't met them.

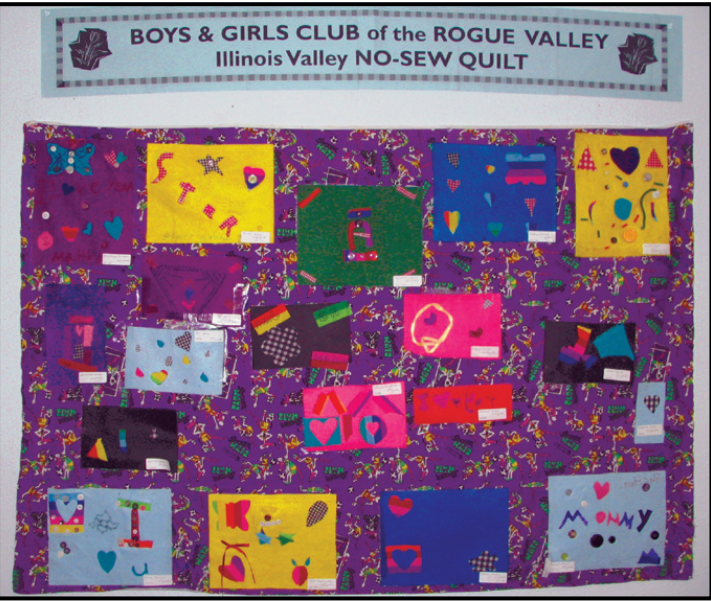
Polk further noted a possibility that if that intersection met criteria for signals, it could happen that signals could be relocated from 199 and Watkins Street. He added that development in the city might cause the criteria to be met for 199 and River, but that it remains to be seen.

In another matter, the council approved 5-0 a request from Angel Navarro to use the Jubilee Park stage to film a music video featuring his daughter, Nicole, 19. Shooting was to occur Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Nicole, a graduate of Illinois Valley High School, has become a recognized vocalist. The video will be sent to Reno, Nev. to promote her coming appearances there, her father said.

The council was advised by Polk that a painter, awarded the contract to repaint city hall some time ago, has announced that he cannot do the job. Audience member Sally Palmer suggested that Carl Jacobson Jr., who was a bidder for the job, be awarded the contract. The council took no action.

The council OK'd 5-0 to set a public hearing for Sept. 25 regarding property annexation sought by Gregorio Martinez, of CJ. His nearly 5 acres off Old Stage Road, a short distance north of Oak Drive, would be annexed as single-family residential.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB members from the Illinois Valley section displayed their 'No Sew' quilts during Second Friday Art Walk Sept. 8 at Pizza Pit. Music was provided by Cole Brashear. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg)

Stand Down set Sept. 15 to 17

Numerous sources of help will be available to military veterans Friday through Sunday, Sept. 15-17, during the fifth annual Stand Down program at the V.A. Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics in White City.

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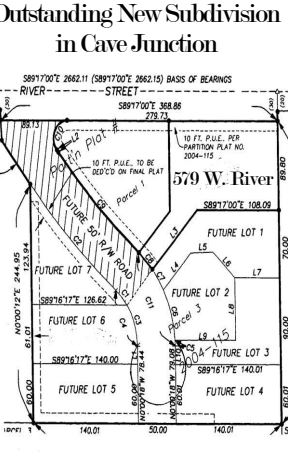
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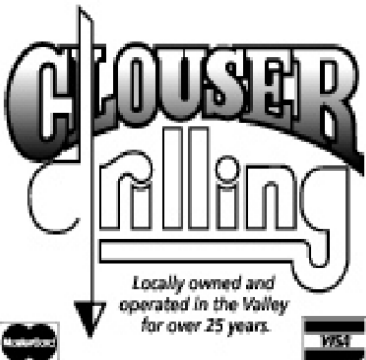


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I.V. football here Friday

Illinois Valley High School Cougars will play their first home game at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 vs. the Coquille Red Devils.

The Cougars achieved a 7-3 overall record during last season. Their Skyline Conference mark was 3-3, only one spot away from making the playoffs.

Coach Bob Thornhill is confident that his charges have the ability and determination to go far this season.

Many of last year's starters are returning, and there are several newcomers said to be of equal talent. The Cougars on Sept. 1 in their preseason nonleague game defeated South Umpqua 44-14.

CJ fines noted

Traffic fines totaling \$4,653 have been collected by the city of Cave Junction from July 1 through August.

Impound fees collected during the same time amount to \$2,100. During August, there were 24 CJ Municipal Court defendants with 40 offenses.

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