

IVHS class of 1971 reunion

Kathie Cornett Chapin (front left), Wanda Terpening Glaessner, Gwen Madden Bratton, Marti Dillion Kapocias, Sherrie Chamberlin Moine, Donna Fulk Fortin and Dick Baldwin, Mary Nolan Hansen (middle left), Maureen Thompson Fleming, Ronda Fuller Dressen, Debbie Hansen Smith, Sue Strain Stegenga, Leah Mitchell, Bruce Gibbs (back left), Bill Powell, Kerry Lackey, Ken Noah, John Kihs, Steve Baumann, Dale Peters, Mary Nolan Hansen



IVHS spring honor roll

12th grade

Kerstyn Britt, Todd Buckmaster, Zachery Clark, Eugene Griffin, Emma Guion, Latyca Hearn, Jordan Ingram-Rubenstein, Minjie Pan, Alexandra Ralston, Mahkayla Sommers

11th grade

Paul Binker, Gwendlyn Clinton-Joines, Lily Cusumano, Zoe Medina

10th grade

Rowdy Bates, Dylan Braithwait, Cynthia Burns, Chase Nelson, Courtney Scott, Jacob Yost

ninth grade

Bryce Bruner, Cierra Brunnemer, Zarena Norris, Jolene Steward, CJ Zabriskie

Community raises \$10,000 for local man

By Dan Klapheke
IVN Staff Writer

The Valley community banded together, June 29 to support a local man seriously injured in a motorcycle accident.

Jesse "Krunck" Keating, born and raised in Cave Junction, was heading southbound on I-5 when he slammed into the back of a semi truck near milepost 33 Thursday, June 9. Keating survived, but suffered serious injuries and has been in the hospital since.

In wake of the accident, Michael Hickerson, a former Illinois Valley High School classmate of Keating's, thought of holding a benefit and was searching for a venue. He found Gabriella Salas, owner of The G Spot Bar and Grill, who jumped at the opportunity.

"If we don't take care of each other, who's going to?" Salas said.

The two decided a raffle should also be involved, and they recruited Heather Thoms-Denham to organize it. The raffle featured

handmade items, including homemade jewelry and glass. One piece of glass made by Mike Luna went for \$1,000.

Other than the raffle, money was also raised through donations, which totaled over \$500, as well as a contribution from the bar. G Spot donated 25 percent of its gross receipts, and ended up donating \$1,000. Overall, Salas estimated the event raised nearly \$5,000 for Keating.

Salas said 250 people came throughout the night, and the bar was at max capacity the entire time.

Outside the event, Hickerson said a GoFundMe page has raised over \$3,000, and estimated that \$10,000 has been raised overall after factoring in community donations.

Hickerson, senior vice president of Bake Me A Wish, said he and Keating only knew of each other growing up. But when he heard of

Keating's wreck, Hickerson fired up his Get UP Facebook page.

"I did that just to handle their daily bills,"

Hickerson said of how he uses the page for people in Keating's situation. "They're broken, so how can they pay their bills?"

Hickerson started the Get UP page a few years ago, when a friend needed help paying bills while hospitalized. He also set up a GoFundMe, and since then he uses it when a friend or local needs help paying bills beyond medical expenses.

"If you have thousands of friends and people who love you, it'll explode," Hickerson said. "And obviously that kid is very liked."

Salas said part of the reason she was eager to be involved with the benefit was because she was in the same situation 15 years ago, when doctors discovered a brain tumor.

Her friends came together and put on a similar event to Keating's benefit, and raised nearly \$10,000.

"I always said, if it ever came up, if any of my friends ever need something like this that I would do whatever it took," Salas said. "And so when Jesse got hurt, I started thinking like, 'what are we gonna do for him?' And then I got a call from Michael and it came together."

Salas and Hickerson said there aren't any plans for another benefit for Keating, as the money raised should help out for a while; but if another event is needed, Salas said she'll look into it. Also, Keating's mother flew in from Alaska and is staying until her son recovers.

Salas said she hopes the benefit will show the Valley what the people can do for each other.

"We need to take care of each other," Salas said the day after the benefit. "I do believe the whole community should think like that, and we proved it last night that we do."



Jesse "Krunck" Keating

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Grill Menu
Pulled Pork Sandwich \$4.99 ea. (Reg. \$5.49)
With side salad.

Salad Case
Macaroni Salad \$3.49 lb. (Reg. \$3.99)

Grab-N-Go
Bagel Sandwiches \$3.49 ea. (Reg. \$3.99)
Ass'd. meats & cream cheese.

Breakfast Menu
Breakfast Plate \$4.19 ea. (Reg. \$4.69)
2 eggs any style, 2 sausage links and 2 pieces of toast.

Meat

Niman Ranch Kentucky Bourbon Dogs
No nitrates or nitrites. Just heat and serve.
\$4.99 pkg. (Reg. \$6.19 pkg.)

Beeler's Bacon Ends
Uncured bacon pieces. Fry it up and toss it in a salad.
\$5.99 pkg. (Reg. \$7.39 pkg.)

Frozen

Bonafide Bone Broth
Beef & Chicken
\$8.49 ea. (Reg. \$9.99 ea.)

Udi's Asstd. Gluten Free Entrees
\$5.89 ea. (Reg. \$6.69 ea.)

Produce

Mango
\$1.09 ea. (Reg. \$1.39 ea.)

Heirloom Tomatoes
\$4.09 lb. (Reg. \$4.29 lb.)

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