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She also praised IVCDO chair Roger Brandt and thanked him for his enthusiastic support of their efforts, including many years helping set up and tear down the show. This year he also posted photos of the quilts and reminders about the event on Facebook and elsewhere.

Dickson commented on the bad weather this year and blamed it for the reduction in attendance and revenues.

“All the news outlets warned people to stay home. Fortunately, the bulk of the storm was further north and we only had one or two trees come down.”

While attendance for the quilt show is routinely 600 or more, it was down to 440 this year.

“But we did a good job, made money and had a lot of fun,” she

said.

Dickson then asked the award recipients to share information about their organizations.

Connie Hicks said, “This is just such a boon. This is our seventh year. Healing Hearts & Hooves (HH&H) started with one kid and now we have 15. What’s really expensive is maintenance for our horses. We use older horses because they’re safer for the kids, but the horses need a lot of dental work.”

“We’ve been hosted by August Moon Farm and they’ve been kind enough to cover our cost of boarding and hay. This grant will provide three horses with a year’s supply of hay and maintenance,” she said.

She added that the grant would help qualify as matching funds for other grants that Healing Hearts & Hooves might apply for as well.”

HH&H charges only \$20 per session, but that can be a hardship for families coping with an ill child. She was pleased to report

six students are currently receiving scholarships.

Jenna Larkin said, “Thank you ladies for all your hard work. This money will definitely go toward scholarships for the Boys and Girls Club. Memberships are only \$40 a year, but some families can’t afford that. Most of the funds we raise go toward scholarships so kids have a safe place to play after school and they’ll have something to eat before they go home.”

Dickson said that the Boys and Girls Club also provides umbrella insurance for the quilt show’s highway banner. Incoming Valley Girls President Verla Beck then called the meeting to order for the group to deliberate on next year’s quilt theme and design.

Following the meeting, Larkin said, “We’re very appreciative of the Valley Girls’ continued support. We’re always happy to help them during the quilt show.”



(Photo by Judy Hoyle, Illinois Valley News)

Boys and Girls Club’s Jenna Larkin (left) along with Carol Dickson of the Valley Girls and Connie Hicks of Healing Hearts & Hooves.

Artisans’ Faire makes a move to new home

The sixth annual Artisans’ Holiday Faire returns Dec. 10 at a brand-new venue located half way between Lorna Byrne Middle School and the Josephine County Building in Cave Junction.

The faire will be housed in the fellowship hall of the Community Bible Church, 113 S. Caves Ave. with the entrance on Lister. There is a large parking lot behind the complex of buildings.

Illinois River Valley Arts Council (IRVAC) sponsors this event which features live music, hearty refreshments and a wide variety of hand crafted gifts and stocking stuffers.

IRVAC President Linda Corey stated, “On behalf of the Arts Council, I thank Pastor Dave Gordon and the church elders for giving us the opportunity to hold our faire in such a wonderful space.”

There’s something for every taste and purse at the one day faire which will run from

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Work by many favorite Valley artists will be featured including:

- Rebecca Pearson’s collaged ornaments and Design Factotum owner Patti Culver’s fiber art and spirit dolls.
- Jewelry art with beaded works by Roxanna Chestney and Joyce Dodson and silver wire wrapped stone pieces by Skye Dillon as well as pieces brought by Tina Christensen of The Gemstone Affair.
- Jean Robertson’s Art Enticement features innovative tech-based sculpture and jewelry formed from recycled electronics.
- Nicki Parker will offer several new lines including coffee mug wraps, glass candle holders and crocheted bottle holders as well as Christmas photo holders.
- Wild Iris Pottery owner Leslie Dockwiller will bring her high-fired functional ceramics pieces.
- Gail Hawks of Hawks Designs will

be selling Native American styled jewelry, sculpture, leatherwork and artifacts. Plus, Kelly Waldin’s Native American inspired work will be featured.

- Sandy Rapisarda’s booth will feature dolls, crocheted hats and other clothing items.
- Jill Gruenburg’s stitchery includes pillows and potholders and the popular Lynn’s Designer Aprons will be featured.
- Oregon Dream Weaver Christine Murphy will offer free face painting and storytelling for children of all ages as well as her jewelry and photography.
- Siskiyou Mountain Herbs owner Deb Lukas will be selling health and beauty products, fiber art hats, clothing and toys.
- Kat Alley will offer homemade soaps, hand knitted clothing, and fiber art works under the banner of Alley Kat Productions.
- Connie Blakeley will bring Connie’s Cave Creations of adorable ceramic pieces.
- Siskiyou Alpaca products include

leather and warming alpaca wool hats and clothes hand knit or crocheted by Christine Perala Gardiner.

- Bonnie Campanoli’s booth will feature handmade teddy bears and Barb Padgett will offer beautiful mosaic pieces.

In addition to the variety of art venues, live music will include internationally renowned Celtic music performers, Anwyn and George Leverett and their special Altarwind Music CDs will be available for sale.

Also, soprano Kris Wildman will present “Not Just Your Average Carol,” accompanied by Nancy Lewis on the piano. Then, throughout the day, a caroling sing-along will take place as well as several surprise performances.

Furthermore, refreshments will be available for purchase, including hearty soups and baked goods.

For further information, call 541-592-6222.

POT . . .

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Delays can be just as damaging. Even in Colorado, the first state out of the gate with recreational stores, businesses complain of long waits to get permits or licenses. A few shops were hobbled in 2015 when Denver health authorities raised alarms about pesticides and banned the sale of thousands of plants.

In Alaska, voters legalized pot in 2014, but shops are only just now opening. Washington state spent more than a year mulling rules for the pot business.

The marijuana industry has grown under three presidents, each opposed to legalized weed.

The Obama administration has generally shied away from pursuing commercial operators who comply with state-level rules. When states began pushing the marijuana experiment beyond the medical realm, former Attorney General Eric Holder urged them to keep the drug away from criminals, kids, federal lands and other states where it remains illegal.

Marijuana activists say the pot experiment is too far along for anyone to stop, but the industry is anxious. When Sessions was announced as the attorney general nominee, the pro-legalization group Drug Policy Alliance didn’t mince words.

“This,” the group announced in an urgent email to supporters, “was our worst nightmare.”

Associated Press Writer Sadie Gurman in Denver contributed to this report.

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