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Parvo returns to Valley

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In recent weeks numerous dogs have come into Dr. Joe's Pet Hospital sick with the highly contagious canine Parvo virus. The clinic has treated seven dogs with the virus so far.

"It seems to be a bad year for Parvo," said Boni Petersen, Office Manager at Dr. Joe's. "And these cases are not textbook normal. We're seeing more older dogs succumbing to the virus, and also, even some dogs that have been vaccinated are susceptible to this strain of the virus in our area right now."

Parvo is a dangerous virus that attacks the intestines and is frequently fatal. The most common symptoms of this disease are vomiting and diarrhea, which could be bloody and have a foul odor. Some dogs will exhibit a loss of appetite, depression and fever. (Normal temperature for dogs is 101 to 102.5). Infected dogs rapidly dehydrate and severe cases progress to shock and death. Another, less common "cardiac" form of Parvo occurs in puppies typically less than two months old. This form of parvo attacks the heart muscle and often results in sudden death.

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Birds, Brews and B'



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Colonel Mustard and their frontman B' Wishes rocked the crowd during the annual Birds and Brews fund-raiser for the Siskiyou Field Institute May 17, in Selma.

United Way going for 'The Big Idea'

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Deelia Warner is a volunteer for United Way of Jackson County whose mission, according to their website, "Is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of Jackson County communities."

Last year members of United Way had several meetings with the superintendent of Jackson County schools and in discussion realized that students in rural areas did not have many opportunities presented to them to broaden their knowledge of what life has to offer. United Way of Jackson County teamed up with 549 C and Cave Junction schools and developed The Big Idea last year. The concept is to have 100 percent graduation rate while broadening a student's horizon, letting them know that there are many career choices available. In its first year The Big Idea helped around 980 students and their families.

This year The Big Idea is focusing on Jackson County and Illinois Valley sixth graders, the class of 2020. Sixth grade is the time that students begin to look at options that are available and consider ca-

reer choices. With that in mind, Deelia Warner is in the process of collecting T-shirts from as many universities as possible across the United States. The hope is to send every sixth grader home with a university shirt by the end of the 2013-14 school year. The notion is to show the kids that there are lots of choices and help available to them, all they have to do is look and go for it. Currently Warner has 20 shirts and needs to obtain 90. Some of the universities that have contributed include the Naval Academy, Stanford, OIT now known as Oregon Tech in Klamath Falls and University of Idaho.

"The idea is to show these kids there is a bigger world out there," said Warner.

The Big Idea is still in the pilot phase but has already shown students that there is so much to see and experience. In the year that the program has been running, students have visited local universities, some will get to experience a Shakespeare play and mentors have taken on some students that need a little extra help in school and life choices. The plan is to have a different goal each year the program is running.

See Big on A-9

Redwood Hwy. movie hits theaters

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Redwood Highway, the long-awaited independent film shot in Jackson and Josephine counties and northern California during October 2012 is now in release and will open at Southgate Cinema in Grants Pass on Friday, May 23. Local viewers may recognize many familiar locations including Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Grants Pass and Brookings.

Directed by Gary Lundgren from a script by Lundgren and Ashland musician and author James Twyman, the film incorporated Cave Junction locales River Valley Restaurant and

Great Cats World Park. The cast and crew spent a week in the Illinois Valley rehearsing and filming the story, which revolves around 76 year old Marie, played by Shirley Knight, who hasn't seen the ocean in 45 years.

Living in a comfortable retirement community, estranged from her family and dissatisfied with her surroundings, she's generally not happy about her life. In order to confront an earlier heartbreaking event and attend her granddaughter's wedding, Marie decides to walk the 80 miles from Grants Pass to the ocean. Along the way, she encounters people who help her heal her heart, including Pete, the fictional owner of It's a Burl, played by Tom Skerritt.

Twyman, who came up with the idea and co-produced the film with Gary Kout states on his website, "One of our most important assets [is] our elders...they initiated the creative and spiritual movement we find ourselves in now...It's time to honor them and to welcome their wisdom! ...I believe we need many more movies that feature strong senior characters, and that's what we've done..."

In October 2012, the I.V. News reported, "As far as Twyman is concerned, the majority of Hollywood movies seem to be geared toward 15-year-old boys. I thought, what would happen if an older woman decided to walk the entire length of 199 from Grants Pass to the Oregon Coast? What would she experience?"

Who would she meet?" Twyman mused.

In the same article, co-producer Kout stated, "We are really thankful for the help and support from the Illinois Valley. The people of Cave Junction and local businesses have been amazing. You can't make a movie without that kind of support from the residents."

The film was entered in a dozen competitions, winning Best Drama at the Dixie Film Festival and Best Narrative Feature at the Gig Harbor Film Festival. It was also screened at the Ashland, Mt. Rainier, Tacoma, and the Northwest Film Forum Local Sightings Film Festivals as well as the Sedona International Film Festival, among others.

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Skate park takes shape at Jubilee Park

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A world-renowned skate park designer is leading construction of the new skateboard facility in Jubilee Park.

Sage Bolyard co-founded Dreamland Skate Parks in the 1990's with Mark "Red" Scott and others in Lincoln City, Ore. They developed the business based on their experience building the legendary Burnside Skatepark in Portland.

Bolyard later moved to Grindline Skateparks, which was founded in 1990. The firm has designed and built hundreds of facilities all over the U.S. and as far away as Israel and Okinawa. Like Dreamland, Grindline is known for employing actual skaters as designers and builders. This emphasis allows the firm to build "more skate park for

less money," benefitting both clients and users in the long run.

Here in Cave Junction, the company's attention to craftsmanship and safety made them the first choice of the local sport enthusiasts who voted for their design. The builders are similarly impressed by the level of commitment and expertise volunteers have exhibited in helping to build the project, which is quickly taking shape and is slated to be completed by the end of June.

Dave Palmer is Bolyard's co-contractor for Grindline on this project.

"You're getting a 10,000-square-foot project for a 1,500-square-foot budget because of all the volunteer and in-kind work that's been contributed," Palmer said. "We've been able to save money on wages and use that to make a better project."

"We're building on 20

years of effort," said Maureen Connolly, who teamed with Stacy Williams to make Williams' dream a reality. The pair of mothers co-chair the Sk8CJ Committee, a project of Youth Empowerment and Support (Y.E.S.), which also sponsors the annual Barter Faire fundraiser for the Dome School.

About 20 years ago the city made plans for a skate park at Jubilee Park. A group led by Thom LeGay and Andrea Thomas later installed a concrete slab and built wooden and metal structures, which lasted about nine years. That first C.J. skate park was dedicated in 1997 at the Labor Day Festival. LeGay later raised funds to have a larger concrete slab installed.

In 2007, Billy Dillard led a team that built new temporary ramps as his Eagle Scout project. These were dismantled in 2012 when they were deemed unsafe by the city.

See Park on A-12



(Photo by Judy Hoyle, Illinois Valley News)

The skate park team includes (L to R): Derek Plourde, Dave Palmer, Blair Birchfield, Buffalo, Stacey Williams. Seated: Sage Bolyard and Maureen Connolly.