

# Cave Junction Mayor Paulson wants hometown police officer hired by March

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Cave Junction Mayor Tony Paulson fielded a series of questions regarding a possible city police department during the Illinois Valley Merchants Association's (IVMA) Thursday night, Jan. 25 meeting.

Paulson, addressing approximately 20 people at IVMA's office at Federal Paralegal, began by explaining why the city's previous department was dissolved. The federal government required the city to have a department due to its population figures.

Federal CETA grants helped start the department, but Congress eliminated funding for that program shortly thereafter.

Those factors, combined with the city's own financial woes, caused the department's elimination in the early 1980s.

"It's been a long battle, and there's just not the funding to take care of it," Paul-

son said.

Paulson said that the federal Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have grant programs to supplement existing departments, but none to establish a local force.

"There's no funding anywhere to start a police department," Paulson said.

He rejected the notion of an all-volunteer police force, stating that under Oregon law, volunteers lack the authority to make arrests. He also said that hiring a private security company was not an option, as three companies have unsuccessfully tried to provide such service in the city.

"That would be a waste of money," Paulson said.

His proposal is to use half the money, saved from not filling the city's public works supervisor position, to catch up on repairs to public facilities. The other half of that money would go

toward hiring one full-time, certified officer to provide a police presence and handle administrative and grant-writing duties.

Any grants awarded to the city would then go toward further bolstering the department.

"I think it's doable to start with one (officer) and go from there," opined the mayor.

Another option would be to hire a consultant to study the feasibility of a local department, but Paulson said that he would prefer a police officer.

He said that it would take six months to a year to determine the effectiveness of the program, and that he wants to have an officer hired before March.

The concept of an Illinois Valley Police Dept. had been discussed during 2002, Paulson said, but gained little support.

A nine-man, valley-wide department would have cost between \$2.75

and \$3.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. However, creating a taxing district for the valley police force would have been a "two-year process," Paulson said, and would have cost between \$20,000 and \$40,000 to establish.

Paulson said the use of bonds to pay for a city police department is out of the question, as they can only be used for infrastructure projects and not on personnel.

"A bond is on a structure or an asset," he said.

The mayor said that the city would be willing to keep contracting with the Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) for police coverage if that department remains viable and patrol levels retain recent levels.

He did not address where the money for the pact would be used, if it is not renewed. The current cost is approximately \$96,000 for one deputy working 40 hours in city limits.

A ruling was issued last week by the Oregon Supreme Court upholding the legality of a public safety surcharge used to pay for police services. Paulson said he was aware of the ruling, which involved the city of Jacksonville, but had yet to examine its implications.

Toward the end of the IVMA meeting, Paulson was asked how the city's merchants can aid efforts to increase law enforcement in the area.

"It's not about the money to start it," Paulson said. "It's just a matter of showing support."



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## Obituaries

### George 'Monte' Montague Jr.

A funeral service for former Illinois Valley resident George James "Monte" Montague Jr., 90, who died at his Grants Pass home on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, will be held Saturday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m.

The service will be held at Palm Mortuary Eastern at 7600 Southeastern Ave. in Las Vegas, Nev.

Mr. Montague was born on Jan. 31, 1916 in Alameda, Calif. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from Jan. 13, 1942 to Nov. 26, 1945. On Aug. 10, 1951 in Mexico, he married the former Elouise Jones.

From 1954 through 1982

he owned and operated Western Product Finishing, Las Vegas Boat Center, Monte Specialty Co., Polaris Engineering Co., and Silver Slots Inc., all in Las Vegas.

In the earlier days there, he initiated licensing of new gaming machines, and he repaired and maintained slot machines, among other successful endeavors. He also had his own slot machine route in lounges and casinos, and owned two bars near Nellis AFB.

He was the first to license the popular blackjack and poker machines of today's casinos, his family said.

In 1982 he and his wife moved to Cedar City, Utah and started G.E.M. Enterprises.

They later lived in Gold Beach, Ore. until health issues caused her to return to Utah. He made his home at Mountain Man RV Park in Cave Junction in 2003; then moved to a park along Rogue River because of his own health issues.

Mr. Montague was a licensed Realtor, and patented his own accountant forms. He had served as a Cubmaster, and was a charter member of the Lake Mead Association. His hobbies included swimming, boating, camping, fishing, horseback riding, and reading magazines about flying.

He especially enjoyed flying his own single-engine aircraft, having earned his pilot license in July 1948. His primary hobby was riding motorcycles, and he rode a 250cc Harley through his 89th year.

He is survived by three daughters, Vicki Waple, of Selma; Rita Montague, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Teri Montague, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son, Craig J. Montague, of Las Vegas; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elouise Jones Montague; and a son, Todd E. Montague.

Condolences can be sent to [www.since1928hull.com](http://www.since1928hull.com). Hull & Hull Funeral Directors is in charge of local arrangements.

### Kim N. Alger

Kerby resident Kim Noel Alger, 52, died at home Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007. Arrangements are pending at Illinois Valley Funeral Home.

### Bunyan G. Odam

Bunyan Gordon Odam, 88, of Cave Junction, died at his residence Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007. Arrangements are pending at Illinois Valley Funeral Home.

### Donna G. Thornton

Former Cave Junction resident Donna Gail Thornton, 56, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007 in Medford.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 1409 Florence Lane in Grants Pass

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### St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church

On Feb. 4, the Gospel reading will be from Luke 5 about Jesus addressing a crowd from Simon's boat, then telling him to cast nets in deeper water. And although they had caught nothing all night, they filled two boats to overflowing. He then told Simon and James and John, the sons of Zebedee, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." They brought their boats to shore, left everything and followed him.

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

When Jesus was in the synagogue, he told those gathered that the scriptures had been fulfilled. But the people did not understand; they thought his job was to perform miracles, especially for them.

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individual miracle: He had been anointed by God to dwell among us as savior.

Youth Group meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

## Places of Worship

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA

18285 Redwood Hwy.  
P.O. Box 279, Selma, OR  
97538 - 597-4169  
Pastor Monty Pope  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.  
Sunday evening: 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.  
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### BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

P.O. Box 645  
5181 Holland Loop  
Non-Denominational  
Pastor Frank Salerni  
Children's Church-10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.  
Wednesday Youth Group  
7 p.m.  
Youth Group Leaders  
Lance & Judy Baker  
Women's Prayer Thursday  
9:30 a.m.  
Men's Prayer Meeting  
1st & 3rd Saturday - 8 a.m.  
Corner Dick George/  
Holland Loop  
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### BAHA'I FAITH

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### ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

25904 N. Redwood Hwy.  
Sunday Services:  
1st three Sundays 11 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday 5 p.m.  
592-2006  
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### FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

451 S. Junction Avenue  
592-3956  
Pastor Mark McLean  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study  
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### ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH

407 W. River Street, CJ  
592-3658  
Father Harry Holwell  
Parochial Vicar  
Masses - Sunday  
Daylight Saving - 9 a.m.  
Standard Time - 10 a.m.  
Daily Mass Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m.  
First Saturday - 10 a.m.  
Holy Days - 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturday - 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.  
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### COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

113 S. Caves Avenue, CJ  
Evangelical & Non-Denominational  
Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer & Praise - 6 p.m.  
Jr. Church, Infant & Toddler  
Nursery Provided  
Youth Awana - K to 6th grade  
Wednesday - 6:15 to 8 p.m.  
Pastor Dave Gordon  
Community Christian Academy  
Preschool to 12th grade  
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### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

265 S. Old Stage Road  
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.  
Sat. Church Service  
11 a.m. Sat.  
Prayer & Praise  
7 p.m. Tues.  
Pastor Vern Hyland  
Church 592-3218  
Everyone Welcome  
Madrone Adventist School  
592-3330  
Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy  
Whitchurch  
592-6604  
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### IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 Watkins Ph. 592-3876  
Pastor Charles Chase  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.  
Child-care for small children  
Web Page:  
<http://UMCImmanuel.org>  
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### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

East River Street  
& Lewis Court  
Pastor Don Torala  
Sunday Worship - 9 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.  
Church Phone: 592-2290  
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### FIRST LOVE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

New Horizons in God's Kingdom  
139 Caves Ave. Front door  
592-4775  
Worship Schedule  
Sunday Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
10:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday School & Nursery  
10:45 a.m.  
Wed. Service 7 p.m.  
Thurs. "First Love Kitchen"  
Free Hot Meal 11:30 a.m.  
Sat. "Free Bread" 11 a.m.  
Phone for Bible College Classes  
Pastors:  
Bob & Virginia Kurko  
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### ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

2110 Caves Hwy.  
Stanley W. Smith, Pastor  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study - Thursday 6 p.m.  
Family Night  
- Thursday 6 to 7:30 p.m. -  
A Southern Baptist Ministry  
Phone: 592-3029  
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### VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

498 Laurel Road  
P.O. Box 1248  
Pastor Les Knapp  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Ladies Bible Study  
Mon. 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Studies  
Thursday 6 p.m.  
[evfree@frontiernet.net](mailto:evfree@frontiernet.net)  
592-6160  
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### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

207 Junction Avenue, CJ  
Priesthood, Relief Soc.  
9 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Sacrament Meet - 10:50 a.m.  
Bishop Charles Rigby  
1st Counselor Dennis Swift  
2nd Counselor Walt Farmer  
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### ILLINOIS VALLEY PRAISE CENTER

28569 Redwood Hwy.  
Cave Junction  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.  
Thursday evening - 7 p.m.  
Home Bible Study/Youth Group  
Non-Denominational  
Bible Teaching Church  
Pastor Doug Wilson  
592-4872  
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### TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH

10300 Takilma Road  
Pastor Dan Robinson  
Bible Study/Prayer Time  
9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.  
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### ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS

Bible Study & Fellowship  
987 1/2 Caves Hwy.  
2 p.m. Sunday  
7:30 p.m. Thursday  
592-4716  
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VEAL ROULADE W/GRAVY  
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Steamed spinach  
Seven grain bread  
Mixed fruit cup

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7**  
SWEET & SOUR PORK  
W/RICE  
Green beans Almondine  
Marin. Sp. garden salad  
Squash bread  
Almond cookie

