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During the meeting it was decided to return to awarding three \$3,000 scholarships for 2017, two academic and one vocational. Gavlik commented that 18 students had applied for the 2016 scholarships and it had been very difficult to select the winners since they were all very deserving.

The IVHS Alumni and Friends board of directors 2017 elections included three-year terms for returning directors Gavlik ('99), Sherri Lamb ('85), Val "Dink" Cameron ('79), Pat Osipovich Dees ('69), Wilma Fisher Hyde ('76), Lynn Riggan Smith and Dennis Strayer.

New board members Mary Darryl, Shelly Smith, Jacky Swift, and Rhonda Davidson were also added to the roster.

Suzie Bleser Culver ('79) and her sister Adrianna Bleser Kymala ('86) were thanked and congratulated for once again securing the "Great BBQ Raffle" prizes, valued in excess of \$2,000.

For further information, visit facebook.com/IVHSAlumni or go to www.ivhsalumniandfriends.org.

Chris Duncan Leppert ('54), the Alumni group's secretary and chief reunion coordinator for decades stated, "The Junction Inn did a good job for us and the band was super."

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Lee Fulton, an account manager with CURA, a cannabis extract company based out of Portland, shared his experiences traveling around the state to meet growers. According to Fulton, what he had witnessed throughout the state was that when regulators don't work with growers to formulate the rules, the growers fall back on the black market. He encouraged attendees to work with the commissioners, and the commissioners to work with the community. By cooperating, said Fulton, "You can really have a good industry here in Josephine County."

Those interested in joining the committee to explore this issue should contact Commissioner Cheryl Walker at cwalker@co.josephine.or.us.

IVHS class of 1976 reunion



(Photo by Dan Klapheke, Illinois Valley News)

Front row, from left: Donyne Bell, Taryn Gibbs, Wade Fryman, Bill Garner, Lori Grove, Denise Olsen, Russ Kirk, Linda Davison, Neomi Merrill, Debbie Mason, Carolyn Estes, Connie Preston, Renee Johnson, Tina Bong, Ron Pope, Rechelle Cook, Jane Krauss, Gary Cook; Back row: Gary Randall, Howard Swanson, Ken Swift, Rhonda Lyons, Janine Pritchett, Randy Cassavaut, Jean Fisher, Perry Berglund, Terry Mitchell, Damon Ellis, Hope Thomas, Randy Hubbard, Susan Dutson, Madonna Miller Melton, Mike Melton, Wilma Hyde, Neal Smith, Joe Hoffman, Alvin Mitchell

CARS ...

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For example, Jerry's was involved with a stolen Nissan that was burned on Reggie Boltz's property on Brown Road in O'Brien. Scandle Williams, owner of the vehicle, attempted to tow it himself in order to avoid the rate Jerry's would have charged. Williams was only able to move the torched heap from out of the bushes and onto the side of the road, where it sat for three weeks.

"A little Nissan that almost weighs a ton's worth 10 or 15 bucks,

maybe," Swift said. "It costs you more to do the paperwork than what you get for scrap iron."

Boltz eventually paid Jerry's to get it off his property. However, with the Nissan having been torched, the value may be under what Swift predicted for an intact vehicle. For now, Williams' Nissan is in the impound yard and awaiting paperwork to be filed.

With the value of scrap metal so low, Jerry's impound yard is nearly full. Swift said there's well over 100 cars in the lot, and he's going to have to start crushing vehicles not for the

little money he'll get for it, but to free up space.

"When the price is up we do it every chance we got," Swift said. "But now the price is down, it's been probably three years since I've crushed."

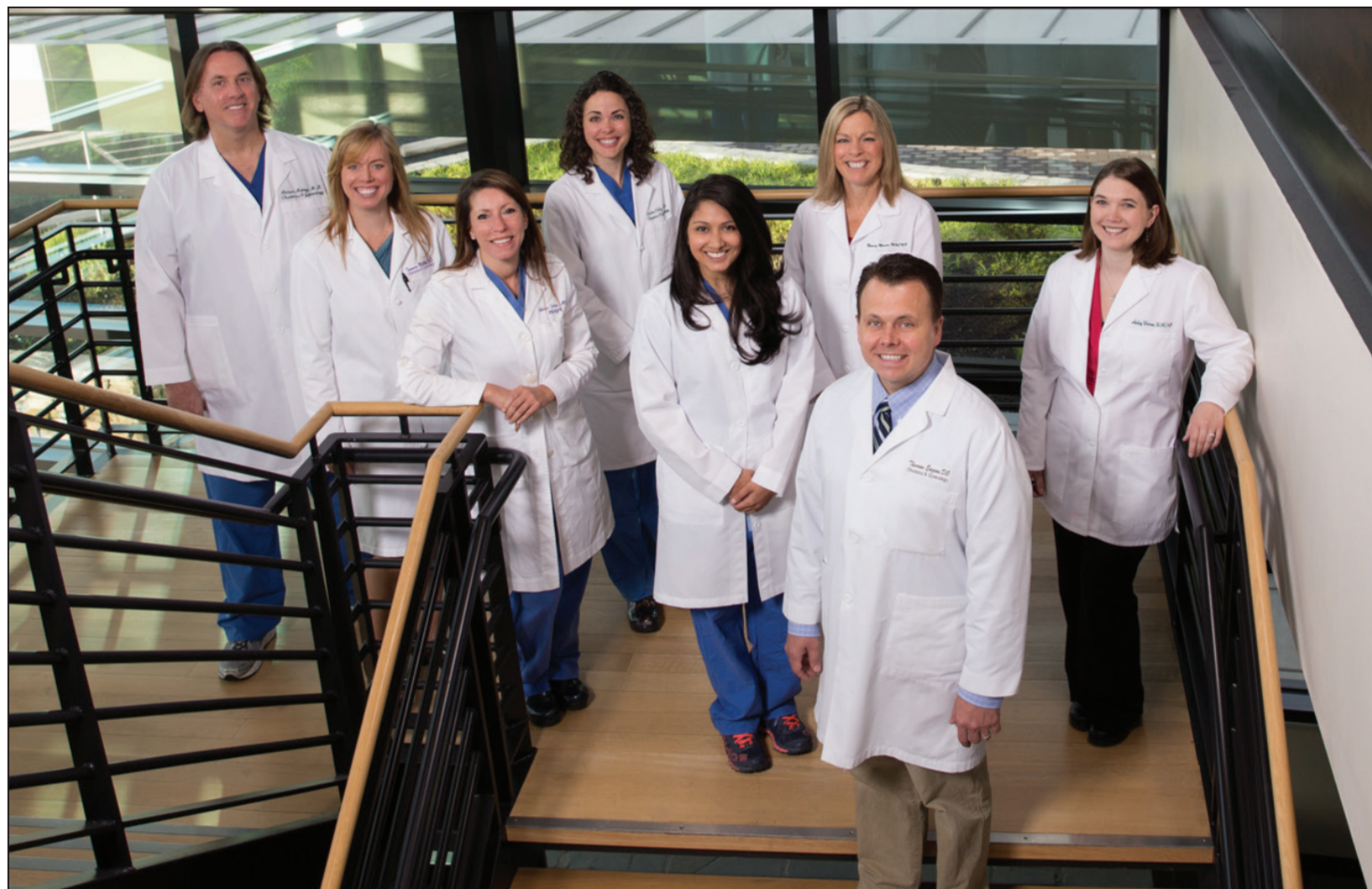
Other than out of necessity, Swift said he won't do much crushing until the value gets higher. But he doesn't see that happening any time soon, so he said he's not going to be picking up abandoned vehicles until it's worth it.

"I don't know what the solution would be," Swift said. "I'd say if scrap iron was up I'd be glad to go get them."



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Ras Cricket and the Cultivators featuring Frankie Hernandez at Concerts in the Park Thursday, June 30.



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