

# Boys and Girls Club set to expand

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There is soon to be a new place for teens in the Illinois Valley to hang out. Renovation will begin July 25 on what is going to become the I.V. Boys and Girls Club teen room.

Three Rivers School District and Evergreen Elementary have granted the club access to two modular classrooms that are located behind the school. These will be fixed up, repainted, and one of them will become a dedicated area for teen club members. According to Diane Gilbertson, executive director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley, the new teen

center will be available for middle school and high school students "so the teens have their own place to hang out."

Funding for the project comes from the proceeds of the Illinois Valley Rotary Club's 2015 Duck Derby. Labor is being provided local Oath Keepers.

The I.V. Boys and Girls Club, which is located at Evergreen Elementary School, currently serves an average of 80, and sometimes up to 120, children per day during the school year. According to Jenna Larkin, the Illinois Valley program director, 10 to 15 of these kids are teenagers. "Our hope," said Larkin, "is that with our new improvements on the teen room, we will see more high school students."

One of those improvements is having a dedicated employee just for the teen room. Terry Larkin will be available to help with homework, activities and community service projects. He also coordinates the sports for the club.

The club is currently in its summer program which runs Monday through Thursday from noon to 6:30 p.m. Members take part in weekly field trips, walks to the library, arts and crafts, and a wide variety of sports. Lunch is included. Recently, the I.V. Fire District brought one of their engines out to show it off to the children.

During the school year the club is open from the end of the school day until 6:30 p.m. Staff provide one-on-one homework

help and lead members in activities that promote healthy habits and character development. One of these programs is called "Positive Actions" and, according to Larkin, it "teaches kids how to take a negative situation and turn it into a positive one." Other activities include science club, drama club, card club, guest speakers, field trips and sports.

Annual membership to the Boys and Girls Club is \$40 per year with monthly fees that vary depending how many children are being enrolling and if they are participating in team sports. Scholarships are available. More information about membership and services is available online at [www.begreat4kids.com](http://www.begreat4kids.com).



(Photo by Dan Klapheke, Illinois Valley News)

A crowd lounges and listens to bluegrass and folk bands Saturday, July 16 at Lake Selmac for the 13th annual Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival. Bands included B Wishes and The Honey Bee Choir, The Podunk Poets, The Strillas, Acousta Noir, South Hills String Band, Moody Little Sister and Hollis Peach. The event was put on by the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, and City of Cave Junction recorder Ryan Nolan estimated attendance to be over 500.

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JoCo has gone without 24-hour patrol coverage since massive budget cuts gutted the sheriff's office in 2012. A handful of deputies currently serve about half-time and the detective division is shuttered - which means many crimes are not being investigated. Oregon State Police (OSP) detectives try to solve some of the more serious crimes; however they don't know the area as well as county police.

OSP also responds to emergencies when county deputies are off-duty. Yet many calls for police assistance go unanswered, or help comes too late. Neighborhood watch groups are attempting to take up the slack, but Balloch points out that citizens cannot replace a trained police force.

Balloch also talked about the recent killings of police officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge and feels that citizens have a duty to "make sure our police officers are safe." He said that too often, JoCo officers head into sketchy situations alone. "We have a duty as community to make sure they are safe while protecting us."

The proposed levy, at the \$1.42 rate, is estimated to cost property owners between \$17 and \$30 a month, depending on home values, or just under \$200 a year for a \$200,000 house. The last levy effort, in May 2015, proposed a five-year rate of \$1.40 and was defeated 46-54 percent. At 58 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, JoCo currently has the lowest permanent property tax rate in the state and is among the lowest nationwide. The average rate in Oregon is \$2.50 per assessed per \$1,000.

After the district attorney's office signs off on the measure's ballot title (expected to happen this week) about 30 volunteers will begin gathering the 2,038 signatures required before Aug. 10 to place the levy on the November ballot.

JCSLC has a website that is currently under construction, and Balloch says people can soon Google "Josephine County Safety Levy Committee" to access that site.

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 Reg. \$4.19 ea.  
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