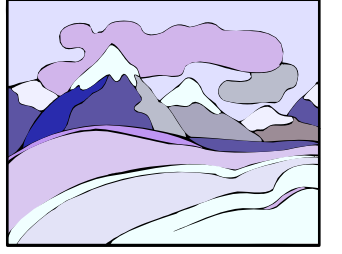


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For nonprofits

## New fee on events inside CJ pondered

By MICHELLE BINKER

A proposal brought to Cave Junction City Council would require nonprofit entities to purchase a city business license for special events at which the organization collects money from vendors.

Revenue generated from sale of these licenses would help the city recoup costs of cleaning up and maintenance following special events.

Ordinance 441 would amend the municipal code and redefine "business" to include any nonprofit or charitable "corporation or organization collecting revenue from commercial vendors for the right to do business during special events sponsored by the corporation or organization."

The fee for such a license would be \$100 per day. Currently, no such business license is required of charitable entities.

The proposed ordinance provoked dismayed comments from several people who attended the council meeting Monday night, Jan. 12.

"This is an unfair tax on the Lions and other non-profit organizations which do good work in the community," said Jerry Sommers with I.V. Lions Club. "If we had to come up with this fee, we would have to raise our vendors' fees."

Gary Bell, also with I.V. Lions, said that roughly 90 percent of proceeds generated from I.V. Lions-sponsored special events go back to the community.

Jim Frick of Harris & Taylor Century 21 also spoke against the ordinance. He asked the council to consider what speakers from the volunteer groups had said, and not charge the fee.

Ellie Buell, from American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70, and Sonny Moore, of I.V. Little League, both spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

In the face of such stiff opposition, Mayor Ed Faircloth proposed continuing discussion of the issue at a later date.

To give your customers or your sweetie a valentine message, use the 'Noose.' Phone 592-2541 for details or stop by the office. Deadline for valentines is Thursday, Feb. 5



**CAVE JUNCTION ROLL-OVER** - Selma resident Harry 'Rob' Lamar, 38, suffered apparent minor injuries when the pickup truck he was driving rolled on Redwood Hwy. at the north end of Cave Junction. American Medical Response, Illinois Valley Fire District and Josephine County Sheriff's Office responded at approximately 10:20 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Witnesses said that Lamar was northbound, when he braked and swerved because of vehicles stopped to make left turns.

Photos by Michelle Binker

## Selma's Equi=Tech units used by JPL

Balanced power equipment from the audio industry's own Selma-based Equi=Tech Corp. has been deployed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif.

Six of Equi=Tech's Model 2Q's were furnished to NASA for use with laboratory testing and

data processing equipment at JPL Pasadena. Their precise use is confidential.

However, sources claim that the application is telemetry related. Among its many functions, the Pasadena facility tracks nearly all objects in orbit around Earth. JPL represents this country's leading

edge in space exploration, according to an announcement.

Equi=Tech also reported that it has furnished balanced power systems to other government technical installations including the National Science Founda-

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**LABORS OF LOVE** - Cave Junction-based Life Lines, which each month sends more than 2,000 Christian-oriented newsletters to prisoners around the United States, held its annual Christmas After-Christmas party at the home of Doug and Joy Hoskins on Monday night, Jan. 19. John McLaughlin (far right in top photo) was given a special scrapbook, as it was his 62nd birthday. Also, he is the author of 'Walk to Freedom,' detailing his violent times and prison life before accepting Jesus Christ 15 years ago. Melanie Gayle Hoskins (right) checks the list for the monthly mailing of the newsletter. A highlight of the party was announcement of Operation Freedom: Sending Hope Behind the Walls. The plan is to provide McLaughlin's book to every prison library. (Top photo, from left) Bob Yankee, Karin Cooley and Jude McLaughlin join to help McLaughlin celebrate his birthday.



## Full-time mechanic posed to fire board

By SHANE WELSH

During a meeting of the Illinois Valley Fire District Board of Directors on Thursday night, Jan. 15, members discussed the possibility of hiring a permanent, full-time mechanic to repair equipment and vehicles.

During the meeting in Cave Junction City Hall, incoming Chief Harry Rich expressed concerns about delays and errors when servicing equipment through outside mechanics.

Rich reminded members of an incident that occurred when the wrong rims inadvertently were used on one truck, resulting in a lost wheel. He felt that having a mechanic "in-house" could benefit the department by allowing a more timely response for repairs and assuring that jobs are done properly by people familiar with fire-fighting equipment.

"I am just concerned about that fire we answer at 2 in the morning and the pump doesn't work," commented Rich.

Another major concern voiced by Rich is the expense linked to having maintenance and repairs handled by other than district employees.

Volunteer Lt. Bill Hickerson of CJ Station 1 felt that hiring a mechanic would be too expensive and of little or no benefit

to the district. He felt that the district should "...send Joe off to school to learn the things we need done," referring to Division Chief Joe Feldhaus.

The need for an Automotive Service Excellence

**Major equipment repairs now are sent to Grants Pass, a process that is seen as too expensive.**

(ASE) certified diesel mechanic especially was noted. Currently, the district sends its major repair work to Rural/Metro Fire Dept. mechanics in Grants Pass.

However, noted Feldhaus, that procedure requires the use of two rigs and two firefighters. In addition, without faulting Rural/Metro, he noted that, "Our emergency is not their emergency," referring to the time it sometimes takes to get back a truck.

Rich mentioned that he has several volunteer firefighters in mind for the position, who might be qualified, and that he would provide a prospective cost analysis for the board to aid in its decision.

Although plans to hire a mechanic were not finalized, the board intends to discuss the feasibility of budgeting a mechanic for the district during a future meeting.

## City housing projects approved conditionally

By MICHELLE BINKER

Plans for two new housing developments in Cave Junction moved closer to realization after the CJ City Council gave conditional approval to both projects.

The council held public hearings on the two planned unit developments (PUD) during its regular meeting Monday night, Jan. 12 in city hall.

The council heard a report prepared by Dick Converse, a planner from Rogue Valley Council of Governments, about the 41-unit Illinois River Estates planned for the west end of Schumacher Street.

"In many ways, this looks like a standard subdivision," Converse said, noting that the primary differences are a private street and abundant open space where the property abuts the river.

The private road as planned is 20-foot wide, bordered by grassy "bioswales" rather than gutters, to clean and divert surface water runoff to the common areas near the river.

Developer Jim Arm-

strong with The Forks L.L.C. said the plan will create a river-friendly, "livable situation for residents of Cave Junction."

In a 4-0 vote, the council gave preliminary approval to The Forks PUD with a list of concerns to be addressed before signing off on the final plat. Councilman Dan Fiske was absent.

The concerns include development of Schumacher to city standards, including sidewalks, bearing in mind future development of other parcels nearby; concerns of Illinois Valley Fire District and nearby "Forks" State Park; and having a city engineer review plans for water, sewer and drainage.

The final plat for phase one of the Sunnybrook Manor Estates, on Laurel Road between Redwood Hwy. and Old Stage Road, was conditionally approved 4-0.

Pending are resolution of issues at the county level, including storm drainage, street names, and a second driveway for emergency vehicle access.

It's only possible to live happily ever after on a day-to-day basis.

- Margaret Bonano -