

Year in Review: March

- The Three Mill Bridge in Selma collapsed after enduring the unusually precipitous weather of December and January. Because of the heavy rains and snowmelt the stream's banks were eroded away and, as a consequence, the bridge was washed out. Despite reaching out and being extensively briefed by FEMA with regards to the application process, the residents found out that unexpectedly and to their surprise, they didn't qualify for funding after all. The residents of the Three Mill Bridge have started a Facebook GoFundMe account run primarily by Norm Cegelnik.
- The Cave Junction City Council met Monday, March 13, for its regular monthly meeting. On the agenda were the upcoming public safety levy, the city's ongoing search for volunteer code enforcement officers and the establishment of a social media policy.
- Recent crime wave prompts CJ business owners to call for late night police protection: Cave Junction's criminal element is most active in the wee hours - prompting business owners to call for a late-night police presence in town. Last week, numerous incidents added to the list of businesses

repeatedly ravaged by local thieves. The businesses broken into included: CJ Coffee, Dairy Queen, Crossroads Veterinary Clinic, Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance, Lady Thyme and St. Matthias Church

- Thousands of Frontier customers endured service disruptions. According to Frontier Communications public relations director Javier Mendoza, "A telecom service interruption was a result of a commercial power outage and affected every customer served by the Cave Junction office."
- Sheriff, CJ Patrol and business owners urge passage of upcoming crime levy: "We need to sustain. We're at a critical time in Josephine County's history, where this public safety levy is pivotal," said Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel. "And I guarantee that the money for the levy is dedicated to law enforcement." Measure 17.80, the Adult Jail and Juvenile Detention Five Year Local Option Tax was referred to the people by JoCo's Board of Commissioners, with the justification that while previous public safety levies had been voted down, countless residents are increasingly dismayed by steadily growing rates of criminality county-wide - thus many believe this levy has a better chance to

pass. Daniel also discussed the differences between previous funding sources, and the current proposed public safety levy which would raise taxes at a rate of 93 cents per assessed \$1,000 of property value.

- Longtime chamber secretary Dulcie Moore died March 9, ending her 17-year tenure as the face of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- On Friday, March 17 into the early morning hours of March 18 the Josephine County Sheriff's Office organized and conducted "Operation Lucky Charm." The following are the statistics from the operation: Traffic stops, 33; arrests/probations detainees, 11; and recovered stolen vehicles, two (from Portland/Roseburg).
- In the last two weeks NAPA, I.V. Building Supply, Speedy Mart, and Ray's Food Place were all the victims of burglary or attempted burglary. The latter of the three were all on the same day and probably by the same group of people. So far, one suspect has been apprehended and a few others have allegedly been identified by police. The suspect was caught within 24 hours and Sheriff Daniel reported that his name was Damien Attwood, 18.

- The Sustainable Cannabis Fair, hosted by the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District and the Cave Junction Farmers' Market was scheduled. Speakers were to address topics such as, cultivating the health of soils, preventing runoff with efficient irrigation, salmon-friendly fertilizers and pest management.



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)
Glenn "Sonny" Moore gives his mother Dulcie a big hug in May of 2016 at the Chateau.

Year in Review: April

- The Cave Junction City Council passed three resolutions, Monday, April 10, in support of tax measures that will be on the ballot in May. Councilors voted unanimously to support and endorse the Animal Shelter Levy, the Adult Jail and Juvenile Detention Center Levy, and the Josephine Community Library District. Illinois Valley voters will have the opportunity to vote on four tax measures in the May, 16 election. (The council had previously endorsed the I.V. Fire Department Levy.)
- Many Cave Junction residents were alarmed by the sound of gunfire early one Sunday morning in April, which sent one man to the hospital with a gunshot wound to his chest. According to a release from the Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD), "911 dispatch advised IVFD of an active shooting outside a business in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy." Andre Wright, 32, was reported to be in stable condition.
- The aging spillway bridge containing Lake

Selmac was set to be replaced with construction starting in August and taking an estimated three months to complete. As it stood, the bridge posed a serious hazard because in the case of an emergency, like an earthquake, it would likely fail.

- It was reported that Laurel Cemetery, a historic site in Cave Junction, has found itself in a progressively more difficult situation as the years go by and would benefit greatly from volunteers; especially volunteers with grant writing experience because grant money might become the cemetery's only option for reprieve. Keith Webb, the manager and only official worker of the cemetery, reportedly does his best to keep the place running because his family has been involved for years.
- I.V. Emergency Prepare Fair was held Saturday, April 15, at Illinois Valley High School "The best time to prepare for an emergency is when there isn't one. And remember, survival

favours the prepared!" replied Sue Williams, coordinator of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This special event was sponsored by the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVcanDo), Illinois Valley Fire Department (IVFD), CERT and the city of Cave Junction.

- It was reported that Cave Junction was set to lose its contract with Josephine County for law enforcement services May 31. The loss of rural patrols would mean there could be tragic consequences due to the impact on the response from fire and emergency personnel. The Illinois Valley Fire District would not be able to approach any scene that included shootings, accidental or not, drug overdoses, domestic situations "basically anything violent," said IVFD Chief Dennis Hoke.
- The Illinois Valley Watershed Council enacted measures to combat extreme soil erosion caused by Sucker Creek at Bridgeview Vineyards. The past winter's

high water events had quickly and unfortunately caused significant damage to the property.

- A levy measure of 93 cents per \$1,000 was to appear on the May ballot, and unlike five previous levy attempts, this one was officially supported by the Josephine County Board of Commissioners. According to a fact sheet put out by the board, the measure, would bring the number of jail beds up to 185 and also free up funds to pay for a new patrol configuration. Three deputies were to reside in the areas they serve: one each for North Valley, Murphy/Williams, and the Illinois Valley. Additional three or four deputies would have roaming duties. The Cave Junction deputy was scheduled to continue in place.
- Funding has been approved by the Josephine County Commissioners to comprehensively digitize land use files that have been piling up in eight different locations since 1973. Scanning these files into a database will

streamline the process of applying for building permits and inquiring into the history of a given property.



(Photo by Krissy Clark for the Illinois Valley News)
Community members enjoy the annual I.V. Lions Easter Egg Hunt at Jubilee Park.

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