

Lorna Byrne, Arts Council host Passport Around the World

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Lorna Byrne Middle School hosted an evening of education, music, food and fun on Thursday, May 12, as organized by the Illinois River Valley Arts Council (IRVAC) "Learning through Art" program.

The theme of Family Night was "Passport Around the World," and guests took trips from station to station, each featuring a different activity from other countries and time periods.

Activities included making Latin American paper flowers, illuminated lettering in the style of the Middle Ages, bookmark-making, games and African drumming. Another favorite was learning dance moves to "Walk Like an Egyptian" by The Bangles.

In the library, JoAnn Snook helped oversee the Book Fair, selling used and fresh new materials during the evening.

Carolyn Tucker, a new Valley resident who joined Learning Through Art, volunteered for illuminated lettering after talking to Learning through Art program coordinator Kristen Whicheloe as a way to help get involved with her new community.

"Jobs in the art field are

few and far between," Tucker said. "Working in any type of art with kids is something I've always loved to do. I love Family Nights because...you get a feel for what the students' families are like and it gives the families a good connection with the school."

Tucker said she grew up in Arizona but got her degree in the arts in Ashland, moving to the Valley about six months ago. She said she facilitated a silent arts auction in Ashland to raise money for some charities in the area.

"It helps to donate funds to the community," Tucker said. "I think you should [get involved] in activities wherever you live."

When not working at Back Street Salon, Rebecca Saavedra has also been busy leading mini-workshops in African drumming, another favorite among those of all ages at Family Night, according to IRVAC president Judy Hoyle.

Next door in the gym, Whicheloe said Illinois Valley High School volunteers Mark Delgado and Brian Nguyen led the "Walk Like an Egyptian" dance, using Whicheloe's Wii game system hooked up to a projector "Dance Dance Revolution" style, with instructional movements on-screen.

Whicheloe said the organization bought \$25 gift

certificates from Shop Smart and Oregon Caves Chevron for prizes at the end of the night as a way to give back to local businesses.

Hoyle said the organization has participated in Family Night annually for the last few years. Each year, they've tried to find a unique activity or presentation for the guests, such as traditional folk dancing groups or a Mexican dance troupe from Medford.

This year, middle school band director Brice Cloyd brought the Marimba Band and choir to go onstage while Lorna Byrne cook staff served enchiladas, beans, rice, cookies and churros.

The musicians performed to help raise the last funds from the recent trip to Anaheim, Calif., where the advanced band and choir played in Disneyland.

Hoyle said IRVAC's Learning through Art program works with Evergreen Elementary and Lorna Byrne students to foster interest in the arts, coordinating with the 21st Century after-school programs. Noralene Harland is the LTA coordinator for Lorna Byrne.

"[Family Night] was kind of our way to show the different things we do in the Learning Through Art program," Whicheloe said.

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"Many people reported back to me that they had a wonderful time," Hoyle said. "I think it's going to be a good year. Rebecca Pearson did a great job [organizing]; I'm pleased with the turnout. You can't hope for more than that."

Ravenswood Gallery again displayed beautiful geodes, minerals and rocks while Kat at the register dressed as a clown for the entertainment of visitors. Artist Deborah Dawson also returned to the May ArtWalk, with her Artful Being studio open for guests to take part in her "Spring Cleaning" sale.

At the I.V. Safe House Alliance, Mary Reynolds-Walter gave visitors a glimpse of her Psych-K presentation to help residents adjust their way of thinking to help their subconscious mind work for them and not against them, featuring positive messages.

Reynolds-Walter worked with one brave visitor who volunteered to help demonstrate the effects of the Psych-K presentation, re-programming her mind so she would feel less stressed about having visitors over. Reynolds-Walter used true/false and yes/no questions to show how people are strong with positive, yes statements and weaker with no or false statements.

Reynolds-Walter makes yes or no statements and tests the volunteer's strength by pushing down on the person's arm. Reflexively, the arm would droop with "no" statements, while staying strong in position with "yes" statements.

"You need to get permission and commitment from your subconscious mind to change," Reynolds-Walter said. "You don't need

to unearth [old memories] and go back: You talk about what you want to see differently."

Taylor's Country Store was also packed with visitors eating dinner and listening to bluegrass from the String Bean Band. Meanwhile, impressionist oil paintings from Linda Stevenson decked the walls near the entrance.

Stevenson, who said she once worked for well-known artist James Hoyle in Kauai, was inspired to try a similar painting using the short, almost dotted brush strokes in the Hoyle style.

At the I.V. Visitor's Center on Caves Highway, Nancy Hall displayed 18 of her handmade dolls. One of her dolls has been on the front cover of "Doll" Magazine, no longer in print. She has often entered the Hoffman Challenge, where contestants create a doll from a limited set of materials, and winning dolls are selected to travel all across the U.S.

The Josephine Community Library on 209 W. Palmer street also featured many popular activities, including the Dome School Kids Jam Band and artwork and photography from Kevin Gillette.

New branch manager Kate Dwyer catered refreshments and said the Dome School act was a hit with everyone present.

ArtWalks first hit the Illinois Valley community in 2000, providing entertainment almost every month. Now, IRVAC presents the Second Friday ArtWalk about three times per year, allowing businesses and residents more time to organize. This year, IRVAC is adding a Christmas Bazaar-themed ArtWalk in December.

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After debate and input from the seven people in the crowd, a motion was made and seconded to raise the adult price from \$2 to \$5. That motion failed, though, in a two to two vote.

The biggest opponent to the increase was new board member Daniel Sheppard. Sheppard stated that in this tough economic time raising gate fees could cause a decrease in attendance. A second motion was made and seconded to raise the fee to \$4. That motion was passed 4-0.

After the manager's report, Board Chairman Harvey Boyle read a resignation letter from board member Robert McCraley dated May 2. The letter to the board from Mc-

Craley claimed that the county commissioners disrespected him and the board.

Hare said he expects that Mary West will be confirmed as McCraley's replacement as part of the weekly county commission meeting Tuesday, May 17.

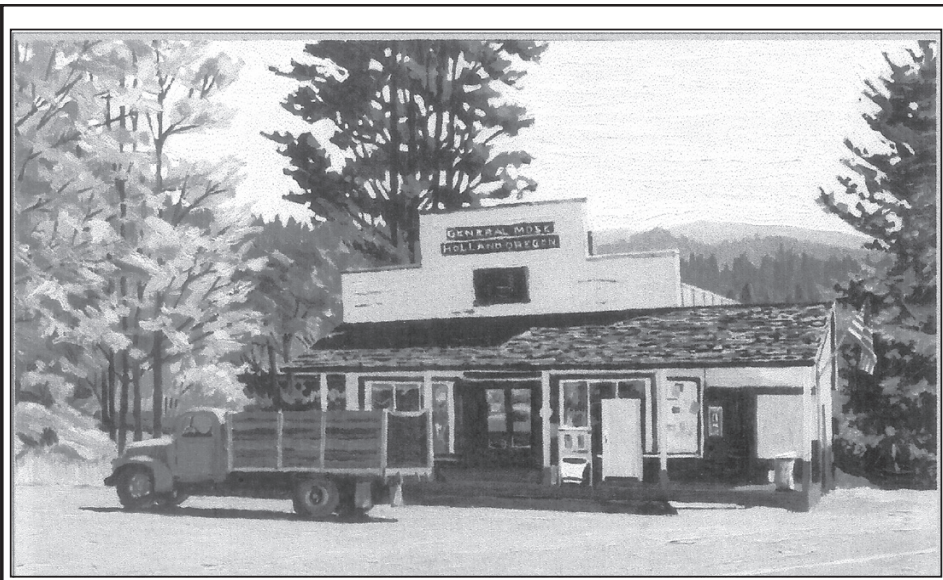
Also during the meeting, Friends of the Fair representative Rick Wilson brought the idea of a new revenue generator, in the form of River City BMX. Jeff Barlow, the group's president, would like to add winter BMX events in the horse arena. This would bring the total of BMX tracks in Josephine County to two. Barlow claimed that it would give the group a chance to bring state and national cham-

pionships to Grants Pass.

"Over a three day period, the nationals bring in over 1,300 riders per day ranging from ages 4 up to 63," he said.

In other business, the board approved Brown to purchase a used forklift. The request will now go to the county commissioners who must approve the loan to the fair board.

The meeting ended with Commissioner Hare admonishing the board about past open meeting violations and handing out a packet to the board members present with open meeting guidelines. Hare said further violations would end with the responsible parties being asked to leave the board.



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Across
 1. Eye tooth
 6. North American republic
 11. Ruler or other important people in Asian countries
 12. Carpet
 13. Hoosier State
 14. A very dark black
 15. Department of Transportation agency
 16. Animal held in the lap
 21. Melt
 23. Free thought
 25. Deprive of by deceit
 26. Ventilate
 27. Humble in spirit or manner
 30. Nimble
 32. Casket stand
 33. A small contrasting part of something
 35. Cobra
 37. As far as something can go
 39. Airman
 42. Apply
 43. A painful inflammation of the big toe
 44. The sound made by a cat
 45. Thrust or extend out

Down
 2. Used for gliding over snow
 3. Lighthouse
 4. 007 Author
 5. Deoxyribonucleic acid
 6. Carbamide
 7. Of or relating to constituents of the atom
 8. In the past
 9. A fit of weeping
 10. Aromatic Old World herb
 17. A rapid active commotion
 18. Compose
 19. Disparagement
 20. FBI agent
 22. Pan with a convex bottom
 24. Ensnare
 25. The young of certain carnivorous mammal
 28. Large northern deer
 29. Voracious snakelike marine or freshwater fish
 31. Mastermind
 34. Acquire by one's efforts or actions
 36. Cook slowly
 37. A male child
 38. Informal term for a mother
 39. A time in life (usually defined in years)
 40. Phonation
 41. Consumed

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