



(Top, from left) Ken Phillips, Annie Pinios, Valorie Squire, Tammie Phillips, Dean Hellemansen, Sherry Overstreet and Sally Jones; (Immediate right) CJ Mayor Tony Paulson and Grangemaster Ken Phillips; (Far right) Charlotte Lindsley. (Photos by Illinois Valley News)



I.V. Grange celebrates; honors several

Thirteen volunteers and Cave Junction Mayor Tony Paulson were among honorees during an open house sponsored by Illinois Valley Grange on Friday evening, April 25.

Held in the Grange Hall on Holland Loop, more than 90 persons attended, and some 70 spaghetti dinners were served. The dinner raised \$453 for the Illinois Valley Section of the Boys & Girls Club.

Although not yet “out of the woods” financially, it has been decided to continue the program, said Scott Thornhill, director. He noted that last year the program provided 10,500 meals at its Evergreen Elementary School location.

Besides 13 volunteers, Grangemaster Ken Phillips awarded a 25-year pin to Charlotte Lindsley, who actually has been a member for 32 years. Quarter-century pins also were available for

Thom & Crystal Griffin.

Present for their certificates of honor for serving as volunteers were Phillips, Tammie Phillips, Annie Pinios, Valorie Squire, Dean Hellemansen, Sherry Overstreet and Sally Jones. Certificates were available for Ramona Taylor, Debbie Bell, Scott Hicks, Ken Devine, Diane Hill and Raymond Robinson.

Among attendees was Washington state resident Don Osias, 70, accompanied by Josee Stewart. They drove 400 miles one-way to attend the open house after seeing a story about it in the *Illinois Valley News*.

Osias said that his family represents three generations of I.V. Grange membership. He said that he represents the fourth generation. His mother was Letha Tresham, one of the early day secretaries at the Grange. Osias also told of how his parents met in the

early 1930s at the Grange.

He recalled playing games as a young boy outside the Grange Hall. His great-grandfather, a Grange member, was William “Billy” Tresham, who had a grocery store on Holland Loop. He served as Grange secretary from 1925 to ‘32, said Osias.

And Osias recalled his uncle, Roland Tresham, who lived at the former Spence School near the hall.

Other special guests were the John Lindsley Family from Mississippi, and Jason & Heidi Lindsley from Utah. The Lindsleys are children and grandchildren of Charlotte Lindsley.

Phillips presented a Community Citizen Award to Paulson. He listed the mayor’s numerous memberships, including Rogue Valley Council of Governments, and Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation. Phillips added that the mayor

developed a free map of Cave Junction, and that he developed and maintains a valley calendar of events.

Regarding Paulson’s 30 to 40 hours of donated time to the city and community each week, Phillips said that the mayor often is heard saying, “I truly love this valley and the people here. I want it to be a place for my children and grandchildren to enjoy.

“To do nothing contributes nothing.”

Door prizes provided by Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., and Taylor’s Country Store were won by Guenter Ambron and Michelle Binker.

Copeland gets city pact

Sitting as a contract review board, city of Cave Junction councilors have voted 4-1 to accept Copeland Paving Inc.’s low bid of \$164,457 for the Kerby Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

Councilor Trisha Arias cast the “No” vote. She said after the meeting in city hall Monday night, April 28 that she did so because she does not like some of Copeland’s previous labor, citing the Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC) project.

She specifically cited highway paving and loss of trees in connection with that project.

For the Kerby Avenue work, Copeland was among eight bidders. The project, to include installation of sewer line and manholes, plus repaving the affected portion of roadway, is to begin after June 16 and be completed by Aug. 29.

Second and third low bidders were Moser Paving Inc., of Grants Pass, at \$198,735; and Timber Mountain Construction Inc., of Wilderville, at \$199,390. City Recorder Jim Polk said that the engineering estimate was \$223,000.

“These are good bids,” said Mayor Tony Paulson.

After the award, questions about Copeland meeting all its obligations as general contractor were raised by Joel Perkins and Angel Navarro. The mayor told them he is confident all will be handled as required.

He said that a problem following Copeland’s work to install water and sewer lines for SCHC was the fault of the city, not Copeland. The city lost a \$441,666 grant; the mayor said it was a governmental situation, not one related to construction.

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Caltrans work would affect valley

By DEL NORTE TRIPLICATE

It seems that the battle lines are drawn.

Community members gathered recently for an open house in Crescent City (Calif.) regarding improvements to U.S. Hwy. 199 and California Hwy. 197 that would make them accessible to larger trucks.

Illinois Valley would be affected, as Hwy. 199, which runs between Interstate 5 and U.S. Hwy. 101, bisects the valley community.

During the question-and-answer portion of the gathering, co-sponsored by CalTrans and Del Norte Local Transportation Commission, a noticeable rift formed in the audience.

On one side are local business leaders who say that the improvements are needed to stay relevant and stimulate the economy. The other side consists of those who say Del Norte County is fine the way it is, and that the isolation is what brings people here.

“I don’t want to see the ‘Santa Rosa-fication’ of Crescent City,” said Gasquet resident Dory Bruce. “I want to see it stay rural.”

CalTrans wants \$26.8 million worth of construction that would widen 197 and 199 and remove Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) restrictions on the roadways. It would make the highways compatible with nationwide standards for trucking and allow trucks

longer than 65 feet long to travel the roads.

Bruce said that she’s spoken with several residents in Gasquet and Hiouchi, two small towns on 199, and found that there is much opposition to having larger trucks traveling down these highways.

Harry Harms, general manager of Hastings Bulb Growers Inc., said that his business sometimes struggles to find truck drivers because of the STAA restrictions on 197 and 199.

“Truckers buy trucks to meet federal law,” Harms said. And because the nationwide standard for trucks is longer than what 197 and 199 allow, truckers who own STAA trucks will turn down business because it means a longer, more expensive drive.

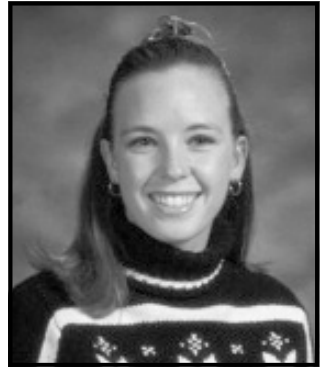
As technologies increase and the marketplace becomes more competitive, Harms said that Del Norte County will struggle to stay relevant in the evolving economy.

“Bottom line is: the roads in this area isolate us,” he said. “The problem is bad now and it will only get worse.”

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Calhoun to Graduate With Honors

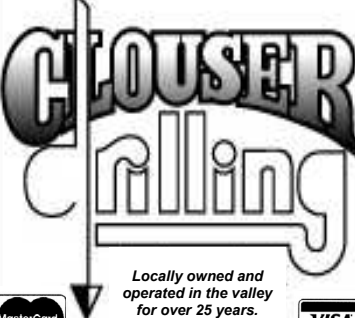
Chelsea Calhoun, a native of Selma, will graduate during spring commencement on Saturday, May 3 at The University of Findlay at Findlay, Ohio.



Chelsea Calhoun

cum laude and receive a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education/equestrian studies.

Calhoun, a 2003 graduate of St. Mary’s High School of Medford, is the daughter of Selma residents Michael & Susan Calhoun.



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