



A big turnout was evident Saturday, Sept. 26 for opening day of football games organized by the Illinois Valley Section of Rogue

Valley Boys & Girls Club. Games at the Evergreen Elementary School field by age group are scheduled for Saturdays at 9, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Besides an enthusiastic crowd of adults, young cheerleaders were present. Shop Smart Food Warehouse offers doughnuts, hot dogs, and coffee, hot chocolate and other beverages under an open tent at one corner of the field. (Photos by *Illinois Valley News*)



Pregnancy site adds RN; Tina Palmer honored

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to present periodic classes, and occasionally becomes the birth coach when a woman has no one to be with them through their delivery.

“One of Tina’s most remarkable stories that she shares,” said Lefner, “is that after a failed marriage, addictions, and trying to do things her own way, she cried out to God for help. She found Jesus, and today is married to her first love (Tom) -- the father of the baby she had as a teen-ager.

“For the past several months, Tina has been providing suggestions and advice as our center develops a parenting program for fathers. Tina has a special talent for helping people to become self-sufficient, and gain an improved sense of self-esteem.

“Tina Palmer has invested more than 2,500 hours of her time, and is one of only seven people in Oregon (and one of two from an Oregon Heartbeat-affiliated Pregnancy Center) to receive this award.”

The President’s Volunteer Service Award for 2008 is conferred on 32 Heartbeat International-affiliated pregnancy resource centers and 55 volunteers who serve at the centers.

As Palmer returned to her seat with her husband, she held up her plaque, said “Praise God,” and told the audience that she “owes it all to God. Without Him I wouldn’t be here: I’d probably be dead in a ditch.”

Lefner introduced the I.V. Pregnancy Center’s most-recent new staffer.

“(She) is Christi Grier, a registered nurse,” Lefner said. “She has 10 years of professional nursing experience in Oregon, most of it in Southern Oregon. She grew up in Illinois Valley (her maiden name is Miller).

“As Nurse Manager, she will work in conjunction with a physician to provide ‘limited obstetrical ultrasound’ to diagnose pregnancies.” Lefner said that Grier this month began work “to develop our medical program.”

Lefner added that, “It will take us some time to get standing orders set up with a doctor, secure the necessary licenses to operate as a medi-



Mary Lefner (left) with Christi Grier and the ultrasound unit.

cal clinic in Oregon, and have referral protocols in place.”

She and Grier displayed the ultrasound machine, a Sonosite 180Plus.

It was noted that the device is paid for, thanks to donations and help from God. Also underscored by persons including Austin Patty, a retired pastor who served as master of ceremonies and is on the board of directors, is the fact that a Jericho March was held around what has become the center’s new site.

The guest speaker for the banquet, catered by O’Brien’s

Phil Aria, was Beth Chase. She is executive director of Life Choice Project/National Institute of Family & Life Advocates.

She praised the staff, board of directors and volunteers for advances in the services and programs offered.

She urged the valley community to consider donating or volunteering to aid the center. Chase remarked that it is better to store up treasures in Heaven through such efforts, rather than using one’s resources to gather earthly belongings.

Chase explained that

she believes in the sanctity of life. She, for example, was placed by her mother with a “loving Christian family” after her birth, the result of her mother being raped. She used Revelation 4:11, noting:

“I believe that God has a divine purpose for every child that is conceived and that everyone has a message that they are purposed to share with the world no matter the circumstance surrounding their conception.”

Pay For A Day

Lefner made it clear that the community has many opportunities to help the pregnancy center and its clients. Besides volunteering in various way, anyone can pledge \$29 per month for a year, to pay for one day of operating the center.

Lump sum donations also are sought.

To learn about the center’s programs and contact information, phone 592-6058 or visit pregnancycenteriv.org/htm or email PregnancyCenter@cavenet.com.

Two from city head to Salem

Cave Junction City Recorder Jim Polk and Councilman Don Moore, the latter running unopposed for the mayor’s job, will attend a League of Oregon Cities conference in Salem on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3 and 4.

Moore is the only member of the council who wanted to attend, said Polk. Moore said that among several workshops he will attend is one titled, *Increasing Community Pride*.

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