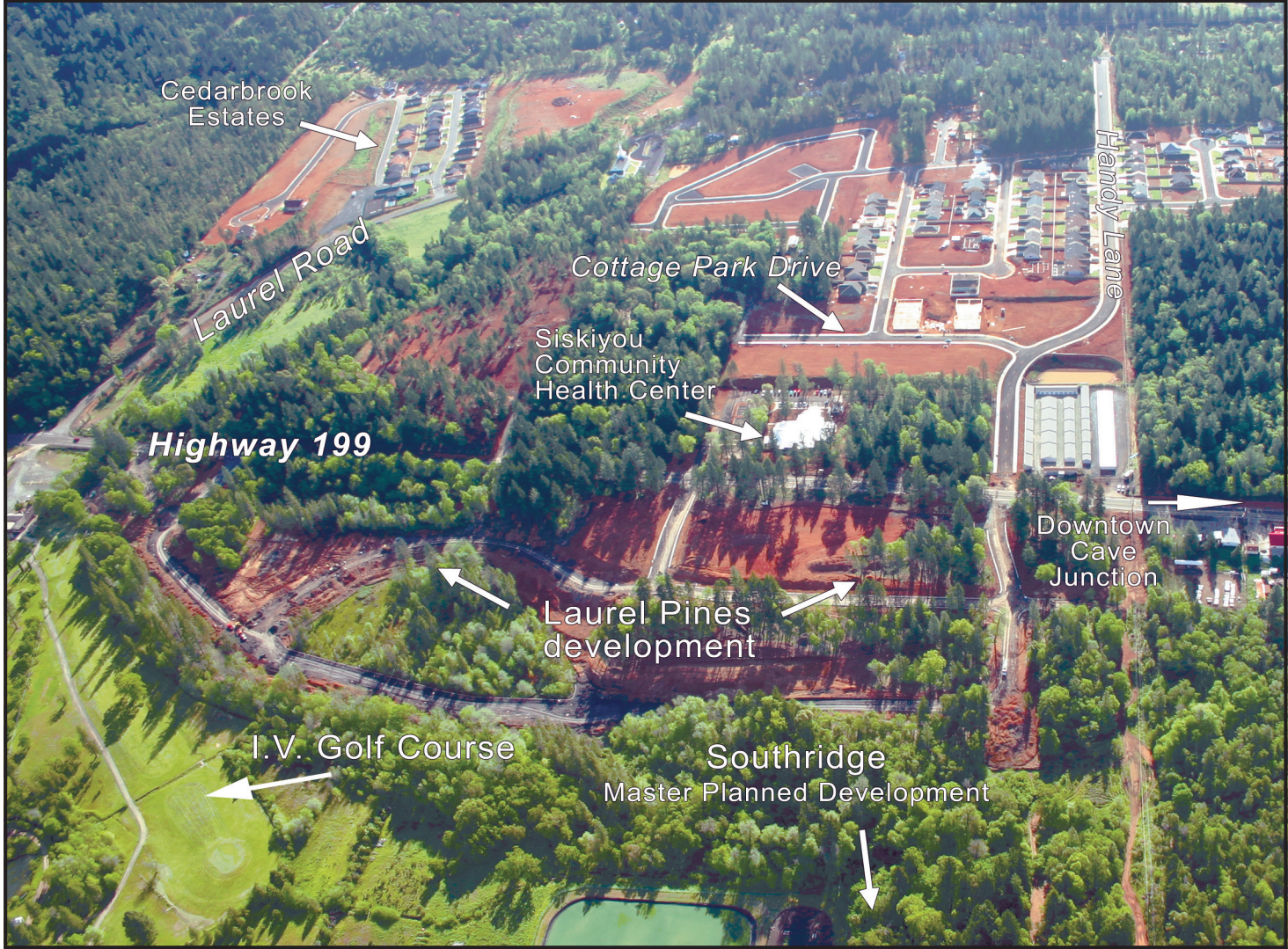




Aerial view showing area of Cave Junction development provided courtesy of Leroy Clouser.

Big-time development seen as city of CJ boon

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Osborn said.

The golf holes, one par four and another par three, are being designed, and a cart path is set and paved with gravel.

Osborn said that the golf course is an “effective way to take care of open space,” and will add to the project’s overall appeal.

“It’s a very blue-collar course,” he said. “Everybody will be able to play this. It’s reasonable to assume that the people who will buy homes here will play golf. They’ll have a venue that they’ll be happy to play.”

Several of the Southridge homes will be on what Osborn calls “daylight basement” lots. The houses will

be at street level, with the bottom story sitting lower.

Also dovetailing the golf course are Osborn’s Rivergate and Stoneridge developments. City Recorder Jim Polk said the city has yet to see plans for those developments, as most of the land is not in the city’s jurisdiction.

Osborn expects the lots to reach the market in the fall, and said that the community will benefit from the infusion of new residents.

“A neighborhood with good citizens who want to live in the community will be a valuable resource for the city,” he said.

The brand-new Siskiyou Community Health Clinic also has become a sort of magnet for related

development. Cottage Park Drive, located directly behind the clinic, will feature 11 lots of employment and light-industrial related buildings.

Two Cottage Park Drive structures are already being built, Polk said.

Across from the clinic, The Laurel Pines development, featuring 77 residential units and five commercial plots, is being built by Grants Pass-based attorney Dan Hughes. The work is being done as a partnership between Hughes’ I.V. Development and John Chmelir’s Willow Development.

The success of these developments remains to be seen, and public opinion is mixed on how they will af-

fect the quality of life for current Cave Junction residents.

But Jim Frick, a real estate broker with Century 21 Harris & Taylor working with Osborn, praised Osborn’s efforts to invest in the area.

“He’s the only developer to come to Cave Junction with a large-scale, big picture comprehensive plan who’s willing to risk millions of dollars to improve the existing community,” Frick said. “I’ve never seen anyone else try to do that.”

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Copeland Paving & Asphalt has the \$4.5 million contract with ODOT to widen Hwy. 199 from the Laurel Road area, north to Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. (Photo by I.V. News)

OHSU sees possibility for meth treatment

A recently discovered signaling system in the brain has just been shown to be turned on by methamphetamine, an Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) study found.

The signaling system could soon become a target for therapies aiming to reverse meth’s adverse health effects, as well as reduce the craving that drives its abuse.

Working in the recently opened Program in Chemical Biology in the OHSU School of Medicine’s Dept. of Physiology and Pharmacology, scientists demonstrated that the new target of meth, and its close relative amphetamine, is a G protein-coupled receptor known as trace amine-associated receptor 1, or TAAR1 for short.

“The Program in Chemical Biology at OHSU is one of the few in the United States that allows biologists and chemists to work side-by-side, using their combined

skills to identify drug targets and to design new drugs to treat diseases like drug addiction,” said Dr. David Dawson, an OHSU professor and chairman of physiology and pharmacology.

“Chemical space -- that is, the number of possible drug molecules that could exist -- is incredibly large,” he said. “Our aim is to mine that space in order to uncover novel therapies.”

TAAR1 originally was discovered in the laboratory of Dr. David K. Grandy, an OHSU professor of physiology and pharmacology. Grandy’s lab found that TAAR1 is activated by chemical relatives of meth known as phenylethylamines.

The messenger RNA that codes for TAAR1 is expressed throughout the brain, including areas involved in motivation and drug craving, olfaction -- the sense of smell -- and temperature regulation, to name a few.

“With this kind of pharmacological profile and brain distribution, we hypothesized TAAR1 could mediate some of meth’s metabolic and behavioral effects,” explained Grandy, who also directed the groundbreaking research.

“In our most recent article, we provide clear evidence that methamphetamine is a full and potent agonist of TAAR1,” said Grandy. “In other words, TAAR1 has the necessary features to be considered a real target of methamphetamine and amphetamine in rodents and probably humans, too.”

Grandy added that it’s his hope that “these findings will eventually lead to the development of new pharmaceuticals that reduce dependence on and craving for methamphetamine.”

The study was published in the April edition of the “Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.”

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