

Arts & Entertainment

Cassandra Miller’s ‘art from scratch’ featured at Sterling Savings Bank in I.V. Fine Artists display

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Cassandra “Sandy” Miller-Newton is the featured

darker layer of material from the surface of a scratchboard to reveal another color beneath. The intricate patterns



‘Sandy’ Miller visited Elaine Barker’s IVHS art class last week. (Photos provided by IVHS)



artist representing Illinois Valley Fine Artists during January and February.

Her unusual artwork is known as “Kresco-Tech” or “Scratch Art” and is done by using a tool to remove a

and fine detail that are etched onto the undersurface become fascinating to behold.

Miller-Newton taught

her techniques at Illinois Valley High School several years ago. The classes were so successful that art teachers and students still utilize her methods, and most of the beautiful, current 2008 calendar sold as a fund-raiser by IVHS features that medium.

Art was her interest from the time she could lift a pencil. She discovered scratchboard and its interesting textures in the eighth-grade and then again as a young wife with small children. Totally self-taught, she began showing her work in Sacramento, where she lived in the 1970s.

While looking at something she can also re-create it with a sharp tool from soapstone or other carving materials. Additionally, she works with canvas and oils to produce colorful paintings. She is always looking for something new to create.

Miller-Newton currently exhibits in the Words & Pictures Gallery in Brookings, and Harper Howell Gallery in Grants Pass. Her work also is shown at Artists Way Gallery in Cave Junction, Kauffman’s furniture in Kerby, and at the Guild Gallery at the RCC Belt Bldg., also in Kerby.

She enjoys the fellowship of the Fine Artists group that meets Mondays (except holidays) at the RCC Belt Bldg. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. She also serves as the group’s vice president. For further information contact Dorothea Hover-Kramer at 592-5296.

County sets auction of properties

Josephine County commissioners voted 3-0 to approve the sale of tax foreclosed and surplus properties with an estimated value of more than \$1 million during their regular scheduled meeting Wednesday, Jan. 9 in Grants Pass.

The sale, a sheriff’s auction, will be conducted Feb. 15 in Room 157 of the county courthouse in Grants Pass. The properties are located in various areas of the county with minimum bids ranging from \$85,000 up to \$188,750.

Funds from the sale of the tax-foreclosed properties are dedicated to capital improvements for the Parks & Recreation Dept. But funds derived from the sale of surplus prop-

erties will go into the county general operating fund.

County Property Manager Phil Killian explained the reasons for the situation this way: State law requires that any money received from the sale of tax-foreclosed properties be distributed to all tax districts operating within a county. Thus this money is divided among entities such as Grants Pass School District 7, the 4-H Club organization, and Illinois Valley Fire District, as well as the county.

The end result is that once the funds are divided, the county receives only 8 percent of the total income.

However, in the late 1990s a bill was passed by the Oregon Legislature that al-

lows counties to dedicate money from tax-foreclosed properties specifically to parks and recreation after a required a public hearing. This process was completed with a public hearing during the county commission’s meeting Jan. 9.

Killian also said that affected tax districts have been notified of the county’s intent to dedicate the funds to county parks, and that the county received no response.

The surplus properties are primarily those that were involved with the now defunct Josephine Memorial Hospital. They became available for sale once the Asante Health System, which took over operation of the facility, completed the current hospital.

OIT using geothermal energy for campus

Converting much of the campus to sustainable geothermal energy is saving Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) nearly \$1,000,000 per year in energy costs, reduced its “global warming emissions,” and made it a winner of the National Wildlife Federation’s Campus Ecology Chill Out contest.

The competition recognizes colleges and universities around the country which are implementing innovative programs to reduce the effects of what is being called global warming. OIT at Klamath Falls was one of eight winning schools chosen for the award from more than 100 competition entries received nationwide.

Due to high energy costs, OIT constructed a new campus in the 1960s to take advantage of geothermal energy. The school drilled three

deep wells to tap geothermal hot water that now heats the entire campus of approximately 650,000 square feet.

This saves some \$1,000,000 annually in heating and domestic hot water costs and 10,000 tonnes (a tonne is 2,200 pounds) of CO2 emissions (compared to producing energy from petroleum).

This year, the college is proposing to drill a new well to generate energy from geothermal resources that will fulfill the remaining electricity needs on campus; provide an additional savings of around \$500,000 per year; and reduce CO2 emissions by approximately 16,000 tonnes annually (compared to producing it from petroleum).

The campus would then be 100 percent “green” by producing all its energy needs from geothermal resources.

Additionally, the campus will construct a geothermally heated greenhouse and aquaculture facility to train interested students and potential developers in the use of geothermal energy for agricultural purposes.

For these efforts, the National Wildlife Federation featured OIT in its Chill Out Webcast broadcast live from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

The college also received a \$1,000 grant to continue working on energy solutions.

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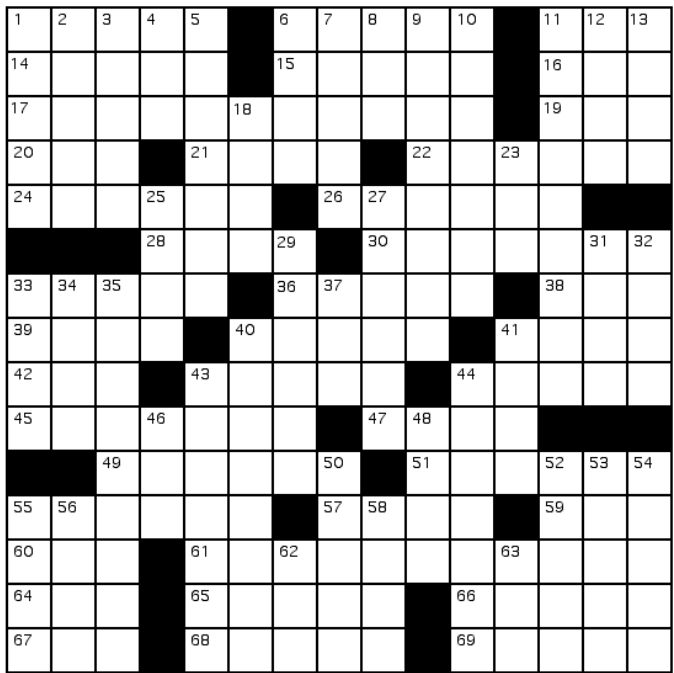
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 16
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Thursday, January 17
- Cookbook Class, 5 p.m. at Heritage Moments

Friday, January 18
- Sequoia, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Saturday, January 19
- DJ Jammer Dave 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Sunday, January 20
- Karaoke with Dave 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

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