

April I.V. High ‘Student of the Month,’ Sheena Cole signs letter of intent to play at Western Oregon U.

Sheena Cole, a senior student at Illinois Valley High School, is April Josephine County Board of Commissioners Student of the Month.

Cole is the daughter of Cynthia Schicht. She has maintained a 3.5 grade-point average.

A member of Mathletes, Cougar Pals, and the track and basketball teams, she has been captain of the varsity basketball team for two years. She also has played basketball for the Southern Oregon All-Stars and the Willamette Valley Basketball Academy.

During her basketball career Cole has been chosen for Skyline Conference first-team honors during her sophomore, junior and senior years. She was cited as Best Offensive Player during her sophomore and junior years, plus Skyline Conference Player of the Year and Most Valuable Team Player.

Cole has received the Skyline Conference Scholar Athlete award and was a nominee for the Wendy’s High School Heisman Award. Last year at the district track meet, she placed



Illinois Valley High School (IVHS) basketball standout Sheena Cole, (above, left) shown in action during last season, signs a letter of intent (right) to play for Western Oregon University (WOU) on a scholarship. According to IVHS athletic director Damian Crowson (above), she will receive \$1,700 per term as long she remains in good academic standing. The signing ceremony was held Friday, April 27 at IVHS. She was accompanied by her mother, Cynthia Schicht and cheered on by her Cougar teammates. (Photos by Dale Sandberg and Michelle Binker for ‘Illinois Valley News’)

second in the long jump and third in the triple jump. At the state track meet, Sheena was



eighth in the long jump. After graduation, Sheena will attend Western Oregon

University at Monmouth on a basketball scholarship. She might study film-making.

	Without Levy	With Levy
General Fund:	Level 1	Level 2
County Departments	\$4,126,345	\$4,531,358
To public safety	\$4,983,000	\$252,000
Library	\$0	\$462,500
Health and Human Services	\$0	\$510,201
Service & Reserve Funds	\$603,460	\$618,938
Contingency	\$3,371,195	\$6,770,603
Total	\$13,084,000	\$13,145,600

The Public Safety Fund is a part of the General Fund as seen above. Without the levy funds, the county would need to provide nearly \$5 million to the fund to provide basic services. With passage of the levy, the general fund dollars can be used for other services.

Public Safety Fund:	Level 1	Level 2
Beginning balance	\$399,884	\$401,037
Public Safety Levy		\$12,700,000
Revenues Generated by Department	\$2,548,411	\$3,256,211
From County Fund	\$4,983,000	\$252,000
Other Departmental Transfers	\$380,752	\$380,752
Total Resources (Incoming)	\$8,312,047	\$16,990,000
Sheriff's Office:	\$5,533,010	\$10,750,809
DA's Office:	\$1,006,303	\$1,963,658
Community Justice:	\$703,854	\$2,355,633
Court Security:	\$233,000	\$302,000
Internal Service Fund:	\$719,234	\$1,310,728
Adult Corrections Fund:	\$26,000	\$26,000
Contingency:	\$90,646	\$281,172
Total Expenditures	\$8,312,047	\$16,990,000

County takes stance for ‘worst-case’ scenario

(Continued from page 1) residential burglary cases, but would be unable to prosecute an estimated 4,676 cases.

Budget Committee member Charlie Didato said he is concerned because few members of the public attended the meeting. He also emphasized the importance of having the county become self-sufficient

and not relying on the federal government for funding.

“This is not the time to go to Big Brother with our hand out like we always have,” Didato said.

Committee member Brian Bayley said that the county could ultimately be held liable for not providing basic services.

The Budget Committee has scheduled meetings for Thursdays, May 3 and 10 from 4 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, May 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Anne Basker Auditorium.

On May 3, the committee will discuss the budgets for the county’s library, public works and public health departments.

Booster club formation pursued for Cougars

Illinois Valley High School (IVHS) Vice Principal Damian Crowson would like to see his school resurrect a booster club.

“We’re missing out on massive quantities of dollars,” Crowson said.

He cites last year’s Duck Derby, sponsored by Grants Pass-area Rotary clubs, as an example. North Valley High School received \$33,000 in matching funds from that event, and IVHS \$1,500.

But with a booster club, IVHS would no longer be

excluded from that and other funding sources.

Among other improvements, IVHS needs a new sound system for its gym, new dugouts for its baseball and softball fields, and an all-weather track, according to Crowson.

“Those projects will never get done if we don’t have a booster club,” Crowson said.

To illustrate the difference such a club can make, Crowson said that the North Valley club is actively work-

ing to raise money for a new stadium.

A booster club recruitment meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 3 at 6 p.m. at the IVHS cafeteria. Parents and other members of the public are encouraged to attend.

“If we can get a core group together, we have stuff for them to do,” Crowson said. “We need you.”

A previous booster group disbanded due to lack of participation.

-Scott Jorgensen

Leverett-Jorgensen announce engagement to wed

William Scott Jorgensen, of Grants Pass, and Annaka LaPriel Leverett, of O’Brien, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The prospective bride is the daughter of George and Anwyn Leverett, of O’Brien. She attended Douglas High School in Minden, Nev.;

graduated from Cambridge College in Portland, and works for O’Brien-based AltarWind Music.

The bridegroom-to-be is the son of James Bryan Jorgensen, of Grants Pass, and Mariaelena Jorgensen, of San Clemente, Calif.

He attended Grants Pass

High School and Rogue Community College. He earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Southern Oregon University at Ashland, and is a reporter for “Illinois Valley News.”

The couple plans to marry in summer 2008 at the Leverett residence in O’Brien.

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