

SAFETY . . .

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Public safety challenges are different for Chief Hoke; often IVFD is called to situations where they can't go in to help an injured person because a crime scene is not contained by law enforcement which can cause a fatal delay in an emergency "It's frustrating to responders, because they want to respond. It is in our nature to treat people; we want to go in the front door and do what we are supposed to do to save someone's life. It is really hard when we are sitting in the parking lot waiting for someone to respond."

When Resenbrink asked the panel how residents could address the public safety problems, they all agreed that neighborhood watch groups were essential.

"We need to have neighborhood watches collaborate," Evans further explained, "A larger portion of the community needs to get involved, but we have problems getting and maintaining volunteers to improve the communication between neighborhood watch groups."

And when the question about possible solutions to public safety was asked, Evans was adamant about the need for the Illinois Valley to pass a levy. "I wholeheartedly support a levy...we need to get a levy passed," Evans said, and then explained how worried he was seeing new faces in town late at night when he patrolled and how the thieves knew there were no consequences for their crimes.

Without a levy passing Evans mentioned we needed low cost solutions like a "receivership program to move drug dealers, which are often found in abandoned houses, out of town."

Mollette shared that she was having to rely on neighbors and staff in emergencies concerning domestic violence issues at her building and that this was not a long-term solution.

"Law enforcement is essential for buy-in to a community. It takes a whole system, including jails, probation officers, courts and prosecutors to make the system work," said Mollette.

Gillette shared the written feedback from the audience and it was found that many of the participants in the audience would be willing to give money amounts for law enforcement between the amounts of \$100 - \$600 or they would be willing to pay a sales, property or public safety district tax.

Other ideas shared included working closer to and building trust with law enforcement; working on homelessness and mental health issues; identifying at-risk youth and providing community programs; increasing volunteers for neighborhood watches; and raising money for police officers and patrol cars in Cave Junction with a tax district.

According to Gillette, public input and results from the workshop will be passed on to the Cave Junction City Council and the Josephine County Commissioners.

SPORTS . . .

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"You can make a few bucks here and there but it's more for the love of the game," Folliard stated, regarding the profitability of the profession. Hard numbers for payment depend on tier of play. Freshmen games pay \$45 and varsity pays \$65—plus mileage. No education level is required but there are background checks that need to be passed in order to officiate.

According to Folliard all sports are down about the same percentage of officials and the problem stretches all over the state. However,

the state is not losing officials at a higher rate than usual; it's just natural attrition as the average age is currently 47 years old and there's not enough new people getting into the profession. "I've been doing it for a lot of years and I've got lifelong close friends that I only would have developed from officiating," Folliard said of the joy and fruitfulness he found in the profession.

The readers who are interested in becoming sports officials can visit Oreofficials.org and browse local associations to find out if the sport they wish to officiate needs additional manpower.

BILL . . .

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"I'm not going to impede an employer's right to terminate an employee under current law. I don't plan to

support changing current law," Oregon Representative Carl Wilson said when questioned about the changes. Unfortunately, he had nothing more to say on the matter at this time. However, from a more local perspective, Sonny Hughey, assistant manager

of Shop Smart in Cave Junction, said when questioned about the changes to the bill that, "I don't think it'll affect us too much if it does pass," and added, "I personally don't have anything against it."

ROOF . . .

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Strayer is the chief grant writer for the museum and hopes to be able to complete the capital campaign through additional foundation grants but he emphasized that winning grants is never guaranteed and that tax deductible contributions are still urgently needed.

The Roof Sponsorship Program's three levels of support are \$50 to \$99 for Bronze, \$100 to \$199 for Silver and donations of \$200 and over for Gold. All donations

over \$50 are acknowledged with certificates of appreciation.

Community members are invited to send their checks, payable to "Kerbyville Museum Roof Project" to Kerbyville Museum, P.O. Box 3003, Kerby, OR 97531-3003.

The museum board is in the process of planning additional fundraising activities.

The annual Heritage Day free event for Evergreen Elementary fourth grade students will be March 22 and the museum will reopen for the tourist season in April.

VIOLENCE . . .

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Other services they provide include peer advocacy, follow-up support, support groups, referrals and assistance with accessing other agency services.

In addition, the IVSHA's outreach activities include annual events commemorating both Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Sexual Violence Awareness Month. IVSHA also provides awareness and prevention efforts that are directed toward high school leadership groups and activities for teens.

One of the IVSHA's most recent projects is "Helping Children exposed to Batterers," a 10-week series of sessions scheduled for Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning April 5. The sessions will be held at Siskiyou Community Health Center, 25647 Redwood Highway. To register or for more information, call Susie at the above phone number or email: alliance@ivsha.org.

For further information about IVSHA funding, you can call 541-592-5332 and ask for Susie or Chris or you can visit publicpolicy@ncadv.org.

Mollette encourages those interested in helping to make VAWA funding a priority under the new administration to call Oregon's senators and representatives; their phone numbers are listed in the government pages of the local telephone directory.



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