

TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICES Project on Saturday, June 2 provided four teen-age workers to help with landscaping work at Illinois Valley Visitor Center. Four of the program teens worked a total of nine hours pulling weeds, spreading bark chips and planting flowers. Bob Litak, of Illinois Valley Community Development Organization, helped organize the event. It was the second session the young workers spent at the visitor center this year to prepare the area for the summer tourist season. The Teen Community Services Work Project is sponsored by Illinois Valley Family Coalition and funded by Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation, Juan Young Trust, The Carpenter Foundation and The Collins Foundation. The program provided full-time students between 15 and 19 with paid employment for working with senior citizens, disabled persons and other I.V. residents. For each three hours of paid employment, the teens contribute one hour of community service. (Photos provided by Illinois Valley Family Coalition through the courtesy of Carol Ronan, executive director)



CJ Budget Committee OKs \$3.15 million for '07-08

Building boom results in dramatic increase for interest income, notes City Recorder Jim Polk

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City of Cave Junction Budget Committee members passed a \$2.8 million supplemental budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year, and voted to approve its \$3.15 million '07-'08 budget during a Wednesday, May 30 meeting.

The supplemental budget was necessary because changes to the originally adopted figures exceeded 10 percent.

"We had to do adjustments," City Recorder Jim Polk said during an interview Monday, June 4.

According to city documents, the original '06-'07 budget had set aside approximately \$594,900 for payroll

expenses. But the city left a utility clerk position unfilled for six months, and former public works supervisor Gary Biggs worked only part time for some of the year. As such, payroll expenses ended up at \$504,810.

The city had also renegotiated its franchise fee agreement with Pacific Power, raising the revenues received from that source from \$48,000 to \$90,000. Also, a telephone franchise agreement with Citizens Communications netted approximately \$67,100 for the city, instead of the \$8,000 originally anticipated.

Polk said that income from interest "went up dramatically" due to an increase

in System Development Charges (SDC) from the city's building boom.

Some expenses also have been altered from the city's original '06-'07 budget.

Legal expenses were set at \$2,000, but the city spent approximately \$69,000 for those services due to the settlement of a termination lawsuit brought by former city employee Diane Schwartz.

The city is still expecting \$8,000 from the Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) after canceling a service contract in March. That figure was for deputy patrols from last October through December, but staffing shortages forced JCSO to eliminate the patrol.

Additionally, the city saved \$24,000 by not paying JCSO for the remaining months of that contract, Polk reported.

The extra funds saved by the city through the contract cancellation will be set aside for water and sewer system upgrades and kept in the general fund to offset the additional legal fees it incurred last year.

"Not doing the law enforcement contract leaves \$100,000 expendable money in the General Fund," Polk said. "The money we saved is being used to offset operating deficits."

The '07-'08 fiscal year budget was approved as proposed. The \$3.1 million figure includes approximately \$183,000 in debt service, \$100,000 in contingency funds, \$1,026,350 in reserves for future water and sewer facility expansions stemming from SDCs, and \$525,000 for personnel.

The budget is slated to go before the city council to consider its adoption during its June 25 meeting.



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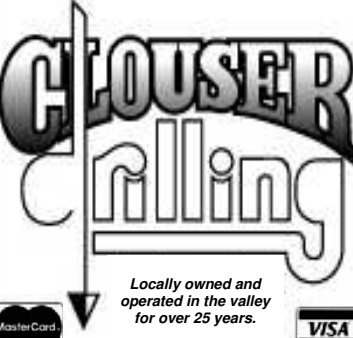
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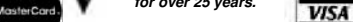


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They're germs, and they're lurking in more places than most people think, just waiting to be touched so they can hitch a ride on people's hands.

"Most people think they have a good idea of where germs are, but I think they would be surprised to learn of the places or things where they can pick up germs that may make them sick," said Dr. Charles Gerba, environ-

mental microbiology professor at the University of Arizona at Tucson.

According to Gerba, many people know there are germs in bathrooms, but may not realize that the computer keyboard at work or the sponge in the kitchen can be even filthier than a toilet seat. From the workplace, the home and school to cars, trains and planes, germs are everywhere.

Even during activities such as exercising, playing, shopping, going to the movies, attending sports events and commuting, people are coming in contact with germs.

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