

City now has library; needs help from community to bring it downstairs

By Joyce Hensley

The city of Irrigon will need help to bring the recently adopted year-old Irrigon library downstairs from its third floor location where more people will be able to utilize its services.

Because of the discouragement at being surrounded by two rooms full of good books and sitting and waiting for community residents to climb the steep stairs in the old Irrigon High School building, Friends of the library, a volunteer group, were prompted to approach the Irrigon's City Council to ask that the library be adopted as the Irrigon Public Library.

At the same time, suggesting the current city hall be expanded to make space so the library would have a spot to move into on the street level.

A resolution, patterned after a similar one used for the Echo and

Boardman city libraries, was adopted at the February 9 council meeting with the stipulation, as there are no tax monies available in the city budget for a library, that the library be funded from outside sources such as donations and support from the community.

"The city will be responsible for the budgeting, the hiring of the librarian, and seeing that the board conforms to the state library requirements," said Don Eppenba ch, Irrigon's City Recorder and Mayor.

Funding for expansion and improvement of library services and the library building may possibly be available since the library will be creditable with the State Library.

The city will assist with the promotion of the expansion of the building...and will also help seek grant monies for the expansion, if that is what is mutually decided

upon, according to Eppenba ch.

"I'm really excited about the library. I know it will grow," said Karen Cooley, chairman of the library board. "We've come a long way since this idea was born three years ago."

"The library committee wants to hold classes on such things as tatting, embroidery, and be involved with the Reading for Literacy Program," said Cooley, "but we can't in our present location. Fire codes limit the use of the current library to ten people."

The library board, composed of Karen Cooley, Isabel Jones, Mary Grow, Edith Jones, and Carleen Tureax, will serve in an advisory capacity to the City Recorder, who will be the administrative agent.

The library hours are Monday and Wednesday 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 to 11 a.m.

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Dutch Savage urges kids not to take drugs

By Joyce Hensley

"Don't let your friends drag you straight down to hell," said Dutch Savage, a professional wrestler for twenty-five years and an admitted drug user and alcoholic, speaking out against drugs recently at a Riverside High School assembly.

The natural tendency of a teenager is to go along with the crowd. "Don't say, 'yeh, I'll try it. I want to be your friend,'" he said. "I'm sick and tired of young people your age coming in blanked out, not even knowing their own names."

Traveling all over the United States and Canada under his charitable organization based in Portland, Northwest Outreach, for a little over two years, Savage has reached 250,000 kids. "I love kids. There is not a kid on the planet I can't help or at least try."

Savage, 52, lost three of his children because of his life style. "They are also drug addicts," he said. "I haven't seen them in a long time."

Even though he has been 'clean' for eight years, there are still side effects. "My brain doesn't work well. Sometimes I stutter. The doctors attribute it to the drugs I took."

When adults think of a talk against drugs, they automatically think speed, marijuana or shooting needles, but Savage considers alcohol equally as dangerous. "If you become an alcoholic, you'll curse the day you came out of your mothers womb," he said.



Dutch Savage

Seventy percent of divorces are alcohol related. "If one person in the family is an alcoholic, they can drag down the whole family."

A large percent of physical abuse has also been traced to the use of alcohol. "If you know someone living in a situation like that, ask them about the hell they are living in," he said.

"Alcohol is a depressant. We use a depressant to celebrate with and to get happy with, isn't that intelligent?" he asked.

The ingredients in alcohol are pretty powerful. Savage said, "the stuff in booze is ethyl alcohol. That

is the stuff you start cars with."

In spite of his massive six-foot four inch 250 pound frame, he disdains the world's tendency to admire 'macho', especially when someone says "come on, try it, don't be chicken."

Even when it applies to the 'simple' cigarette. "The first drug you learn about is tobacco...the chief avoidable death on this planet is caused by tobacco...you go from smoking to drinking then on to drugs," he said.

"Some of you jerks up there aren't listening, so listen," Savage said.

He appealed to the students. "You are going out into a world where men are killing each other on the street. You are our next chance, our last chance."

He urged the students who are 'hooked'. "I don't care how long you've been smoking, drinking or doing drugs, you can shake it. You can be anything you want to be."

"I'll do anything I can to help you, because I love you."

Savage lives with his wife on a farm in Yacolt, Washington and is now a Seventh-Day Adventist.

The program with Savage, coordinated by Sharon Barrick, Riverside High School Counselor, and sponsored by the Morrow County Juvenile Services Commission, included an assembly at Columbia Junior High School, a luncheon at Dodge City restaurant, the Riverside High assembly and an evening community program.

Krebs completes EPA Wastewater treatment course

Dorothy Krebs, employed by Port of Morrow, recently completed the Environmental Protection Agency's first national field study course on the operation of wastewater treatment plants. California State University, Sacramento, California, administers the program for EPA and has presented Krebs with a Certificate of Completion. Topics covered in the course include all phases of the operation and maintenance of small wastewater

treatment plants.

Dr. Kenneth Kerri, Program Director, stated that Krebs is one of many operators in the United States to complete the program. The course is available to all persons interested in the operation of wastewater treatment plants. The Environmental

Protection Agency expects over 600 operators throughout the United States to complete the program this year.

Riverside whips Heppner, moves on in District Tournament



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Riverside's Vince Daltoso (41) checks Heppner's Barney Lindsay as he goes up for two points at District tournament last Friday in Pendleton. Riverside beat Heppner to move on to play in Saturday's game against Stanfield. Stanfield beat Riverside ending the season for the Pirates.

School Lunch Menus

March 7-11

RHS

Monday-fish nuggets, scalloped potatoes, watergate salad, red apples, pineapple upside down cake potato bar and milk.

Tuesday-taco salad, meat/cheese, tater tots, fruit, cookies, milk or potato bar.

Wednesday-hot turkey sandwiches, potato and gravy, peaches, gingerbread with topping, milk or sandwich bar.

Thursday-burritos, nachos, vegetables with dip, fruit, chocolate cake, milk or sandwich bar.

Friday, chicken nuggets, tartar sauce, sweet & sour sauce, macaroni and cheese, red jello, cake with cherry topping and milk.

Ione schools

Monday-spaghetti, garlic bread, tossed salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday-ham and scalloped potatoes, hot rolls, buttered peas, carrot sticks, fruit and milk or salad bar.

Wednesday-vegetable beef soup, bologna or peanut butter and honey sandwiches, pickles and crackers, dessert, milk or salad bar.

Thursday-beef and noodles, seasoned vegetables, muffins, fruit, milk or potato bar.

Friday-fish nuggets, French fries, cabbage salad, carrots, fruit and milk.

Sam Boardman Elementary

Monday-hamburger gravy, potatoes, hot rolls, corn, apples and milk.

Tuesday-haystacks, meat, cheese, lettuce, chips, green beans, fruit, crazy cake and milk.

Wednesday-hot dogs, tater tots, fruit cobbler and milk.

Thursday-spaghetti, French bread, green salad, fruit, cookies and milk.

Friday-tuna noodles, peas, fruit fantasy, ice cream bars and milk.

Port of Morrow to meet March 9

The Port of Morrow Commission will hold a meeting Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County School District office in Lexington.

Fair and Rodeo Committee to meet

The Fair Board, Fair Committee and Rodeo Committee will meet on

Monday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Willows Lodge hosts District Convention

Willows Lodge #66 is hosting the Umatilla-Morrow County District Convention to be held Saturday, March 5 in Heppner. Registration begins at 11 a.m. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m.

Grand Master Owen McIntyre and other Grand Lodge officers are expected to be in attendance.

Conferring of the second will be done during the afternoon. All Oddfellows are invited to attend.

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