

The 'Beatles' to make appearance at fundraiser

The Illinois River Valley Arts Council's (IRVAC) annual fundraiser March 25 is "Can't Buy Me Love" with a decidedly British theme in music, food and décor.

The Love Band will perform an all-Beatles tribute, spanning their entire body of work. The group will include Kimberly and J.D. Smith, leaders of the Plastic Onion Band, a Beatles cover group based in Pacifica, California for over 10 years.

Kimberly Smith, formerly Baumbach lived in the Valley for 20 years, raising her children here. She met J.D. in Takilma who was a former member of Moby Grape and has opened for both Van Morrison and Brian Wilson.

Also included in the band is Johnny Trujillo, a professional musician for over 40 years. In 2015 he opened for Robin Trower

and John Mayall at the Rogue Theatre in Grants Pass. A member of The Toyes, Colonel Mustard and Oregon Little Big Band, his favorite genre to perform is the Beatles.

Other Love Band members include drummer Dave Mathieu from Broadway Phil and the Shouters and guitarist Mike Herrman.

"All the members of the band are strong community supporters and are looking forward to helping raise much needed funds for arts education in Cave Junction's public schools," said Kimberly Smith.

According to IRVAC President Linda Corey, "This is a very worthy cause. We are raising money for Learning Through Arts. Our program helps students learn, gives them a creative outlet and is vital to making learning a joyful

experience."

IRVAC is a 501c3 nonprofit charity whose mission is to provide arts education, public art experiences and support for local artists, singers and musicians.

And once again, IRVAC will transform the appearance of the gymnasium at Selma Community Education Center, this time with yellow submarines and an English cityscape designed by Barbara Leon.

"Imagine the Selma Center converted into a London club with Beatle's art on the walls, British flags, twinkling lights, and beautiful tables set for dinner. Our superb Beatles tribute band will be playing all your favorite Beatle songs!" said Corey.

Hearty "pub grub" is included in the ticket price featuring shepherd's pie, Irish veggie

cobbler, salad and appetizer bar, coffee and tea. The desserts will include various cakes, English trifle, cheesecake and chocolate truffles courtesy of Harry & David.

The cash bar will feature beer and ale donated by Wild River Brewery and Pizza as well as a selection of red and white wines.

"Bruce Stone will have his professional photo studio set up on the big stage with your choice of backgrounds. You may have your portrait made for a reasonable fee," said Corey.

The live auction will be conducted by Kent Fisher and will feature special getaway packages to two of the top "50 Best Fan-Favorite Destinations in Oregon": The Historic Balch Hotel and the Chateau at the Oregon Caves.

Other auction items include tickets to the Britt Festival and

Oregon Shakespeare Festival, an Oriental carpet, fine jewelry and a variety of themed gift baskets, including a Chocolate Chest from Harry & David.

The event is co-sponsored by: Caves Chevron, Illinois Valley News, Taylor's Sausage, Umpqua Bank and Wild River Brewing and Pizza.

"Be prepared to dance, sing along and have a blast! Cheerio!" said Kimberly Smith.

Advance tickets at \$27 per person are going fast. Tickets are available at Umpqua Bank in Cave Junction and from IRVAC board members. Admission at the door will be \$30, if seating is still available. For further information, call 541-592-6222 during regular business hours.

Umpqua supports the arts



(Photo by Judy Hoyle, Illinois Valley News)

Umpqua Bank Charitable Foundation recently awarded Illinois River Valley Arts Council (IRVAC) \$3,500 to help fund "Learning Through Arts" (LTA) in the public schools. (Left to Right) Cave Junction Umpqua Bank Branch Manager Rachel Harris, IRVAC grant writer Cheryl Nelson, IRVAC treasurer Roxanna Chestney, Umpqua Bank teller Sarah Rossiter, IRVAC LTA coordinator Barbara Ford.

Valley Girls seek recipients

The Valley Girls Quilters Club is seeking funding requests from local nonprofit organizations that help the youth of the Illinois Valley.

Every year, the Valley Girls host a quilt show in October to showcase the talents of local quilters. Proceeds from the show, the sale of tickets for their Opportunity Quilt as well as the sale of quilt calendars are dedicated to our community's youngsters. The Illinois Valley branch of the Boys and Girls Club receives part of the money while other youth-oriented nonprofit groups also benefit. And now is the time to let us know if your group would like to benefit from Valley Girls funding.

To apply for a Valley Girls grant, write a letter that

explains what your group does as well as how it will use the money to benefit local youth. We'd also love to know how many youngsters you serve as well as the sorts of things you have done in the past. Also, how would your organization help with set up and take down of the show, as well as promote the event.

Letters should be sent to the Valley Girls Quilters c/o Verla Beck, 1031 N. Old Stage Road, Cave Junction, OR 97523, and they need to be received by Friday, March 31 for consideration.

Previous recipients of Valley Girls Quilters Club grants include local reading programs the Illinois Valley Branch of Josephine Community Libraries and the Jubilee Park playground. Last year, the Healing Hearts and Hooves therapeutic riding program and the Takilma Dome School, along with the Illinois Valley branch of the Boys and Girls Club, benefited from the funds raised.

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