Jubilee Park Project fundraiser coming up Feb. 12

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Several organizations and community members are pitching in to give Cave Junction's Jubilee Park a makeover.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, the Illinois Valley class of the Ford Leadership Institute for Community Building will host a pancake breakfast fund-raiser at the IV Senior Center from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. that includes sausage and gravy, Taylor's smoked ham, eggs, cereal, fruit, juice and coffee.

Last weekend on Feb. 5., community members in the Ford Leadership Institute helped promote "Have a Heart for Jubilee Park" at Shop Smart in Cave Junction.

Judy Hoyle, who designed flyers for the pancake breakfast, said she wanted to clear up any possible confusion by making sure people knew the brunch would be held at the Senior Center, not Jubilee Park.

"We'll be hosting another brunch at the park when the weather gets better," she said.

Proceeds from the pancake breakfast fund-raiser will go towards "phase one" of the project, focusing on new play equipment and safety surfacing of the playground area.

The Cave Junction City Council has agreed to donate in-kind work and is partnering up with local businesses, such as Camp's Custom Excavation to prepare the park area.

Members of the Ford Foundation and the IV class of the Ford Leadership Institute for Community Building have also said Krauss Kraft Inc. of Merlin will provide play equipment at a reduced cost.

The IV Leadership Class currently has a $12,000 budget, but hopes to offset the rest of the rebuilding cost through donations, fund-raising and community building efforts.

(Photo by Darcy Wallace, *Illinois Valley News*)

Oley Crocker encouraged Shop Smart passerby to have a heart for Jubilee Park on Saturday, Feb 5.

Man survives suicide attempt at Kerby motel

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A Bakersfield, Calif., man survived an apparent suicide attempt Thursday, Feb. 3, while he was staying at the Holiday Motel in Kerby.

According to a news release from the Josephine County Sheriff's Office, the injured man, Daren Engstrom, said he was experiencing chest pains and asked the motel's manager to call 911.

American Medical Response (AMR) employees reportedly arrived to find Mr. Engstrom threatening to harm himself with a gun. The sheriff's office dispatched deputies to the motel, and while they tried to get Engstrom to disarm, he shot himself in the chest.

According to reporting deputy Detective Sergeant Ken Selig, members of Engstrom's family said he had a history of depression after experiencing several unfortunate events.

"He was staying locally so he could make contact with his religious affiliations," Selig said. "I'm speculating that he was up here seeking spiritual guidance after a series of misfortunes [in California]."

Engstrom survived the gunshot and was taken to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass for treatment, where he is listed in stable condition.

"People with depression don't feel good about their situation," Selig said. "It got the best of him. There's been no change [in his condition] and he's recovering fine as far as I know."

Arson: Chief hurt in blaze

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According to Schaeffer, he and a representative from an insurance company went to the house Monday, Jan. 31 and again Thursday, Feb. 3 with state detectives from the arson explosives unit.

Schaeffer said investigators found that the fire started on the right side of the building, fueled from the garbage and recycle bins that were close to the house.

"These [recycling] containers do burn very easily and people need to have them at least five yards away, not near the eaves of a house," Schaeffer said. "It's a little scary to think we have somebody who would do something so vicious [as arson]."

So far, officials do not know who is responsible and investigations are still underway.

"[Fire employees] did an excellent job on the knock-down of the fire," Schaeffer said. "If they hadn't done what they did, we could have lost a lot more of the house."

A $5,000 reward is being offered for any information that could lead to whoever was responsible for the blaze. At this point, Schaeffer doesn't know if there have been any related fires leading up to the Jan. 27 blaze.

"We're counting on the fact that somebody knows something and will probably tell it to someone," Schaeffer said. "It's important for people to always let the fire department know there is a fire so we can track if there is any trend developing."

To reach the Illinois Valley Fire Department, contact the office at 541-592-2225.

According to Chief Rich, First Responder medical classes began Wednesday, Feb. 2, and turnout has been slowly increasing. The problem, however, is money.

"You have to have two things: you have to have participation and you have to have money," Rich said. "In this town, we do have a lot of young to middle-aged men and women who I think could be a significant help."

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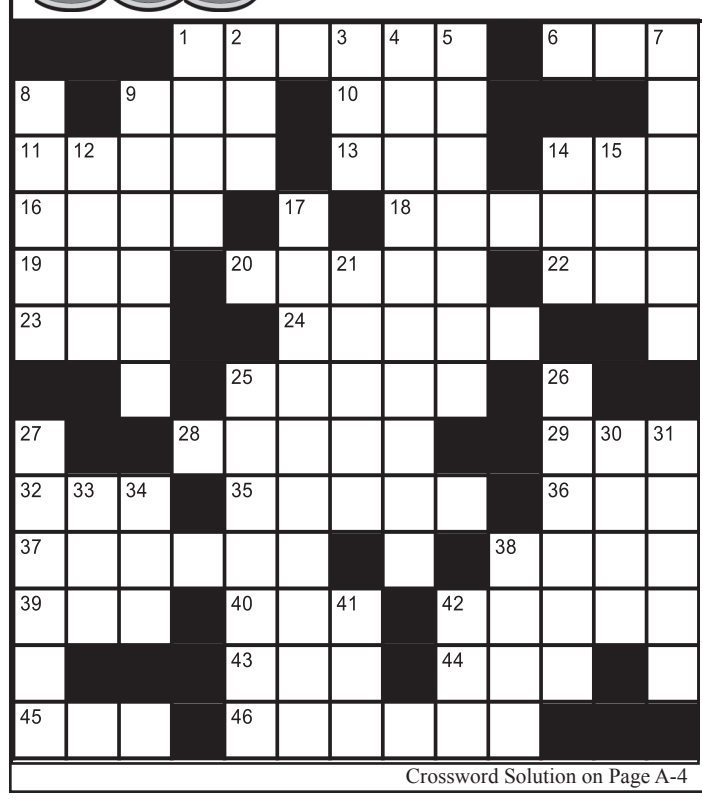

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6. Petrol
9. Shape with an axe
10. Pasture
11. Sedimentary rock
13. This month brings flowers
14. Possess
16. Intimate
18. Squalid
19. Choose
20. Incendiarism
22. Deoxyribonucleic acid
23. Golf ball holder
24. Proprietor
25. Type of fold
28. Famous person
29. Objective
32. Doctrine
35. Answer
36. Showing displeasure with a team
37. Lustrous
38. Countertenor
39. Swindle
40. Solid h2o
42. In the lead
43. Droop
44. Turf
45. Oculus
46. A token of victory

Down
1. Have confidence in
2. Female sheep
3. Shade tree
4. Sensibly
5. Knife affixed to a rifle
7. Ice cream with a topping
8. Cravat
9. Expedite
12. Wish or desire
14. Peculiar
15. A victory
17. Streetcar
21. Clean with a broom
25. Persevere
26. Legendary
27. Squirm
30. Smidgen
31. Morose
33. Cunning
34. Swab
38. Term used in hailing
41. Self-importance
42. Burned residue

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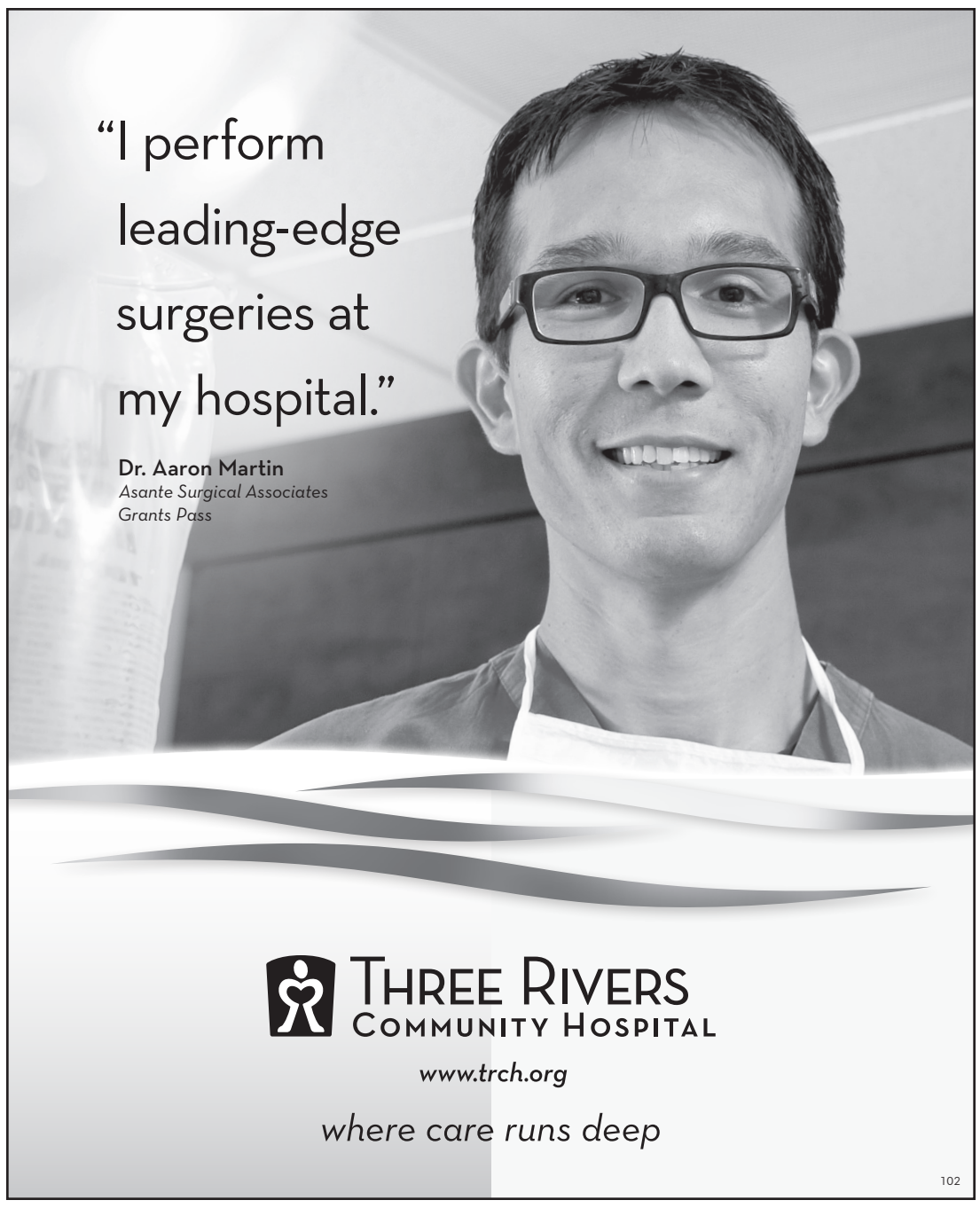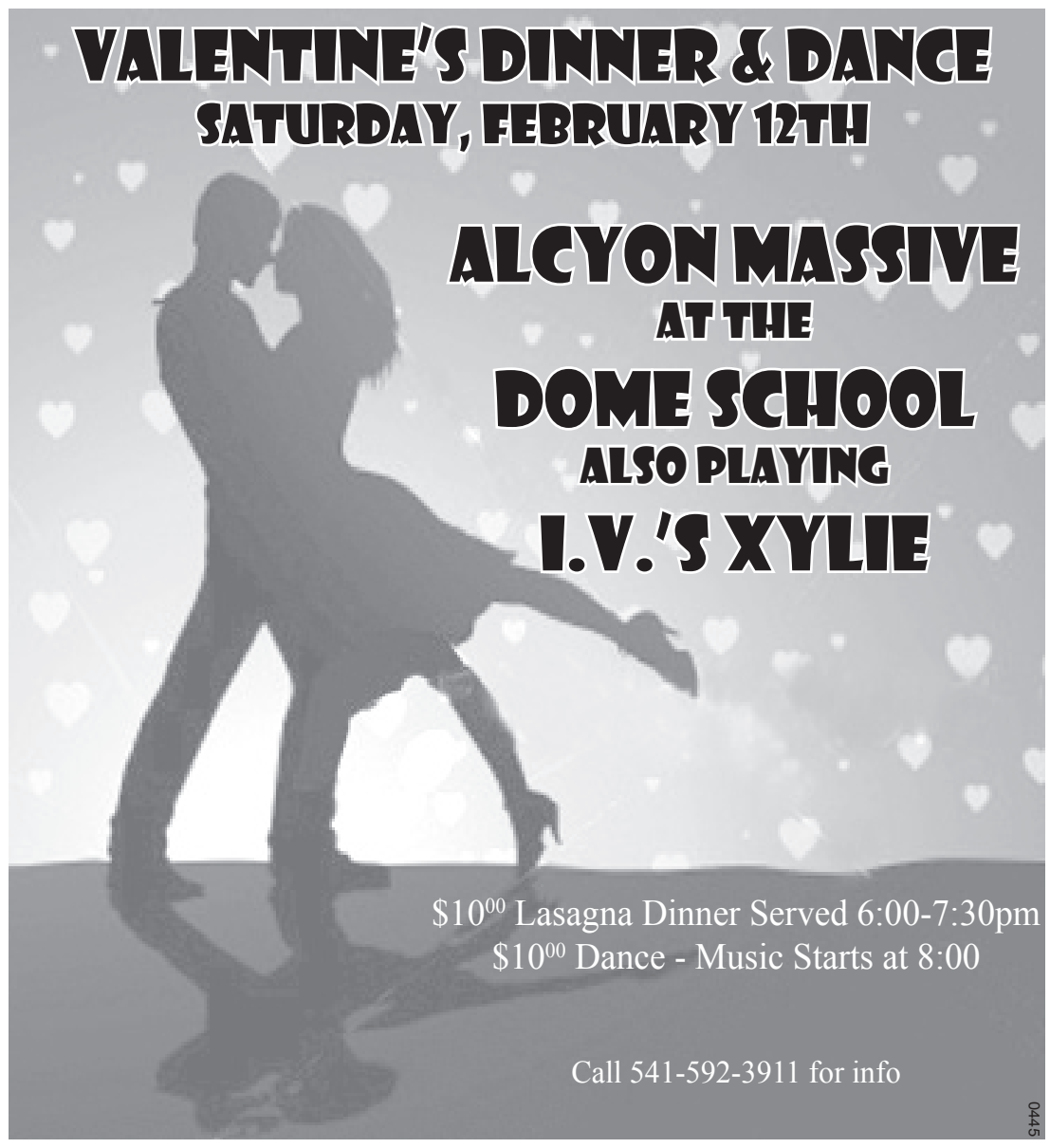
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