

Year in Review: May

• May 8, Harry Johnson suffered a massive heart attack that quickly took his life. A celebration of life was held May 13, at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, in Cave Junction. Johnson was very active in the community and will be sorely missed.

• The Josephine County Board of Commissioners have



Harry Johnson

placed Measure 17-81 on the May 16 Special Election Ballot to gather public sentiment regarding the prohibition of recreational cannabis production in Rural Residential zones.

• The Siskiyou Smokejumper Base Museum was planning on hosting a free event June 3, 2017 about the 555th "triple nickel colored test platoon." This segregated smokejumper unit served during

World War II in Oregon, Washington and California and were stationed in Pendleton, Oregon. Surprisingly, the men were sent to the Pacific Northwest to defend against a Japanese surprise attack involving unmanned air balloons laden with explosives.

• Where's the Volunteers?

In years past, the Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) had about 40 volunteer firefighters. Now, there are only 13 qualified volunteers and four paid firefighters to handle the Valley's emergencies. "The requirements have changed, and partly, that's because society is so litigious," said IVFD Chief Dennis Hoke. "There's rigorous schooling plus medical training, then, we meet every Tuesday night to maintain that training requirement." "We really hope our levy passes so we can hire four more emergency medical technicians (EMTs) certified firefighters," Hoke said. "Sixty-seven percent of our calls last year were medical. EMTs can respond to medical situations at a higher level."

• Community meeting makes opioid overdose antidote available to public: In Cave Junction May 30, naloxone was made available to attendees at the County Building. Naloxone can reverse opioid

overdoses and restore breathing. In 2015 opioids were involved in 33,091 deaths and drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S., according to the Center for Disease Control. "An overdose doesn't have to be fatal," explained meeting organizer Julia Pinsky. "Naloxone is not addictive and is very safe. Anyone can use it and anyone can carry it. If you're worried that someone in your life might be at risk, come to the meeting."

• The Cave Junction City Council met May 8 - and discussed a Rural Development Grant for broadband internet infrastructure, the upcoming departure of city recorder Ryan Nolan, and an increase in bulk water rates. The first item on the agenda was a marijuana business license application from Providing All Patients Access (PAPA).

• Hamburglar and ice cream bandit strike Cave Junction DQ: Around 2 a.m. Monday, April 24, a pair of burglars ransacked the Dairy Queen in Cave Junction. The burglars stole, out of the walk-in freezer and by the case, things like: chicken strips, chicken patties, hamburger patties, hot dogs and onion rings. They also stole the majority of ice cream cakes out of

the cake freezer. The two suspects cut power to the building before entering, presumably in an attempt to disable the cameras.

• Illinois Valley Fire District was handed an enormous vote of approval for Measure 17-78 by the district. The new 5-year levy at the rate of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value will be imposed for the 2017-18 fiscal year and was passed with 61 percent in favor.

• The 850 acre Siskiyou Field Institute, which provides outdoor education to adults and youth alike, is launching their Million Dollar Makeover campaign sometime this year in an effort to raise said million dollars over a period of four years. The money, raised from many sources, will be used to make improvements and additions to their facilities. Primarily, the improvements are aimed toward expanding the Siskiyou Field Institute's ability to accommodate the Outdoor School event, which is generally a weeklong foray into natural sciences, for sixth-graders as well enhancing their experience.

• The Animal Shelter Continuation Levy: "Euthanasia rate is now 18 percent, down from 60 percent before the levy!" exclaimed Nancy Lindquist current chairman

of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee when asked what the last animal shelter levy accomplished. Lindquist explained numerous ways the animal shelter levy has helped animals in Josephine County.

• Valley youth makes history: Lorna Byrne Middle School fifth-grader Ryan Griffin took the top spot in this year's state youth wrestling tournament in Salem May 5-7.

• What's next for sheriff's department? On May 16, Josephine County voters passed Measure 17-80, a 93 cents per \$1,000 public safety levy, in a 52 to 48 vote.

Sheriff Daniel and the county commissioners have promised to provide three resident deputies with the added funds, including one in the Illinois Valley. Also coming down the pike is an increase in jail capacity, bringing the number up to 185 beds. Daniel stated he is now in the process of hiring an Illinois Valley resident deputy, plus four more patrol deputies.

• Illinois Valley High School (IVHS) participated in the 34th annual Josephine County Academic Masters competition April 28 at North Valley High School. Winners included: Jenny Park, Owen Dwyer, Ari Dwyer, Quinn Dietz and Raymond Sutherland.

Year in Review: June

• Katherine Ellen Bain (Kate), 63, of Wonder, Ore. died June 9, 2017 at 3 p.m. at home with her family. She will be missed by her family and friends forever.

• Fire season called; hot dry summer expected; concern about Valley floor fires! Oregon Department of Forestry officials called the start of fire season Sunday. All open burning is now prohibited on all state, private, county, city, and Bureau of Land Management forestlands in Jackson and Josephine counties. This includes debris piles and burn barrels. The public fire danger level is currently "low" (green) and the Industrial Fire Precaution Level is 1 (one).

• Selma's Ari Dwyer is Valedictorian! With the highest

grade-point average at Illinois Valley High School - 4.14

- Ari Dwyer nailed down class valedictorian status in the graduating class of 2017! "It feels really good," Dwyer said about the honor.

• Exceptional student, Aliena Goff, is this year's salutatorian This year's salutatorian at Illinois Valley High School, Aliena Goff, is a gifted young woman who knows how to transcend challenge and transform what some might consider disability into success.

• When Mark Dillinger, member of Cave Junction's City Council, ran for office he promised to create a solution for reducing the various unpleasant features of the city, most importantly reducing the amount of loiterers.

However, after winning the election, Dillinger found that most of the necessary codes were already in place and that the real problem was that nobody was enforcing them. Since this discovery, he has tasked himself with personally enforcing city code as a volunteer.

• The Cave Junction Farmers' Market is exploding to unprecedented heights of success in its fifth year of operation. "It's blowing off the roof," Chris Hall, the market's chairman, said, emphasizing the sudden change of pace. Reportedly, this year averages more than double the number of vendors when compared to last year.

• On June 25 a single vehicle incident resulted in the death of a California

man causing 199 to be shut down in both directions and causing traffic to back up for many hours. According to the Oregon State Police the crash occurred when a black Ford car driven by David Solomon Sharpe, 44, of Redding, California was traveling northbound on 199 near mile post 27. Sharpe exited the roadway on the east side of the road and rolled several times. Sharpe was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The vehicle also contained a 17-year old female with no known injuries.

• Hiker airlifted from Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area: On Friday, June 9, Matt Denberg set out to backpack the Leach Memorial Loop in three days. The 48 mile

route traverses the rugged Kalmiopsis Wilderness, a place known for its rugged and unforgiving terrain. "We had him in seven minutes," said Josephine County Search and Rescue volunteer Ann McGlooin. "He was waving a white piece of tyvek." Then pilots let down a 300 foot rope with a radio so Denberg could confirm his identity and that he needed help.

• Juvenile Detention and Shelter reopening: For the first time in five years the county will be able to offer the full spectrum of services to at risk children, according to Juvenile Justice Director James Goodwin. Included in the 93 cents public safety levy recently passed by Josephine County voters are funds of \$950,000 to reopen the 14 bed

juvenile detention center on F Street, behind Wal-Mart, closed since 2012.

• County doubles revenue from this year's timber sale: Although the federal timber industry has shrunk considerably since its "golden age" in the late '80s, timber contracts are alive and well on county land and the sale of green timber is ramping back up with each passing year. Because of the Douglas Complex fires two years ago, the county has been focusing on salvaging as much timber as it could from the 2,500 acres that had been affected. This year's harvest resulted in 6.2 million board feet sold for a total of \$2.87 million. Last year yielded 6.3 million board feet which sold for \$1.8 million.

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