



Will Sowell (left) presents Will Ewing the Hall of Flame award.

Fire district honorees recognized

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eventually becoming deputy chief and interim chief. He left seven years ago for Toledo.

“This means a lot to me,” said Ewing, “because the I.V. Fire District is my ‘mother.’” The audience gave him a standing ovation.

Dr. Hill Recognized

Another special acknowledgement, the EMS Award, went to Dr. Martin P. “Marty” Hill. He could not attend, but Millie Stepp, a volunteer firefighter and a medic with American Medical Response, made the following statement:

“The EMS Award recognizes a significant contribution to emergency medical services. One reason that we have seen notable, positive changes in Josephine County during the past few years is the STEMI (ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction) program that Dr. Hill was instrumental in implementing here.

“That is why you have seen Mercy Flights helicopters here more often.

“It has had a huge impact on patient survival in certain cardiac arrhythmias. Our program has a greater survival rate on average than the rest of the nation.

“We didn’t want this contribution to go unnoticed, and that is why Dr. Martin Hill is our choice for the I.V. Fire EMS Award.”

A special award went to Rainie Rich, wife of Chief Harry Rich, for her tireless efforts helping the office crew through a transition period.

Kent Johnson Memorialized

The late Kent H. Johnson, who devoted 14 years to IVFD and was battalion chief in Selma, was recalled by Rich. The chief said that the new Station 2, which was dedicated to Johnson, will now be called Kent Johnson Station 2.

His widow, Lynn, and daughter, Justine, accepted a framed declaration from the chief.

Other citations of respect for efforts expended went to:

*Chief Rich, who was given the Board of Directors Award and received a standing ovation. Chairman Larrick Jones thanked Rich “for bringing the fire district into the 21st century with new stations, and better training and equipment than we’ve had before.”

*Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer received a certifi-

cate for 15 years service.

*Delaine Sherman, IVFD headquarters office manager, was recognized with the Administration Award.

*A Special Recognition Award went to Wal-Mart for its outstanding response, freely given, during the Deer Creek Conflagration last year. The Grants Pass store provided food and beverages for the hundreds of firefighters involved.



Chief Harry Rich and his wife, Rainie, were honored for their outstanding efforts. (Photos by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/IVFD)

*The I.V. Volunteer Firefighters Association awards went to President Phil Aria, who also catered the meal Saturday; Secretary Lynn Kaufman, and Treasurer Kathy Ethier.

*The Station Award, given for the one demonstrating the most cohesiveness and teamwork, went to Station 2 in Selma.

Also recognized were the 911 Dispatch Center staffers, who were given a large container of M&M candy based on “squelches and too loud transmissions.”

While IVFD staff and volunteers were attending the three-hour event Saturday, Rural/Metro Fire Dept. provided coverage. Table prizes for firefighters and guests were provided by Bridgeview Vineyards Winery.

Council OKs three permits

Three zoning clearances in connection with dwellings were approved during January by the city of Cave Junction:

*307 Hanby Lane, for Admiral Construction for a single-family residence (SFR) and a garage.

*603 Sherwood Ave., for “Hewson,” for a SFR, garage and porch.

*208 1/2 Caves Ave., to Sally Palmer, to replace a burned mobile home.

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Preventing childhood injuries focus of OHSU/Doernbacher Safety Center

Doernbecher Children’s Hospital at Oregon Health & Science University recently held a grand opening for the West Coast’s first hospital-based safety center.

Patients, their families, employees, students and the public now can receive expert childhood safety instruction free of charge, and low-cost safety supplies tailored to meet each family’s specific needs and lifestyle, the hospital said.

One in four children each year are injured enough to require medical attention, according to the National Center for Prevention and Control. Most injuries, they say, could have been prevented.

Kathy Carey, of Hillsboro, and her son, Spenser Erickson, 10, know well the value of safety equipment.

Two years ago, Spenser borrowed a pogo stick from a neighbor and was eager to try it. His mother said that would be fine, but insisted he wear a helmet. Spenser argued that he

would look “dorky” in front of his friends if he wore a helmet and that it was uncomfortable.

But she persisted saying, “No helmet; no pogo stick.” The next day Spenser rode the pogo stick for the first time. After a few jumps, the handlebars fell apart and he flew backward, landing on his head in the middle of the street.

Thankfully, said the hospital, he was wearing a helmet and avoided serious injury.

This past Christmas, with the memory of Spenser’s accident fresh in her mind, his mother visited the Doernbecher Children’s Safety Center and purchased brand-new helmets for Spenser and his siblings after safety center staff measured their heads to select helmets with a customized fit. Being thoughtful about safety is a habit Carey developed since Spencer’s accident, and she intends to visit the Safety Center annually for updates.

Doernbecher Children’s Safety Center works with families like Spenser’s to educate them about preventable childhood injuries, the No. 1 cause of death and disability among the children in Oregon and the United States.

Safety advocates in the center provide individual counseling and hands-on demonstration of products. They include cabinet latches, window guards, stair gates, gun locks, baby-proofing supplies, smoke alarms, electrical outlet plugs and specially fitted activity helmets for numerous activities, such as biking, skating, rollerblading and skiing.

“After years of seeing patients whose injuries could easily have been prevented, the need for a center specializing in injury prevention education was hard to ignore,” explained Scott Shipman, center director and pediatrician in Doernbecher Children’s Hospital.

Damaged forests reviewed by U.S. reps

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only. A list of witnesses will be announced prior to the hearing.

Said Walden, “The Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act is the most comprehensive forest research bill introduced in decades.

After input from leading scientists, the authors plan to refine the requirement for peer review of research to be ‘independent, third-party

peer review by scientific and land management experts.’

“The measure will also be amended,” Walden continued, “to include a provision to create a dedicated research fund to ensure that money is available for research and monitoring.”

He added that with its focus on scientific research, H.R. 4200 would provide land managers the tools and resources necessary to take responsible and timely ac-

tion after a devastating event such as a wildfire, hurricane, “blow-down” or ice storm.

Walden is in his fourth term representing Oregon’s Second District which includes nine national forests.

He was one of the original authors of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, which is said to provide federal land managers a quicker system to reduce the threat of fires around communities and in forests.

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We would like to thank the following food sponsors for their generous donations to the February 2006 I.V. Chamber of Commerce Mixer:

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Your kind donations were enjoyed by everyone in attendance, and your service reflects the highest standards being set by the Illinois Valley community.

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Your time, and the generous contribution you have made to the Illinois Valley community, reflect the quality of service you give everyday in your own careers.

We also thank Bob Rodriguez and all of the staff at the Illinois Valley News, for their dedication to the success of the Illinois Valley and their diligent promotion of the Chamber of Commerce and this event.

And finally, we would like to thank all of the 60 to 70 people who attended this month’s Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce Mixer. Your support of our community was reflected in the great showing we had.

For those who missed this month’s Chamber of Commerce Mixer, there will be another Mixer scheduled in March. Please contact the I.V. Chamber of Commerce for details concerning the next event:

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