



‘Tom Sawyer’ will be performed Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 29 and 30 at 2 and 7 p.m. by Lorna Byrne Middle School drama students in the cafeteria. There is no admission fee, and anyone can attend. Rehearsing are (from left) Catie Jones as Tom, Willow Jackson as Sid, and Sarah Eaton as Aunt Polly. Tim Talty is directing. (Photo by *Illinois Valley News*)

IRVAC awarded grant for art education

A grant of \$8,215 for its Learning Through Arts (LTA) program has been received by the Illinois River Valley Arts Council (IRVAC) from the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation.

The foundation, located in Roseburg, is able to support many community projects through its profit-sharing program to benefit those in need and to encourage viable new programs such as LTA.

“This grant makes it possible for us to continue the programs that we started at Lorna Byrne Middle School



four years ago under Kathy Kelley’s leadership,” said IRVAC President Dorothea Hover-Kramer.

“It also enables us to pay artists and program coordinators in addition to our current LTA administrator, Patti Culver, who is doing a fantastic job,” she said.

The LTA program recently was expanded to include Colonial Faire for the eighth-grade, as well as continuing its well-known Latino, Asia and Africa projects that interface with the school curriculum and Lacey Fox’s

seventh-grade history classes. Additionally, LTA is bringing its popular ideas to Evergreen Elementary School, and a number of successful art education classes have been held there this school year.

“With the Carpenter grant that we received last year, and this grant, we have received more than \$15,000 to work with LTA program and develop new ideas,” said Culver.

The IRVAC Board of Directors wrote both grant applications and is pleased with the results. The council also sponsors the popular Second Friday ArtWalk, a community event in Downtown Cave Junction that will resume in April.

For further information about LTA and to volunteer to participate in the art education programs, contact Culver at 592-3803 or email patti@designfactotum.com.

State of City notes various shortages

The good, the bad and the ugly were outlined by Cave Junction Mayor Tony Paulson during his 2007 State of the City report last week, prior to learning that the city lost a \$441,666 state grant.

“It is the same as it has been for many years,” he said this month. “We are short on funding, short on staffing, over-mandated by the state and federal governments, and yet, we are treading water and holding our own.

“Our city employees, understaffed by as many as three individuals, are doing a great job with the resources available to them.”

The mayor also took aim at “some county residents complaining that we, the city, are not doing what they believe to be in the best interest of our ‘uninformed’ citizens.” He said that some who live outside the city “continue to attempt to undermine the diligent work of city staff and put forth unfounded and misleading accusations, stretching our resources further.”

The mayor continued, “One of the biggest issues facing the city is that people believe it could, and should, employ some type of police department. I mentioned this in last year’s address, stating it would be a high priority. Facing this issue, some historical perspective is necessary.

“In September 1947, as published in the *Daily Courier*, the newly formed city held a town meeting, and the citizens voiced concerns about three issues: water, sewer, and policing. An article published in 1982 by the *New York Times* regarding Cave Junction was titled ‘One Town Without Police’.

“Since the first article, it is now 60 years later and we are still facing one of the same issues that our founding fathers had concerns about,

policing. It would seem that with the number of people working on this, a solution would have been found.

“There was a time when the city had its own police department, but financially, it was impossible to maintain, and it was closed during 1981. In the last year, I, with

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- Mayor Tony Paulson (Monday, Jan. 14)

the help of others, have come to the same conclusion. There is no possible way, financially, that the 1600+ citizens of Cave Junction can afford a 24 hours per day, seven days per week policing effort due to the current state tax and legal structure.

“Ideas have been suggested and evaluated, and so far, no solution has been found. The Josephine County sheriff is proposing to present a ballot measure to form a Law Enforcement District on the November 2008 ballot, to provide secure funding for the operation of the sheriff’s office to include the jail and patrol services. The impact this will have on the city has yet to be determined.”

Paulson said that during the past year, “We have seen completion of the bridge over the E. Fork of the Illinois River at the south end of the

city, the completion of the water and sewer infrastructure from River Street north along Redwood Hwy, and the beginning and continued construction work on the expansion of Redwood Hwy. to include a left-turn lane at Laurel Road, and a two-way left-turn lane at the north end of the city.

“During this year, planned or continuing activities will include replacement of the sanitary sewer collection line on Kerby Avenue between Lister Street and River Street to increase the flow capacity of the line. We will also see an improvement of Caves Avenue between Lister Street and Watkins Street, as the city received a grant from the Oregon Dept. of Transportation to fund an overlay of the asphalt, and hopefully, we will see completion of Redwood Hwy. project.

“The Pool Committee continues to work on raising funds to complete the repairs needed to reopen the pool and to assist funding its operation.

“It has been and will continue to be my policy to have an open door to the mayor’s office,” said Paulson. “If you have questions, don’t hesitate to ask. This valley truly is a beautiful place, and I am thankful to be living here.

“I’m enjoying the journey through all the challenges and frustrations, and look forward to the coming year.”

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

*Daily Favorites

Taco salad, chicken or beef rice bowls, spicy chicken burger, taco pizza, veggie sandwich, antipasto salad

Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor’s Note: Factual information for ‘Blotter’ is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.) ***

Wednesday, Jan. 16

*A man drinking beer, brand not listed, was said to be belligerent when asked to leave the lobby of Siskiyou Community Health Center around 9 a.m. His behavior was called disturbing to other patients.

*An injured dog was wandering on Redwood Hwy. near Wild Park Lane just before 6 p.m. Its owner could not be located. Animal Control was notified.

*Reportedly stolen property was found on Rockdale Road. The owner was to be contacted.

*Unusual people pulled down a Stop sign and filled the pothole on E. River Street at Lewis Court. Cave Junction Public Works was advised.

*An unsecured residence on Hanby Lane was checked. There was no indication of criminal mischief.

*A driver reported having to remove tree branches from the 700 block of Deer Creek Road at 11:17 p.m.

*Otis Jones, 54, was cited to appear on a charge of second-degree criminal trespassing at 11:47 p.m. at the Cave Junction Post Office.

Thursday, Jan. 17

*A woman reported losing a purse containing two rings, a checkbook, and personal ID at a Cave Junction store.

*A Cave Junction woman complained that she was not getting mail she believed is going to a box formerly shared with her mother-in-law.

*On Floyd Lane at 2:12 p.m., a woman reported that a balding man in a dark-colored Suzuki came up her driveway. He said that he was looking for a “mystical person who knows about Indians.” He left quickly when it became apparent she was not

alone at the residence.

*On Lakeshore Drive a new set of dentures was reported stolen. Suspect information with teeth in it was provided.

*Dillon L. Scott, 19, was cited for lack of an operator’s permit and warned about failure to dim headlights on Redwood Hwy. near milepost 25 at 7:30 p.m.

*Deputies happened upon a burglary in progress on Crickett Lane around 8:15 p.m. The would-be thief fled the scene on foot after wrecking his pickup truck.

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