

Arts & Entertainment

Colonial Faire an educational affair at LBMS, courtesy of Learning Through Art



Making rag dolls was led by Illinois River Valley Arts Council volunteers. (Photo provided)



Winter Gala is planned for Sunday Feb. 24 at Deer Creek Center on Illinois River Road in Selma. Among those working to organize the fund-raiser for Illinois River Valley Arts Council and preparing raffle items are (from left) Cate Bendock, Linda Naydol, Bonnie Campanelli, Judy Hoyle, and Helen Roxborough. (Photo provided)

By PATTY CULVER

Neither date changes nor snow days nor scheduling conflicts prevented Lorna Byrne Middle School eighth-graders from finally enjoying their Colonial Faire.

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, in conjunction with the school's Early American Colonies studies, the Illinois River Valley Arts Council's Learning Through Art (LTA) program filled classrooms with colonial crafts and games.

The LTA project demonstrated how, since there were neither factories to produce nor stores to sell toys and games, colonial children's playthings were home-crafted from available materials. A far cry from today's iPods, television and video games, LTA introduced students to Jackstraws, cup and ball, and the making of rag dolls and whirligigs.

The students learned that cup-and-ball toys, a favorite childhood amusement for

many centuries, were brought to the "New World" by the earliest settlers. They also learned how the game of Jackstraws -- also known as Pick-Up Sticks -- was introduced to colonists by Native Americans; and that whirligig toys, mentioned in literature as early as 1686, also have been found in Native American cliff ruins.

Pewter whirligigs were made of hammered lead musket balls or coins too old or thin to be of value. Likewise, most dolls were homemade, using leftover materials such as cloth or yarns.

The faire provided students with examples of how valuable utilitarian crafts and resourcefulness can be. Since colonists had no new materials to spare and no store to go to for supplies, they saved every scrap of worn out or used up textile from every source.

Besides rag dolls, these old clothes, fabric scraps and other materials were woven into rugs or bed coverings, or other household necessities.

Through the Rag Rug portion of the LTA project, the Lorna Byrne students were able to weave strips of fabric on a loom; try their hand at making a hooked rug; and learn how to braid cotton strips to sew into baskets, pot holders, placemats, or a rug.

Volunteers Donna Belle, Reni Schaeffer, Gloria Ziller, Cate Bendock and Lisa Witt-Widner, with coordinators Barbara Ford and Patti Culver, demonstrated the toys, games and crafts; and helped the students with various projects.

Funding for the Colonial Faire project was supplied in part by a grant from the Carpenter Foundation, as well as a gift from The Shining Stars of Illinois Valley.

\$2.5 mil asked for ed center Crater Lake facility needs rebuilding says Oregon delegation

A unanimous Oregon Congressional delegation has sent a letter to Jim Nussle, director of the Office of Management and Budget, calling on the Bush administration to include \$2.5 million in the Interior Dept.'s budget to build a new Visitor Education Center at Crater Lake National Park.

In a public-private partnership, federal funds would be matched by \$2.5 million in private contributions to be raised by the nonprofit Crater Lake National Park Trust.

The trust hopes to have federal and private funding secured in time to break ground by summer 2009, in time for Oregon 150, the state's sesquicentennial celebration.

Club & Organization Notes

Illinois Valley Garden Club

Spring is around the corner and several wild shrub varieties will be coming into bloom; "Ceonothus" (wild lilac family), being one of the most common around here.

Club member Patty Downing will speak about the family during the Friday, Feb. 15 meeting. The horticulture table show-and-tell will feature "Early Blooms and Houseplants."

The club meets on third Fridays at the RCC Kerby Belt Bldg. in Kerby across from Joe's Market. Coffee time begins at 12:30 p.m., and the meeting at 1 unless otherwise noted. The club is entering its 81st year of service to the community.

On May 3 the club will hold its spring sale in front of the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction. There will be bedding, tomato and house plants, and shrubs. It is also a good place to obtain free advice and information.

Rogue Valley Rose Society

An open meeting of the group will be held Sunday, Feb. 17 beginning at 2 p.m. at the Fruitdale Grange Hall, 1440 Parkdale Drive in Grants Pass. There will be a guest speaker from Chet's Garden Center.

Siskiyou Summer good read

"Fresh out of high school, Class of 1947, and still wet behind the ears."

Such is the description of Merton Ingham as his latest book, *Siskiyou Summer*, begins telling of his eventful, memorable summer of '47 working with a U.S. Forest Service trail maintenance crew from Illinois Valley.

The book, filled with interesting insights of the time, is available at Diane's Book Exchange in Cave Junction's Western Plaza.

As one description notes of the author, "His adventures and experiences change his outlook on life, transforming him from boy to young man, leaving him with lifelong memories and guidance."

Siskiyou Summer is subtitled, *Coming of Age in the Mountains of Southwestern Oregon*. During his life-changing summer, Ingham encountered a wide range of personalities, and a variety of encounters on the trails, mountainsides and Cave Junction "civilization" at the time.

His summer brought him into contact with hard-working forest service em-

ployees, mean drunks, fights, wild animals, smokejumpers, a pretty girl, and many other real-life characters. He is able to relate those times with an eye for detail that offers book-lovers an enjoyable read.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 14

* Wrestling at State Championships at Memorial Coliseum (Portland)
All Day

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

* Wrestling at State Championships at Memorial Coliseum (Portland)
All Day

* Girls Basketball @ Henley, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.

* Boys Basketball vs. Henley, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

* Wrestling at State Championships at Memorial Coliseum (Portland)
All Day

* AAU Basketball Games 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (gym)

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

* Girls Basketball vs. Hidden Valley, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.

* Boys Basketball @ Hidden Valley, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 13
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Thursday, February 14
- Bruce Hanson, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- Wally Aiken, 6:30 p.m. at Junction Inn Timber Room

Friday, February 15
- Bruce Hanson, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Saturday, February 16
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Sunday, February 17
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

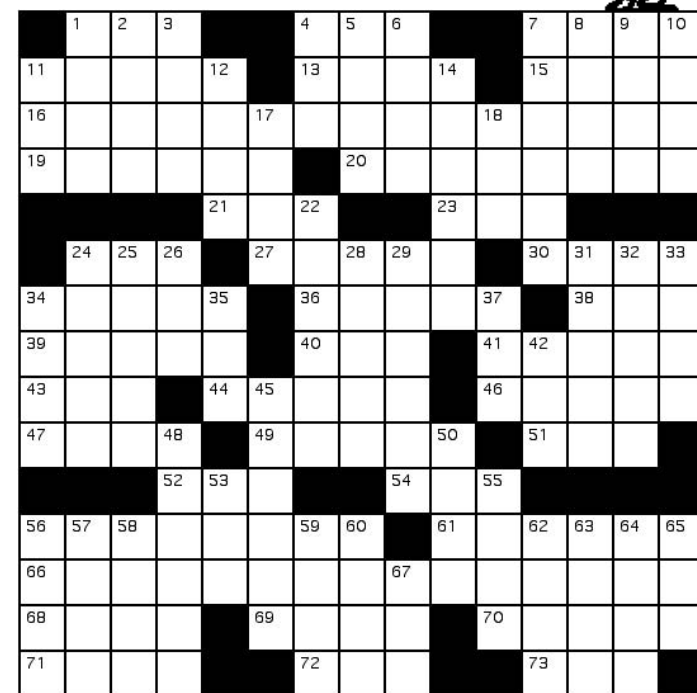
Tuesday, February 19
- American Idol, 7:30 p.m. at Country Folks Restaurant - Selma

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TO ADD AN EVENT TO THIS CALENDAR.

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ACROSS

- 1 Ja-Ja
- 4 Container
- 7 Bullets
- 11 On one's feet
- 13 Length times width
- 15 Word for a candle flame's disappearance
- 16 San Francisco tourist attraction
- 19 Carriers
- 20 Considers, archaically
- 21 Way to go: abbr.
- 23 Staff
- 24 Refreshing spot
- 27 Prefix for sound or violet
- 30 Freshwater fish
- 34 Symbol of approval
- 36 On ...: having continuous success
- 38 Part of the psyche
- 39 Poorer

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- 40 Mathematical symbols
- 41 Clothing protector
- 43 Three school fundamentals
- 44 Dinner in Italy
- 46 Rude people
- 47 Require
- 49 On one's guard
- 51 Genetic matter
- 52 Total
- 54 Often-candied item
- 56 Excessive amount
- 61 Of an ethnic group
- 66 1600
- 68 British gallery
- 69 Uttered
- 70 Libya's neighbor
- 71 Winter sight
- 72 Terrorist group: abbr.
- 73 Eur. nation
- DOWN
- 1 Barbershop quartet, with
- 1 member out sick
- 2 Musical symbol
- 3 Patient's complaint
- 4 Bread topper
- 5 Swift animal
- 6 French name
- 7 Plant pests
- 8 Sorrowful sound
- 9 Mindy's TV partner
- 10 Light switch positions
- 11 Salamander
- 12 Region: abbr.
- 14 Like the constellations
- 17 Four-letter string
- 18 Questioning word
- 22 Pass
- 24 Shopper's spot
- 25 Analyze grammatically
- 26 Early hrs.
- 28 Commonplace
- 29 Way to meditate on Jesus' life
- 31 Shore bird
- 32 Old Athenian forum
- 33 Adams and Knotts
- 34 Feathered swimmer
- 35 Get-up-and-go
- 37 Place for experiments
- 42 Seals' assembly
- 45 Fused substances
- 48 Sewed
- 50 Sweater material
- 53 Joseph Smith's rel.
- 55 Common street name
- 56 ___ for: chooses
- 57 Entrée
- 58 Being: Sp.
- 59 Insult
- 60 Live in an upside-down manner
- 62 Thing often raised
- 63 Character in "Othello"
- 64 State with conviction
- 65 Sea god
- 67 Uproar