

## Here, There, & Everywhere

**CHAMBER DOIN'** - Friday, Feb. 2 is the deadline for reservations for an annual awards program and dinner-dance planned for Saturday, Feb. 10 by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. The event at the Junction Inn will feature entrée choices of prime rib, chicken, or vegetarian dish. There will be a no-host bar. Phone the chamber office at 592-3326 or see Dulcie Moore in the office at I.V. Visitor Center.

**OUTSTANDING SOUGHT** - Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its annual Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year awards program. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Jan. 26. Nominees and the winners will be honored during an annual ceremony on Feb. 10. Exemplary services by nominees must have been performed during 2006. Forms are available from the chamber office in I.V. Visitor Center, or submit nominations to the chamber office at P.O. Box 312 in CJ, specifically describing the accomplishments and contributions of nominees. For more information phone 592-3326.

**MEAL CALL** - The Harvest Kitchen at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in CJ served 6,539 meals during 2006 with the generous donations and support of the community. To volunteer or to donate, phone Linda Butler at 597-4383.

**KNEE BRACE** - A special buffet dinner with family style seating will be held Friday, Jan. 19 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the home of Mark & Kate Dwyer as a benefit for his knee surgery. Phone 592-2214.

**21ST CENTURY LEARNING** - The 21st Century Learning Center Program at Illinois Valley High School is gearing up to offer another series of classes in its after-school program. Classes are free to students and parents of students at valley public schools. The following are offered: Scrapbook Making, Figure Sculpture, Guitar, Weight Training, Genealogy, Knitting, Sewing, American Sign Language, Bead Weaving, Juggling, Games (e.g. Scrabble, chess and others), Step-Aerobics, Craft Projects, and Mountain Biking. Staff and community members serve as instructors for the program held Mondays through Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. For information or to register, contact Deb Murphy at 592-2866, or Jen Marsden at 592-2451.

**GOT SMUDGE POT?** - Rogue Gallery & Art Center in Medford is missing a piece of the smudge pot sculpture, "Legacy," after someone stole the yellow pot that stood atop the garden sculpture. The sculpture, a fixture at the gallery, has been on loan from the artist during the past six and a half years. If you know of the whereabouts of the item, phone 772-8118.

**NOTEPAD - Senior Parent Night** at Illinois Valley High School will be held Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria with information about senior projects ... **Riparian trees** will be distributed Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 and 20, by the Forestry Action Committee. For information or to participate, phone 592-4098... Hope Mountain Radio TakilmaFM.com will benefit from a fund-raiser at Takilma Community Bldg. on Saturday, Jan. 27 with dinner and music. A "Spaghetti Tuscana" dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m., with "Ol' Time Country" music by the "Rosehip Ramblers" beginning at 8 p.m. ... **Visitations dropped** by 41 during December at I.V. Visitor Center comparing '05 (180) to '06 (139), chamber office manager Dulcie Moore announced ... **An I.V. Chamber mixer** will be held Friday, Feb. 2 at Century 21 Harris & Taylor in CJ ... **Senior bumper stickers:** \*Don't laugh. My Studebaker may be worth more than what you drive. \*My wife always gives me sound advice: 99 percent sound/1 percent advice. \*When did my wild oats turn to prunes and bran? \*Any day above ground is a good one.

**LAST WORDS** - Hard work spotlights the character of people: Some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all. (Sam Ewing)

## Cash new forest assistant

Forest Supervisor Scott Conroy has welcomed Cassius Cash as the new deputy forest supervisor for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

Cash will assist in the oversight and management of the more than 1.8 million acres of national forest lands in Southwestern Oregon and part of Northern California.

"Cassius Cash is an outstanding communicator and connects well with people," said Conroy. "He is a great leader and committed to excellence, and I welcome him," he said.

Cash has been with the U.S. Forest Service since 1991 and has worked at four forests in three regions. He most recently served as acting deputy forest supervisor at Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota.

"I look forward to the challenges of working at the diverse and dynamic Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest," Cash said about his new position.

"I also look forward to working with the people in our communities on a variety of land management issues," he said.

"The forest embraces a treasure of botanical diversity, and is home to incredible wild and scenic rivers (more than 200 miles), isolated wildernesses (324,000 acres), outstanding fisheries and wildlife resources, and breath-taking mountain landscapes," said USFS.

Cash replaces Ginnie Grilley. She was promoted in August 2006 to become manager of the Bureau of Land Management Eugene District.

## Cave Junction mayor pursuing idea for police force

City had its own cops until 1980; some small cities with their own lawmen encounter problems

By SCOTT JORGENSEN  
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In the basement of Cave Junction City Hall, the remnants of the town's former police department sit like relics in a museum.

Three rooms once designed as jail cells are now used for storage. Blue police uniforms, complete with Cave Junction Police Dept. insignia, hang in a row, as they have every day since the city dissolved the department in 1980.

The city has contracted with the Josephine County Sheriff's Office for police coverage for several years. But countywide funding cuts have severely affected rural patrols, leading Mayor Tony Paulson to consider long-term plans to resurrect the department.

Paulson said that crime in the city tends to increase during warmer months.

"Every spring, the kids get restless and do petty crime," Paulson said. "We've even had business owners living in their stores all summer."

Last summer wasn't as bad, Paulson said, because Cpl. Sean Rarey and Deputy Cory Krauss maintained an active presence in the area. But Rarey recently was reassigned to Grants Pass, and the sheriff's office may feel the brunt of funding cuts if the federal government does not reauthorize O&C funds to the county. The county likely will pursue a levy in May to fund the sheriff's office, but Paulson isn't holding his breath waiting for it to pass.

"Security is an issue," Paulson said. "We have to do something."

Paulson is aware of the many challenges small towns face when trying to establish and maintain their own police departments. So is Gold Hill City Councilor Gus Wolf.

"We're in a real pickle with our insurance," Wolf said. "They recommended that we not have our own police force."

Things are quite different in Jacksonville, which

been an issue during the years.

"It's always a struggle. We're always pinching pennies," Wyntergreen said. "You piecemeal it together as best you can. That's what



The basement of CJ City Hall, former location of the Cave Junction Police Dept., now is used for storage, and was rented to American Medical Response for a time. Police items still remain. (Photo by Scott Jorgensen/Illinois Valley News)

"It's really hard. I don't know if it's really doable," Wolf said. "I'm of the mind that it's an impossible task for a city of this size to keep it apolitical, solvent and professional."

The Gold Hill Police Dept. has long been a source of controversy for that small town, located in neighboring Jackson County. Continuing public disputes between councilors regarding the police department have resulted in much bad publicity, to the point where the city may soon lose its insurance coverage.

boasts a population of 2,555; and a four-man police force.

According to City Manager Paul Wyntergreen, the department's officers help make the city safer.

"They give regular patrols in all the neighborhoods, and it makes everyone have that sense of security," Wyntergreen said. "Burglaries and those sorts of things are fairly minimal. It's a nice place to walk at night. It's very comfortable."

However, Wyntergreen does acknowledge that funding the department has

small towns do."

Paulson said he plans to approach the issue realistically, stating that he doesn't want the city to have to rely on grants to fund the department. He plans to meet with Josephine County Sheriff Gil Gilbertson to discuss law enforcement issues, and with the city's insurance company to see what is required for a local police department.

"I don't know what the answers are," Paulson said.

"But it's going to require some out-of-the-box thinking."

## Fair idea looking fair for better fiscal accountability

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commissioners to access account information.

"We're getting it all back on track," Hill said.

Commissioner Dave Toler said that he is optimistic that the proposed arrangements will ensure the fairground's long-term fi-

ancial stability.

"With those changes, it looks like the fair will be able to continue," Toler said. "We're feeling confident that it can stay solvent."

A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. at the fairground's Flower Bldg. to

discuss further options. McBee said that she hopes to establish marketing, fundraising and grant committees to help the fair meet its financial objectives.

"I feel we can get it accomplished," McBee said. "We're doing what we can here."

Hill describes the new business plan as a "work in progress," but said that the goals set forth are realistic and achievable.

"The fairgrounds are open for business, and plan to stay open for business," Hill said. "We're going to be fine."

## Phony money surfacing at some businesses, say cops

Following an investigation into incidents of forgery and theft at numerous Grants Pass businesses, two people were arrested Tuesday, Jan. 9, according to Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS).

Officers contacted Merlin resident Carolyn L. Lum, 47, and Seth J. Schafer, 29, at Lum's Forest Drive residence. They were identified as those who passed a pair of counterfeit \$10 bills at

Little Caesar's Pizza on Williams Hwy. on Jan. 5, said GPDPS.

Charges included first-degree theft, attempted theft and forgery.

Schafer also was identified as the person who on Jan. 7 attempted to exchange two phony \$100 bills for smaller currency at O'Aces Tavern on Redwood Avenue, said GPDPS.

The agency added that Lum was found in posses-

sion of several packaged quantities of methamphetamine, and was cited on charges of manufacture, delivery and possession of a controlled substance.

Schafer also was cited on several felony warrants. Both were lodged in Josephine County Jail.

Investigators continue

to look into incidents of theft and forgery involving fake currency. GPDPS encourages all merchants in Josephine County to examine carefully each bill received when making sales.

Those with information about the recent surge in counterfeiting are asked to phone 474-6370.

## Pam Bode leaving I.V.

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phine County Fire Plan.

Additionally, she oversaw management regarding off-road vehicle use and protection of the Eight Dollar Botanical Area and Days Gulch Botanical Area along with collaborative efforts to manage the eradication of noxious weeds.

"My experience as district ranger here during the last five years has been

challenging and rewarding," said Bode.

"It is hard to leave, but I know that we will be in good hands with the leadership of Joel King," she added.

Susan Maiyo is current acting ranger at the Prospect and Butte Falls District Ranger District. The forest service announced that it has plans to permanently fill the position.

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