

Art Walk will include 'sole-full' display

Second Friday Art Walk Aug. 10 in Downtown Cave Junction will feature the popular "Walk a Mile in My Shoe" event and will continue through the Wild Blackberry Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11 and 12.

This month's Art Walk exhibits include an exciting

array of local art work in many media as well as opportunities to enjoy culinary arts and lively music.

Featured at the Upstairs Art Gallery above Bagel Junction will be a display of decorated shoes by local crafters in zany, funny, and creative ways. There also will be unusual quilts devel-

oped from the fabric arts made by Lorna Byrne Middle School (LBMS) students in the Africa Project.

Both sets of items are available for silent auction as fund-raisers for the Illinois River Valley Arts Council that sponsors Art Walk and Learning Through Arts projects at LBMS.

The incredible variety of art efforts in our valley will be demonstrated at 12 merchant locations. Included will be oil paintings, romantic watercolors, tile pictures, and a canine jewelry debut. Plus fantastic metal sculptures, "RUT" (recycled underthings), colorful nails and street art, neck coolers and hair jewelry, vintage clothing, and other mixed media.

Demonstrations and opportunities to meet the artists are included from 5 to 8 p.m.

Live music is available for free, easy listening at three locations. *Lokel Yokel*, a Bluegrass band, *Daniel Sheff & Friends* and contemporary tunes by *Forty Two Five* — all will be on hand for the enjoyment of Art Walk strollers.

Refreshments will be offered at several locations, and full meals will be served at Taylor's Country Store, and Bagel Junction.

Come join us for an evening of fun, art and friends new and old in Downtown Cave Junction. For related photos see page 13 and for more information contact Rebecca Pearson, Art Walk chairman, at 592-6168.

- Dorothea Kramer-Hover



CRASH NEAR O'BRIEN -- Cave Junction resident Gordon L. Piersall, 66, was reported injured in a single-vehicle roll-over crash on Hwy. 199 a short distance south of Arrowhead Drive Sunday night, Aug. 5, said Oregon State Police. His blood-alcohol level was listed at .29, and he was initially listed in fair condition at Three Rivers Community Hospital, where he was taken by American Medical Response. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg, Illinois Valley Fire District Media Dept.)

Pregnancy center relocation due at former clinic

Relocation of the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley to the former location of Siskiyou Community Health Center is planned.

"The boards have met and reached agreement, and the lease is signed," said Mary Lefner, pregnancy center director.

The move from the nearby, current location on S. Junction Avenue will nearly triple the space available. This will allow having a formal classroom/conference room, a larger

Mommy Market, additional counseling rooms, a computer training room, and clinical space, she said.

Details of adding medical services are to be discussed during a banquet in September. Meanwhile, the center is working with valley contractors for remodeling.

A target date for the relocation will be set after remodeling plans are approved by the new landlord, the I.V. Medical Center Board of Directors.

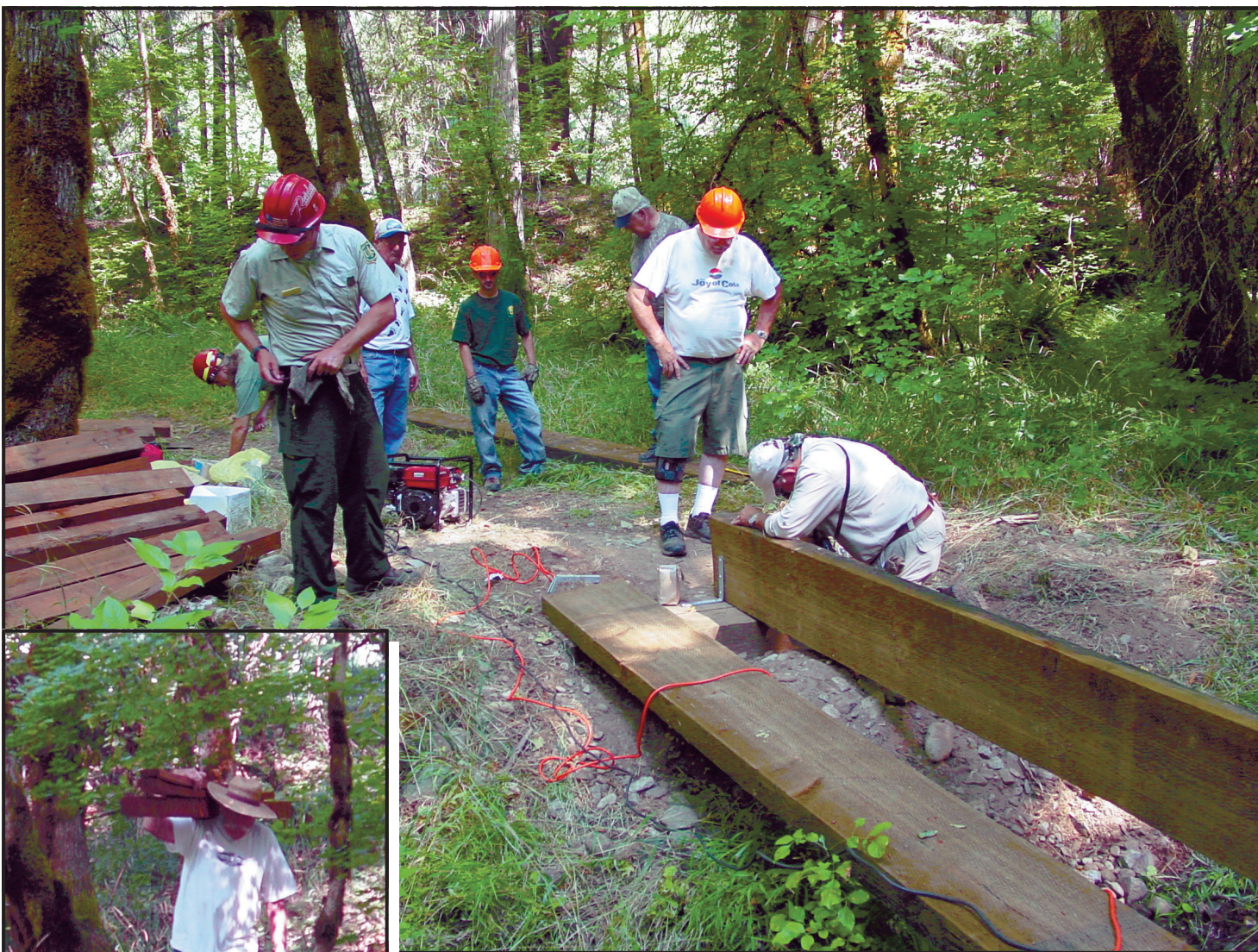
Said Lefner, "With the

addition of a formal classroom, we will be able to enhance our Earn While You Learn program, and provide more education and coaching to our clients.

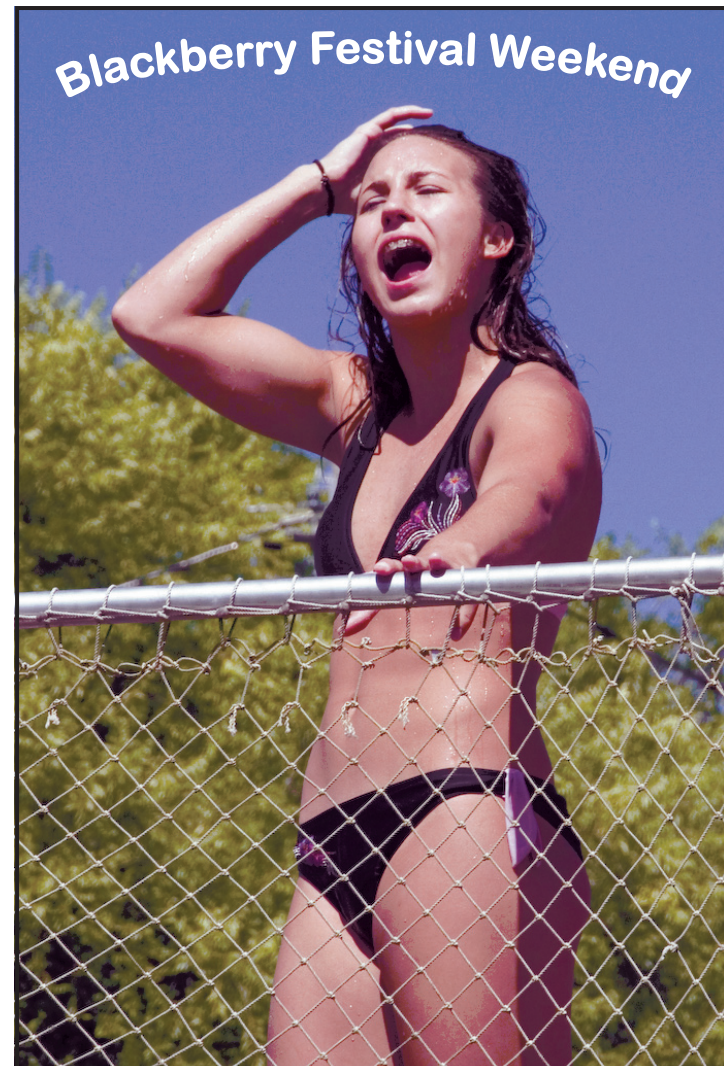
"Having a quiet, structured room will set a better tone for the learning environment," she said, "and provide more privacy for clients. This will encourage better communication and a more serious level of discussion about making improvements and turning around lives."

She added that the board and staff of the pregnancy center "have been praying for years about adding select medical services. This would include a nurse with limited medical ultrasound to help clients understand the reality of life in the womb, even at early stages."

Lefner concluded that, "The board and staff are absolutely thrilled with this development, and the doors of opportunity that God is opening for the pregnancy center and its clients."



A FISH HABITAT improvement project was installed in a small creek Thursday, Aug. 2 near Chinquapin Campground, along Sucker Creek. The project, located around a quarter-mile east of the campground, will affect approximately a half mile of waterway to improve habitat for Coho salmon and other species. The effort was conducted by U.S. Forest Service employees with volunteers from the Middle Rogue Steelheaders Chapter of Trout Unlimited. (Photo by Dale Sandberg for Illinois Valley News.)



'BLACKBERRIES & BLUES' comprises the theme for the 26th annual Wild Blackberry Arts & Crafts Festival. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11 & 12 with attractions, including a dunk-tank and live music, in Downtown Cave Junction and Jubilee Park. See four-page pull-out section with festival schedule and many merchant specials beginning on page 5. (2006 festival file photo, top, by Lee Eschen, Ashgrove Visual Arts. Photo below by Jennifer Newsted, I/VN)



Selma Center offering a cornucopia of learning

By **SCOTT JORGENSEN**
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Some towns would feel fortunate enough to have a library, community center or a Farmers Market -- But Selma just happens to have all three in the same convenient location.

The Selma Community & Education Center, located at 18255 Redwood Hwy., opened its doors five years ago. Prior to that "The Selma Center" was Selma Elementary School, and class pictures still adorn the walls in the main hallway.

Most of Josephine County's public libraries shut their doors earlier this year due to budget cuts. But the community center's many volunteers and librarian Joan Guilbert have donated enough of their time to keep its free library open, much to the delight of Joan Hardie, The Selma Center's board chairman.

"It's our pride and joy," she said.

All the books are donated, and the library includes couches and recliners for reading. Hardie said that

the library has been getting plenty of visitors from Merlin and Grants Pass, and welcomes them all.

"It's not just for Illinois Valley people, it's for everybody," Hardie said.

The center's "Orange Room" has two computers with Internet access, and is free and open to the public. Several groups use the room, such as the local chapter of the Sierra Club and the Siskiyou Community Health Center's board of directors.

A commercial kitchen is used to host art classes, and the "Rainbow Room" is designed specifically for children.

"Our goal is to do more things for the community," Hardie said.

The Selma Farmers Market is now in its third season, and there has been healthy growth since its inception. It's open Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We've seen almost full stalls since we opened this year," Hardie said. "People seem to be really into reading. Hardie said that

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Yikes! Bikes! Riders a'coming

A lot of wheels, perhaps as many as 520 of them, will roll into Cave Junction on Saturday, Aug. 11.

Approximately 260 participants in Oregon Bicycle Ride 2007 will camp overnight at Illinois Valley High School. They'll leave the next morning in the 21st running of the seven-day bicycle extravaganza.

The "State of Jefferson" tour will include Ashland, Yreka, Etna and Happy Camp. The riders will return to Cave Junction on Saturday, Aug. 18.