



U.S. Army Major Paul Hyland, and his parents, Pastor and Mrs. Verne Hyland

Major Paul Hyland selected to head Katterbach Clinic

U.S. Army Major Stephen Paul Hyland, son of Pastor Verne and Patty Hyland, of the Cave Junction Seventh-Day Adventist Church, recently was awarded the military baton from the general in charge of European operations.

The colorful ceremony consisted of officers from the 13 posts in Germany, a military brass band, and a parade at the Katterbach Post near Ansbach, Germany.

Hyland, a physician, is the new Supreme Commander of the Katterbach Clinic, one of the largest military-medical installations in Germany.

Following his graduation from Walla Walla Adventist College in Washington state, he joined the U. S. Army.

The Army paid all his expenses at Loma Linda Adventist University School of Medicine. Hyland did his internship at Fort Bragg, N.C., and his residency at Fort Benning, Ga.

After completing his residency, he was sent to Germany as a battalion surgeon. Later he was deployed to Iraq for 15 months, and spent three months in Turkey.

Hyland's dream will come true this August as he spends a few days rafting with his dad on the Illinois and Rogue rivers, "which are his favorite spots on God's lovely, green Earth," his parents noted.

IVHS seniors gain scholarships valued at \$230K

Scholarships valued at more than \$230,000 -- many of them renewable -- have been awarded members of the Illinois Valley High School Class of 2007.

The awards were given at IVHS during a ceremony Tuesday, May 22. It was noted that all the scholarships are from organizations in and around Josephine County, including Illinois Valley.

Recipients, some of whom received multiple gifts, and their award sponsors:

*Kelsey Arnett: Kerby Masonic Belt Lodge No. 18.

*Graham Baker: Grants Pass Elks Lodge; Illinois Valley Senior Center.

*Ian Barker-Cortrecht: Rick and Sarah Brood Memorial, RCC Foundation Ann & Wirt Cogswell, Grants Pass Elks Lodge, I.V. Senior Center, Illinois Valley High School Fishwatch.

*Lydia Beeman: American Legion Auxiliary, RCC Foundation Ann and Wirt Cogswell, Oregon State Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) Gear Up, I.V. Ministerial Association, IVHS Fishwatch.

*Robert Bell: Siskiyou Regional Education Project, RCC Foundation Ken Anderson Scholarship, Grants Pass Rotary Club, Laureate Beta Beta, College Dreams.

*Benjamin Bennett: Grants Pass Foundation Ambassador Club, Olaf & Daisy Nassen Memorial.

*Sheena Cole: Clouser Well Drilling.

*Dusty Culver: RCC Foundation Ann and Wirt Cogswell, Grants Pass High School Knights of Columbus, Illinois Valley Lions Club.

*Anthony Derda: Olaf and Daisy Nassen.

*Gerhardt, Sean: College Dreams.

*Ben Green, Ben: RCC

Cops nab man

A Medford resident fled from his car and swam across Rogue River after failing to stop for a Grants Pass Police car with its lights and siren activated.

The incident occurred Tuesday afternoon, May 22. The suspect was identified as Judd A. Sansaver, 33.

Charges of reckless driving, and felony and misdemeanor attempts to elude a police officer will be referred to the D.A. He was wanted under a Jackson County Supervisory Authority warrant, and an Ashland Police warrant charging failure to appear on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.



ILLINOIS VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER League teams wrapped up the spring season Saturday, May 19, on the athletic field at Evergreen Elementary School. Teams were sponsored by many valley businesses, including 'Illinois Valley News.' Team combo photos

are available at CJ One-Hour Photo in the Redwood Service Center. Each player can obtain a free copy of the team photo, and other packages are available for purchase. (Photo by Coach Michelle Binker /'Illinois Valley News')

Unemployment rate in county decreases to 7%

Josephine County payroll employment rose by 210 during April, boosted by hiring in the categories of manufacturing, health care and social assistance, and leisure and hospitality.

Oregon Employment Dept. (OED) added that during the past year, employment in the county fell by 70 as construction, manufacturing and local government all experienced employment losses.

The unemployment rate

in the county dropped from the March rate of 8.0 percent to 7.0 percent during April, although it was 6.6 percent during April 2006.

During the most-recent April, leisure and hospitality led the way with job gains totaling 170. A number of new food service establishments opening in recent months helped boost the over-the-year job growth to 270 new jobs in leisure and hospitality, said OED.

Job gains in April for most other industry sectors were minor. Manufacturing employment rose by 30. During the year, manufacturing employment is down by 230 jobs with 100 of the decline in lumber and wood products.

Health care and social assistance employment inched up by 20 jobs, bringing the gains since April 2006 to 190, OED said. Retail trade employment fell by 50 during the month, leaving employment totals little changed from a year ago.

Added OED, "Consumer spending number have recently been sagging in the United States.

The Rogue Valley is not immune to the larger forces affecting consumer spending habits, such as negative wealth effect from soft home prices as well as spending more for gasoline. If consumers go on an extended spending holiday, that may influence retail trade employment

in the future.

"Building permit data totals for the county are significantly below the 2006 levels. Employment in construction fell by 60 jobs from the April 2006 level. Employment is likely to remain soft as the local housing market continues to be tepid."

The agency noted that government employment was little changed during April. But during the past year, it said, government employment fell by 230 jobs, with losses in local government accounting for most of the decline.

"Look for further losses in published local government job counts, as layoff notices were recently handed Josephine County government workers due to the failure of the tax levy and no recent progress to renew the county payments legislation from Washington, D.C.," said OED (prior to the one-year extension being approved).



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