

# Pruners find hope...

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that she and her husband are taken care of.

"We have everything we need and then some," she said. "We'll just pick up the pieces and go on."

Faith also has played a significant role for Ora Mae Meyer, who also lost her home of 43 years on West River Road during the Daisy Hill Fire.

Meyer said she was taking a nap when the fire reached her property. With assistance from family members, she escaped unharmed, but with only her purse and car.

"I extend my sincere appreciation to Gary and Mary Bell for getting me out in time," Meyer said. She also expressed appreciation to her children, Richard and Pamela Meyer, Dr. Robert Meyer,

and Cindy and Larry Noble for their assistance after the fire and their help in dealing with her loss.

Their support, plus that of the I.V. community, and Bridgeview Community Church, where she is a member, has proved a great comfort to her.

"This valley is my home, most of all, because my special church and community friends have made it that way," Meyer said. "Because of them, I am encouraged to rebuild on my property, and will continue to reside here."

A fund for donations has been set up in the Pruner name at Community Bible Church, where Donna is a member. For more information, or to make a donation, contact Pastor Don Blackburn at 592-3896.

# Football fund-raising...

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During reunion week-end, Thornhill and some players spoke to several alumni about program needs.

And earlier this summer, several players spent a day in Williams bucking hay to earn funds.

"We're not just asking for money. We know the boys are going to have to work," Jannie said.

Nic and fellow teammate, Jake Tardie, a junior, said they want to work hard to help their team.

"I know we have a really good chance of going to state," Tardie said.

"A lot of people come to the games," Nic said.

Plus, football has become an important part of the high school experience for the players.

"You make a lot of friends and memories,"

Nic said, adding that the sport gets him to interact with students he may not interact with otherwise.

It also instills a sense of school pride and spirit, he noted.

"They're learning to work together. They're learning discipline," Thornhill said.

These values extend to the middle school program as well, he added.

Thornhill stressed that football isn't the only sport that's strapped for funds.

The track team also lost three coaching positions.

"I don't see it (the situation) getting any better," Thornhill said. "We've got a little bit, and we're fighting to keep it."

For information or to make a donation, phone Thornhill at 597-2389 or Jannie at 597-2060.

# USFS did well at blaze; Daisy Hill ops outlined

By **JOE FELDHAUS**  
**IVFD Division Chief;**  
**Incident Commander,**  
**Daisy Hill Fire**

On Sunday, June 29 the Illinois Valley Fire District was faced with one of its greatest challenges, as at 3:42 p.m. we were faced with a wind-driven interface fire.

With mutual aid from Josephine and Jackson counties, U.S. Forest Service and Oregon Dept. of Forestry, we were able to contain the fire at 120 acres.

Unfortunately we lost two residences and some outbuildings.

To clarify something that appeared in the July 9 "Illinois Valley News," it was reported exactly as I stated, but as I read it I realized that it didn't come across well.

When we lost 580 W. River St., we reported that the forest service had done a 360 inspection, went around again and discovered the roof fire. The appearance is that they came in and went back out in short order.

This is not the case. They had taken up position in the early stages of the fire and had extinguished many ground fires around the structure.

In continuing their surveillance, they observed discoloration on the metal roof indicating fire within the structure. Apparently, embers entered the attic through openings in the building or through the ends of the metal roof.

The forest service is not equipped, trained or allowed to attack a structure fire from the interior. They made every effort from the exterior, and contacted structural engines to assist. It was determined that there was too much fire in the structure to commit resources when we had other structures immediately threatened.

The forest service did everything within its capabilities to prevent the loss. As the incident commander, I am proud of their valiant efforts.

Among the challenges we faced, the wind was blowing from 15 to 30 mph, which drove the fire hard. Second, we broke a second fire on Waldo road within five to 10 minutes of the Daisy Hill Fire.

Lt. Tom Zulliger and Capt. Steve Corwin, both volunteers with the O'Brien Station, are the unsung heroes. They were able to contain that fire by themselves to approximately 1/2 acre.

Had that fire gotten away, we would have been in extreme trouble.

We still need volunteers in the fire district. I had five pieces of fire-fighting apparatus sitting in stations with no one to bring them to the scene.

The citizens of Illinois Valley did a great job assisting us. I'm sure that there is frustration as to why we didn't use a lot of them. It comes down to law and their safety.

Once I ask a civilian to do something, I have assumed their liability. If they get hurt, it opens many doors to let in lawyers.

Also, we don't have communication with them: thus, if they get in trouble we might not know it. If they're working the fire and we don't know where

they are, we could direct air tankers to drop on them, not known that they are there. Those pieces of equipment can kill you.

My main point is that I saw a wonderful volunteer spirit during this incident. I am appealing to the valley community to join the volunteers and become trained so that we can use them.

It's your valley. There was a lot of wasted manpower. Yes, it's a commitment. Yes, you end up devoting a lot of time. But again -- it's your valley.

For those who are new residents or unfamiliar with the fire district, we have six stations spread through the valley. Except for Selma our staffing is, to be blunt, in the toilet.

We need those folks who are out there, and I saw them in action. The rumor mill always has stories about how citizens say that they would have done this or they would have done that. They might be right, but unless they join us and help their fellow residents, it's only words.

Firefighter Bill Hickerson has beat himself into the ground for 23 years trying to get more volunteers.

I don't know of any better evidence of need than the Daisy Hill Fire.

Finally, if anybody has questions about that fire and why it was handled the way it was, they should feel free to stop by Station 1 in Cave Junction and talk with me. As incident commander of the Daisy Hill fire, I extend the invitation.



Sharon Westcott and Jack McCornack  
(Photo by Steve Fairchild)

# Flyers soar to worlds...

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from a global positioning system.

Another competition will test his landing abilities as he will be required to land with his engine shut off on a five-meter long target for maximum points.

"Every time I fly one of these I come back a greatly improved pilot," he said. "The intensity of the competition brings out the best in me."

The theme for this year's competition will be

"100 Years of Friendship Through Flight."

Winners of the event receive a gold medal which is as prestigious in flight circles as the Olympic gold medal, he said.

Westcott is excited to be the American representative in the competition since the United States is the birthplace of flight.

"We're really trying to present a team that is proud to be invited to the cup," she said. "We're proud to come from the birthplace of aviation."



**Laurel Cemetery Association**  
wishes to thank  
**True Value Hardware for the paint and varnish,**  
**Illinois Valley Building Supply for the new number plates, and**  
**the nice person for the labor who wishes to remain anonymous.**

**Next Concert in the Park:**  
**Thursday, July 11, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**



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Congratulations to Jamie Couick and Ivy Fink, Class of 2003 who received our \$1,500 vocational scholarship and \$1,500 academic scholarship.

<b>Cave Junction ART WALK</b> Friday, July 11 <sup>th</sup> • 5-8 p.m. Explore The Visual, Literary, Performing & Epicurean Arts Of The Illinois Valley			
<b>Visual Arts</b> <b>Bebe's Art for Everyone</b> 148 S. Redwood Hwy. • 592-5343 Featured Artists: <i>Dennis Kenney</i> Watercolors In the Outdoor Garden <i>Felicity Elworthy 7-8 p.m.</i> Poetry Reading <b>Child's Play</b> 140 S. Redwood Hwy. • 592-4983 Featuring <b>JEMARC</b> Free Juggling Lessons	<b>Exhibits Showing Through July</b> <b>Cone Ten Pottery Studio &amp; Gallery</b> 360 Caves Hwy. • 592-4646 (Old Goodwill Location) <b>Student Show and Clay Animal Contest</b> Everyone welcome to participate! Refreshments served	<b>Performing Arts</b> Sponsored in part by Cheryl Wilburn & Evergreen Federal <b>Gary Trummel</b> Blue Moon <b>Paul Abbey &amp; Friends</b> Pizza Pit <b>Common Ground 6-9</b> Taylor's Country Store <b>Felicity Elworthy 7-8</b> Bebe's Art for Everyone	<b>Literary Arts</b> <b>IV Library</b> Season Sponsor Dr. Katherine Mechling, Clear Creek Family Practice 209 W. Palmer • 592-3581 Open until 6 p.m. Janet Vasquez presents Community Children's Art <b>Blue Moon Coffee and Books</b> 119 S. Redwood Hwy. • 592-2266 BBQ Chicken w/Roasted Cauliflower, Vegetarian Jambalaya, Organic Espresso & Desserts Featured Artists: <b>CY</b> Mixed Media Collage <b>Gary Trummel</b> Blues to Celtic Guitar
<b>Epicurean Arts</b>			
<b>Wild River Brewing &amp; Pizza</b> 249 N. Redwood Hwy. • 592-3556 Featured Artist: <b>Mary Katherine Kenney</b> Mixed Media Collage	<b>Pizza Pit</b> 316 S. Redwood Hwy. • 592-6111 Featured Artist: <b>Bruce Stone</b> Mixed Media <b>Paul Abbey &amp; Friends</b> Guitar and Vocals	<b>Taylor's Country Store</b> 202 S. Redwood Hwy. • 592-5358 Special Thai Dinner with Chef Michael Smith Desserts, Beer, Wine, Espresso Featured Artist: <b>Wallace Heister</b> Oils <b>Common Ground</b> Christian Music 6-9 p.m.	
Interested in being part of the <b>Cave Junction ART WALK</b> ? Please contact Rebecca at Bebe's Art for Everyone 592-5343.			

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**\*Friday, July 11**  
**ARTWALK - 'COMMON GROUND' CHRISTIAN ROCK**  
**\*Special Thai Dinner\***  
 Saturday, July 12 - featured on NPR from Arcata  
 Eileen Hemphill-Haley  
 Friday, July 18 - 'Delta Blues Man' Don Haupt  
 Friday, July 25 - 'Fools Forgiven'  
**\*Thursdays - UBA-Star open mic with Jake Thompson**  
 Come-one, Come-all Scrabble games  
**\*DINNERS SERVED\***  
 Thursday, Friday & Saturday - Starting at 5 p.m.

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