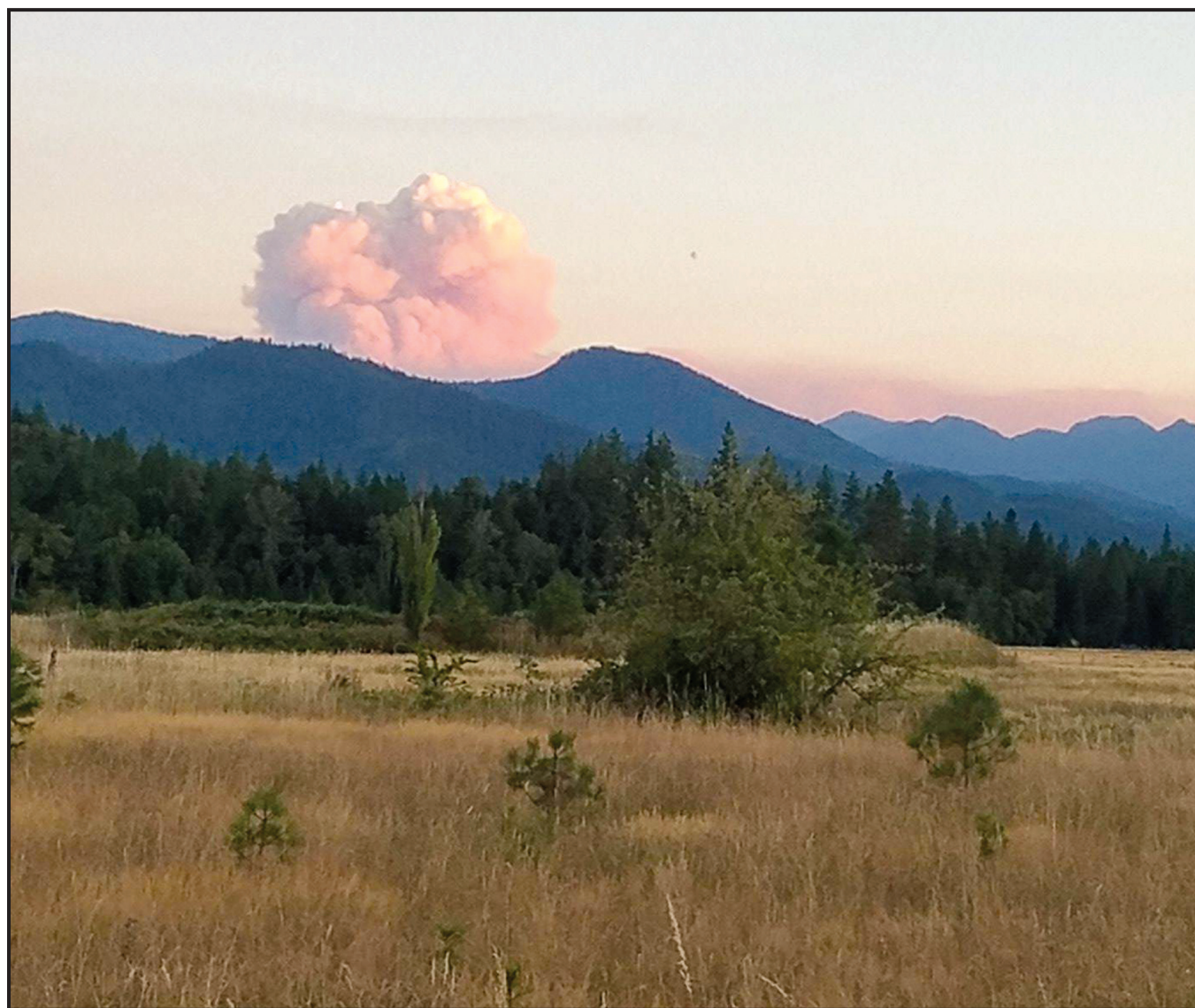


Cedar Fire puffs its chest



(Photo by Laura Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Wednesday, Aug. 16 the Cedar Fire in Siskiyou County, a part of the Eclipse Complex, burning southwest of Tanner Lake, could be seen from Caves Highway.

2 more resign from IVFD board

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At the Aug. 17 Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) Board of Director's meeting both Ron Humphres, the board president who's been surrounded by controversy over the last several months, and Joe Feldhaus, who was sworn in as a director last month, both resigned from their positions, effective immediately. Humphres didn't attend the meeting and, as such, Joe Feldhaus read his letter of resignation aloud. Because there was only two members left on the board there was no quorum and, therefore, they could not legally conduct any business during the meeting.

"It with great regret that I am resigning from the board of directors..." Humphres wrote, "It's sad to learn that someone lied to get what they want or abuse their power of authority to get people to believe them. I've served this Valley for 25 years and always put it first and

will continue to... If this is the way you want this organization to be—I want no part of it... goodbye and good luck with this path you have chosen to follow." After reading Humphres' letter, Feldhaus said in his parting speech that he was "heartbroken" by the president's resignation and that he can't support two of the candidates that want to fill the now vacant positions. He added that he doesn't know the third and presumably inferred that he could neither vouch nor vote for them either.

Humphres' exit from the board followed a certain degree of public outcry along with a civil lawsuit which was threatened in writing by Dan Mancuso, publisher of the *Illinois Valley News*, Aug 16 should he fail to resign. The potential lawsuit would have involved Humphres' illegal polling other members of the board via the phone as well as potentially instigating a non-public quorum. The latter of the two violations was caught on video after the July 13 meeting's

adjournment while the polling accusation, regarding his claim that the board collectively decided that he should not comment upon the situation to the *Illinois Valley News*, was freely admitted to in an interview yet was never debated or voted upon in a public setting.

Fire Chief Dennis Hoke's attorney also delivered a letter to Humphres demanding that he stop harassing Hoke with disciplinary action as well as to stop illegally polling members of the board regarding said disciplinary action.

Robert Schmidt, a replacement initially suggested by Humphres to fill Bob Butler's position after he resigned in "disgust," refused to apply for the position in a letter to the *Illinois Valley News* Aug. 2 unless Humphres resigned. Butler, in a letter published Aug. 16 in the *Illinois Valley News*, also demanded that Humphres tender his resignation during the Aug. 17 meeting.

SEE BOARD ON A-12

"Nobody's expecting perfection out of any of us but there's a process to fix those mistakes when they're made and we need to do that. As a board, we owe that to the district and to the tax payers..."

Carol Dickson, IVFD board member

Lions Club Grand Marshals have something in common

Read about it on A-5

Valley mourns the loss of Denny Hare

Lynden Owen Hare, 78, died Aug. 7, 2017 at his home that he shared with his wife, Evie Hare, in Cave Junction. When Lynden was born, his older sister couldn't pronounce his name and called him Denny. Everyone who knew and loved him called him Denny Hare ever since.

Denny was born Aug. 11, 1938, in Fraser, Michigan as the second of five children and the only brother. He spent his early childhood in Ohio and Michigan and his formative years in Los Angeles. He graduated from St. Helena High School in California's beautiful Nappa Valley. In 1958, his parents Helene and Edward Hare bought the Oxbow Ranch on Caves Hwy. and he moved there soon after. He lived on the Ranch, off and on, until the day of his passing.

In 1962 he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed in Spain for the three years he served. As a radio relay technician, he reached the rank of Private (E-1). After leaving the military in 1965, he returned to the Illinois Valley where he lived a free-wheelin' bachelor life until he met the woman who would become the love of his life, Evie - a city girl from Whittier, California.

In May 1977 they officially started a life together that would last 40 plus years. Together Evie and Denny raised three children on the Oxbow Ranch: David Bayless of Seattle, Washington (a son from Evie's previous marriage); Simon Hare of Grants Pass; and Maria (Hare) Rose of Los Altos, California. The family jokes that Maria became the favorite child when she provided three beautiful grandsons - William (9), Benjamin (7), and James (4).

Denny worked in the Valley as a logger, weathervane maker, stone mason and jack-of-all-trades. In the 1980s and early 1990s, he was a member of the Bridgeview Community Church where he often lent his singing voice and guitar playing. Never shy, he could also be found at BBQs, festivals, campfires, funerals, weddings and open mic nights at the Pizza Deli telling stories and singing. Many family and friends will always remember his renditions of "Ghost Riders in the Sky," "Little Brown Shack Out Back," "Country Roads," and "Annie's Song."

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Lynden "Denny" Owen Hare

NEW!!! Three Rivers School District online enrollment

No more of those big enrollment packets to fill out at each school.

You will now enroll your students via the Parent Vue icon on the district website at www.threerivers.k12.or.us.

Please sign-up for Parent Vue if you have not already done so. Click on the blue Parent/Student VUE Icon and follow the directions. For those of you who do not have computers at home, the Illinois Valley High School

(IVHS) office can assist from Aug. 21 through Sept. 1. Computers will be available in the school office for you to use. Aug. 24, the IVHS office will remain open until 7 p.m. to assist you with enrollment.

Lorna Byrne Middle School will be open to assist you during the same dates as IVHS.

Evergreen Elementary will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates: Aug. 21 through Sept. 1. Evergreen will stay open until 7 p.m. Aug. 30.