

Here, There, & Everywhere

FLOAT YOUR BOAT - Especially for boat owners, a free Vessel Safety Check, sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, will be held in Cave Junction Saturday March 22. The safety checks will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Fountain of Life Assembly of God Church parking lot at the corner of S. Junction Avenue and Caves Hwy. For more information phone 592-3609 or 592-4630.

EASTER 'EGGSTRAVAGANZA' - Illinois Valley Lions Club will present a free Easter Sunday program at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction on March 23. Including the Easter Bunny, there will be special attractions from 11 a.m. to at least 1 p.m., with the hunt for goodies beginning at 1 when "the whistle will blow." There will be three age groupings for youngsters in their quest for treats hidden in the grass: 5 and younger, 6 to 8, and 9 to 12. Prior to the search for candy, toys and prizes, the I.V. Lions train will provide free rides, and I.V. Fire District will have equipment on-site with personnel including Chief Harry Rich. There will be a K-9 from Josephine County Sheriff's office, plus Sheriff Gil Gilbertson. (See the ad on page 13).

IT'S A WOW - A free presentation Wednesday, March 26 at 4 p.m. by an expert gardener, and a chance for young children to plant a flower in the pots that they'll make during a 6 p.m. session on Wednesday, March 19, is set for the eighth installment of the Women Of Worth (WOW) series. Sponsored by Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance, the free programs are provided at 103 S. Kerby Ave., (former site of Home Valley Bank) in Cave Junction. The activities are for women and children only. Veggies and dip will be provided the 26th. Child-care and transportation assistance are available. Phone 592-2515 to make arrangements.

'DIPLOMATIC' AID - Donations of silent auction items to benefit the IVHS safe graduation night party are sought. The auction will be part of a fund-raiser with dinner and a fashion show by senior students on Saturday, April 12. To donate, or for more information, phone Bi-Rite Auto Parts at 592-3691.

BREAST CANCER FIGHT - Digital mammography, the cutting-edge technology in the fight against breast cancer through early detection, is available at women's imaging centers in Grants Pass and Medford, said Asante Health System. Some \$3.4 million has been invested in the new equipment. Both centers offer appointments weekdays, and the Medford site also has evening and Saturday times. Phone the GP site at 955-5446; or the Medford location at 789-6150.

PLANT GURUS - The Josephine County Master Gardeners organization has new Plant Clinic hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Those with questions about gardening can speak with qualified persons for assistance. "We are open to serve by telephone or by people coming in person," it is stated. Additionally, the organization will have a booth at Selma Farmers Market when it opens on Sundays later this year.

YO: CHAUTEAU - Two special packages as part of the 2008 Year of the Cave Bear celebration are offered by The Chateau at the Oregon Caves. Dates are May 8 to 22 and May 26 to June 19, subject to availability. Each package includes two tickets for the Cave tour. The "Cave Bear" is comprised of lodging for one night, a breakfast buffet, and full dinner for two. The same package, but with lodging for two nights, is offered through "Spring Blooms." For details and reservations phone 592-3400 or (877) 245-9022.

NOTEPAD - **New Beginning** Christian Center with Cave Junction Aglow will hold a Day of Repentance prayer time for the community and country on Thursday, March 20 from 7 to 8 p.m. The center is across from I.V. Video ... **Selma Community & Education** Center will hold its general membership meeting and dessert social on Friday, March 21. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Selma Center on Redwood Hwy. ... **"Apple Grafting"** will be taught during a workshop on Wednesday, April 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Grants Pass. Phone OSU Extension at 476-6613 ... **Library funding** help for Josephine Community Libraries Inc. is in process at 10 Grants Pass businesses through the sale of certain items. Participants are Chef's Garden Center, Blue Stone Bakery & Coffee Café, The Glass Forge, Harper Howell Gallery, Tierra del Sol, Treasured Memories Fine Art & Clocks, Home Economics, Heartsong, Treavor Barnes Tattoos & Fine Art, and The Kitchen Company ... **Rogue Valley Flyers**, which has its Josephine Skypark in Kerby, will hold its annual swap-and-shop meet on Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Brookside Avenue near the Grants Pass Airport ... **Cow Chip** Roulette as a fund-raiser for I.V. Pregnancy Center is planned for May 31. Tickets are available at the center on Caves Hwy. in the former location of Siskiyou Community Health Center. For more info phone 592-6058 ...

T-shirts: *It's lonely at the top, but you eat better. *Don't use a big word when a diminutive one will suffice.

LAST WORDS - The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object. (Thomas Jefferson)

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson:

*Fri.,	Mar. 7	58	30	.09
*Sat.,	Mar. 8	62	35	.00
*Sun.,	Mar. 9	69	38	.00
*Mon.,	Mar. 10	63	41	.05
*Tue.,	Mar. 11	53	38	.00
*Wed.,	Mar. 12	59	38	.20
*Thurs.,	Mar. 13	49	39	.39

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in Cave Junction at Illinois River Farm:

*Fri.,	Mar. 7	59	28	.04
*Sat.,	Mar. 8	63	34	.00
*Sun.,	Mar. 9	70	37	.00
*Mon.,	Mar. 10	64	39	.03
*Tue.,	Mar. 11	62	37	.00
*Wed.,	Mar. 12	60	35	.19
*Thurs.,	Mar. 13	51	39	.39

Fire chief pact OK'd; Rich offers to return \$10k to district

A one-year contract keeping his salary at its current \$69,000 has been approved 4-0 for Chief Harry Rich of Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) by district directors.

Additionally, Rich volunteered to return \$10,000 of his salary to the district be-

cause of its somewhat bleak financial situation. Due to property taxes not being paid to the county, there is a budget shortage.

The chief told the board that he will return part of his pay to help, should the budget gap continue.

The board met Thursday

11, 2001, the United States was conducting multiple live-fly exercises involving hijacked airlines. Some of these exercises involved scenarios like crashing planes into buildings. Dick Cheney was in command of NORAD on that fateful day. Who knew?

Why did the 911 Commission fail to mention it? Then Condi Rice turns around and straight-faced tells the American people, "We never imagined anyone flying hijacked planes into buildings."

Cheney, George Bush, Donald Rumsfeld and Colin Powell time and again swore that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction. Not only that, but that he was ready to use them against us.

We were told every day, week after week, that 19 hijackers flew into four locations. However, nine of the supposed hijackers have been found quite alive in other parts of the world. Any casual look, and especially any close look, at film and photo immediately after and for some time after show that without a doubt no 747-size anything crashed into the Pentagon or into the ground in Pennsylvania.

Soon we will be presented a show trial involving six suspects who allegedly masterminded and financed the 9/11 attacks and the 19 hijackers. Nine of whom are still alive. Hopefully, these arrogants are going to open Pandora's Box upon themselves, and some of the real truth about 9/11 will fly out and bite them. One can only hope.

What really makes me wonder about each and every one of the up-and-coming candidates for president of this once great nation, including, to my dismay, Ron Paul, is why have none of them even mentioned the 200 million people-size Gorilla in the room that questions the government's story.

I have to wonder if and when this Gorilla if going to confront this pathetic, wilting, excuse for a government. To Rumsfeld and Cheney and Wolfowitz I would say that there is no statute of limitations for murder.

And Bush included, may they all be reminded that they are not immune from a War Crime Trial. Not yet. Not as long as the 2nd Amendment shall not be infringed upon any further.

Our First Amendment is the only stake we need to drive through the heart of this vampire that is our present government is the Constitution. What is stopping us?

night, March 13 at the district HQ in Cave Junction. Director Dusty Bouchard was absent. The board met in executive (closed to the public) session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss the chief's evaluation and salary.

Resuming the regular session, directors approved the new contract. For his annual review, the chief received a total point score of 279.4, which equates to Outstanding Performance. Directors individually rated Rich's performance.

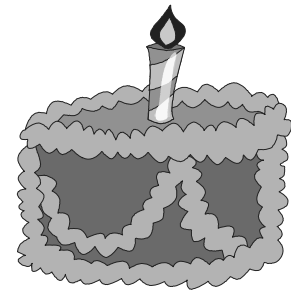
Based on the performance reviews, only one director indicated some problems with the chief. Rich said that he would meet individually with that person to iron out those issues.

The board was addressed in regular session by Jeff Griffin, of Wilson-Heirgood, the IVFD insurance carrier out of Portland. During his 22-minute talk, Griffin touched on a wide range of matters affecting the district.

He had "all good things" to say about the district.

Martha Meyer

Happy 100th



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Wiener Wednesday

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Dart Tournament 7 p.m.

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Invites you to

Join us for our

Annual

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Registration starts at 6:30 p.m.

Board meeting at 7 p.m.

Josephine County Building

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Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, March 19
Cloudy
High--57 Low--32



Thursday, March 20
Clouds with rain
High--56 Low--30



Friday, March 21
Rain
High--56 Low--36



Saturday, March 22
Sunny and warmer
High--67 Low--37



Sunday, March 23
Sunny
High--68 Low--41



Monday, March 24
Colder with rain
High--62 Low--29



Tuesday, March 25
Clouds and sun
High--56 Low--33



Kerby Belt Lodge

BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 22, 8 to 11 a.m.
I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River St.



Eggs-Bacon
Taylor's Sausage
Hash Browns
Biscuits & Gravy
Juice-Coffee-Tea

Proceeds support youth activities & scholarships