

# Year in Review: July

• August Moon Farm lost barn to fire: Wednesday, July 29 as dusk fell, explosions rocked the quiet neighborhood around 4411 Holland Loop Road when the main barn at August Moon Farm erupted in flames. “We heard this huge explosion and we saw this huge orange ball,” said Shelley Herndon, who has lived on the property with her husband David and daughter Renee’ for the past 21 years.

• Manhunt underway after dispute over two guns: According to John “Bud” LaRue, July 1, Joseph Sallman, his neighbor came out of his cabin and “just started spraying (bullets).” LaRue was released the same day and is recovering from two gunshot wounds. LaRue took two shots, one to the chest and the other in the back. His 4-year-old bluenose pitbull Ben was hit five times proving to be fatal.

• On April 19, 2017, the Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District (IVSWCD) was denied use of the county

building in Cave Junction for a cannabis farmer’s forum on the grounds that the County Board of Commissioners had, at some point, banned all cannabis related events on county property. Despite the ban, on the evening of June 26, the *Illinois Valley News* witnessed Commissioner Dan DeYoung attend a cannabis themed event, at the county building, with a group of citizens who primarily voiced their extreme dissatisfaction with the cannabis industry’s presence in the area. Mark Seligman, a local community activist, further complicated the issue when he attempted to rent the county building out July 23, and was, like the IVSWCD, denied its use on the grounds that his event was cannabis related and fell under the ban—even though DeYoung himself attended a cannabis related event there just a month before.

• City Councilor Lindsey Gillette is spearheading an effort to set up a social media presence,

specifically Facebook, for the city so that citizens will have another avenue of communication with their local government. According to Daniel Dalgowski, mayor, the council is unanimously in support of the effort.

• Two CJ men arrested in armed bank heist: According to the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety (GPDPS) Jade Charlton Yandell and Cedar Raymond Jerome Yandell were arrested in conjunction with Banner Bank armed robbery, located at 1689 Williams Hwy. in Grants Pass.

• Shortly before 9 p.m. July 22, 2017 Ronald Jedidiah Fehlh Haber, 32, of Cave Junction fired shots at Floyd “Bubba” Argus Greenlee, 29, also of Cave Junction at the Speedy Mart in Cave Junction. Manager Carol Thomas said that earlier in the day Fehlh Haber and Greenlee had some sort of an altercation after which Fehlh Haber returned with a 0.22 caliber pistol. On July 22, 2017, around noon, Fehlh Haber turned

himself into the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office.

• The Cave Junction Dairy Queen was found burglarized on the morning of July 19, 2017. It’s the fourth time this restaurant has been broken into so far this year. The burglar made away with a single ice cream cake but, while leaving the premises, accidentally dropped it onto the floor which was covered in broken glass. He did not attempt to exchange his glass covered cake with a new one. “He just picked it up and kept going. I don’t know, I guess he ate it,” said Nancy Clark, assistant manager.

• Ismaili a Hero: On July 13, 2017, while taking a vacation to attend his son’s wedding down in Southern California, Illinois Valley Fire Department Division Chief Kamron Ismaili helped save a man’s life from a vehicle wreck about an hour and a half outside of Redding.

• I.V. River Alcohol Ban Update: The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest’s (RRSNF) ban last

year regarding the consumption of alcohol in select recreational areas of the Illinois Valley River will remain in effect through Sept. 30, 2017 at which point it will either be renewed or discontinued following an investigation. According to Chamise Kramer, Acting Public Affairs Officer, the ban appears to be a resounding success. “Based on the results from last year it seems like the implementation of it alone has really diminished usage [of alcohol],” Kramer said.

• The Cave Junction Lion’s Club successfully hosted their Classic Car Show in Jubilee Park Saturday, June 24 and is nearing its 20th year of operation.

• New city recorder and utility clerk: After 10 1/2 of working as Cave Junction’s utility clerk, Becky Patton has moved onward and upward into the city recorder position. The vacancy she left behind was recently filled by Deanna Rodriguez, a longtime resident of the Illinois Valley.

# Year in Review: August

• Cannabis Ordinance Changes: As of Aug. 2, 2017, Josephine County Commissioners approved Ordinance No. 2017-001 which makes changes to the Rural Land Development Code regarding fences, structures, lighting, runoff and erosion. 2017-001, approved by the commissioners three to zero, will go into effect Oct. 30, 2017. The ordinance came to fruition following a series of complaints regarding unsightly fences, light pollution that’s both irritating for neighbors and harmful to nocturnal species, environmental concerns and a lack of clarity in some existing code. This set of changes has been in the works since October 2016.

• Cave Junction’s lawyer, Ryan Kirchoff disbarred for two years: The city of Cave Junction might have to shop for a new lawyer, as James R. Kirchoff, who did legal research and provided advice to the city on several issues for several years, has been suspended from practicing law for two years, starting around mid-August 2017. In a lawyer disciplinary proceeding, the Oregon State Bar charged Kirchoff with multiple violations of the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC), based on his submission of false evidence to a tribunal, according to public

documents filed by the Oregon Supreme Court. Then, a trial panel of the state’s Disciplinary Board conducted a hearing and found that indeed, Kirchoff had violated those rules.

• The Illinois Senior Center has negotiated the purchase from the county of the Cave Junction Josephine County Building for \$340,000. The senior center made the decision to purchase the building because it is being forced to find a new home for its thrift store, where they currently rent at 321B S. Redwood Ave. The owner of that property is requiring them to vacate, as she has other plans for the building.

• Gary Sauer, a member of a prominent family in the area, recently raced in the sixth round of the Enduro World Series in Aspen, Colorado after being picked via lottery back in January.

• Gene Merrill, the College and Career Councilor at I.V. High School, recently acquired a \$134,000 grant to fund an intern program which aims to give students a chance to gain some real world job experience.

• At the Aug. 17 Illinois Valley Fire District’s Board of Director’s meeting both Ron Humphries, 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.

• Aug. 9, after 1 p.m. I.V. Fire Department responded to a reported grass fire located near the 30000 block of Redwood Highway near Cave Junction. Downed power lines started fire moving north and south along 199. A second alarm was called to Grants Pass Fire Department and Rural Metro Fire District. Eventually the fire made it into Jerry’s Towing auto salvage yard and that’s when things got alarming because nearby residents were placed at Level 2 for evacuations. A grass fire on Wild Park Lane was also underway during the salvage yard fire. All agencies worked extremely hard to extinguish this fire. The highway was also shut down for approximately four hours while emergency personnel worked to extinguish the fire.

• Dorothy Milner, Mattie Nelson and Annetta Floyd, all sisters, have been elected to fill the Grand Marshal position for the annual Lions Club Labor Day Parade which will be held on Sept. 3 in Cave Junction.

• As of July 19, 2017, Order No. 2017-034, which aims to start the process of regulating, and perhaps prohibiting, Oregon

Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) cannabis production in Rural Residential (RR) zones, was signed by the county commissioners. The order was justified by the board because 63.85 percent of voters in May, responding to measure 17-81’s advisory question, voted in favor of banning cannabis production in RR zones. In summary, and when combined with changes to cannabis law made at the state level, a great many—or possibly even the majority—of current OLCC and OMMP (Oregon Medical Marijuana Program) operations could be effectively shut down or greatly reduced in size.

• There was a law enforcement priority workshop hosted by the Cave Junction City Council Aug. 14 at City Hall. According to Mayor Daniel Dalgowski this was an experimental workshop set up to see if it was a useful tool for the city council to get valuable feedback from the community. The purpose of this law enforcement workshop was to get input from citizens for the city council when they set guidelines for the sheriff’s office when they are conducting business in Cave Junction. It turned out that night patrols were on the majority of citizens’ minds.



**Illinois Valley Wellness Resources**

**Food & Friends Menu**

**FRIDAY – DEC 29**  
BEEF TOMATO  
MACARONI

**MONDAY – JAN 1**  
CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

**WEDNESDAY- JAN 3**  
CHICKEN SPANISH  
RICE

*Food & Friends Dining is now located at the I.V. Senior Center*

Call 541-955-8839 to volunteer or if you need meals.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

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**RESOLUTIONS:** Chances are at some time in your life, you’ve made a New Year’s resolution — and then broken it. This year, stop the cycle of resolving to make change and then not following through. If your resolution is to take better care of yourself and get healthy, you will have a much better year if your resolution sticks. Here are ten tips to help you get started.

1. Be Realistic: The surest way to fall short of your goal is to make your goal unattainable. For instance, resolving to NEVER eat your favorite food again is setting you up to fail. Instead, strive for a goal that is attainable, such as avoiding it more often than you do now.
2. Plan Ahead: Don’t make your resolution on New Year’s Eve. If you wait until the last minute, it will be based on your mindset that particular day. Instead, it should be planned well before December 31st arrives.
3. Outline Your Plan: Decide how you will deal with the temptation to skip that exercise class or have that piece of cake. This could include calling on a friend for help, practicing positive thinking and self-talk, or reminding yourself how your “bad” will affect your goal.
4. Make a “Pros” and “Cons” List: It may help to see a list of items on paper to keep your motivation strong. Develop this list over time, and ask others to contribute to it. Keep your list with you and refer to it when you need help keeping your resolve.
5. Talk About It: Don’t keep your resolution a secret. Tell friends and family members who will be there to support your resolve to change yourself for the better or improve your health. The best-case scenario is to find a buddy who shares your New Year’s resolution and motivate each other.

**CHAIR FITNESS**  
FREE at Healthy U,  
Tues/Thurs from 1 - 1:45 p.m. 535 E. River St., Cave Junction Call 541-592-4888 or visit [www.healthyucenter.org](http://www.healthyucenter.org).  
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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**  
**\*\*Senior Companions**  
**\*\*Caring Callers**  
Please call I.V. Wellness Resources for more information at 541-592-9781.

**HEATING ASSISTANCE**  
For financial assistance with heating your home - electric or wood - call UCAN at 541-956-4050

**FREE ADS**  
If you are a senior and want to place a FREE AD for a living or health care need call Laura Mancuso 541-592-2541 or email [laura@illinois-valley-news.com](mailto:laura@illinois-valley-news.com).

**SENIOR RESOURCES**  
If you are a senior or disabled resident and need help finding resources to help you with your quality of living, call I.V. Wellness Resources at 541-592-9781.

# Places of Worship

**BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
5181 Holland Loop Rd., CJ  
541-592-3923  
“Come Join the Worship!”  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Sonny Moore  
[www.bridgeviewcc.org](http://www.bridgeviewcc.org)

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**7th DAY ADVENTIST**  
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ  
Sabbath School - 10:15 a.m.  
Saturday Worship 9 a.m.  
Bible Study 11:15  
Pastor Charles Byrd  
Church (541) 592-3218  
Madrone Adventist School  
541-592-3330

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**IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
200 Watkins St., CJ  
Phone 541-592-3876  
Pastor Charles Chase  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.  
Child-care for small children

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Illinois Valley Praise Center  
28569 Redwood Hwy. CJ  
Non-denominational Bible-believing Church  
Sunday school - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday Seekers 7 p.m.  
Youth group Thursday - 7 p.m.  
[www.ipvpraisecenter.com](http://www.ipvpraisecenter.com)

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
Pastor Dave Gordon  
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ  
Office: 541-592-3896  
Email: [cbccca@gmail.com](mailto:cbccca@gmail.com)  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Christian Academy  
Pre-K to 12th grade  
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

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**ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
407 W. River St., CJ  
541-592-3658  
Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor  
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Days TBA

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**TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH**  
10343 Takilma Road, Takilma  
Pastor Dan Robinson  
Bible Study / Prayer Time 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m

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First Baptist Church of Selma  
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma  
541-597-4169  
Pastor Monty Pope  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
East River Street & Lewis Court, CJ  
Annemarie Richardson Lay Pastor.  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.  
Church Phone: 541-592-2290  
[www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net](http://www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net)

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**VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
498 Laurel Road, CJ  
P.O. Box 1248  
Pastor Marvin Porter  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
[evfree@frontiernet.net](mailto:evfree@frontiernet.net)  
541-592-6160

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**FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
541-592-3956  
Pastor Mark McLean  
Morning Worship 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study

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**ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ  
541-592-2006  
Rev. Bryant Bechtold  
Sunday Worship  
Service 10:30 a.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.  
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.  
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 12:10 p.m.  
Bishop  
Larry Hammersmith  
541-592-3919

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Illinois Valley Baptist Church  
541-592-6149  
Located in the old Chapel on Lister St.  
(between Caves Ave & Junction Ave)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer & Youth Program 7:00 PM  
Ladies Bible Study  
Call for info

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Wonder Bible Chapel  
11911 Redwood Hwy.  
Wonder, Ore.  
Sunday worship 10 a.m.  
Non-denominational Bible believing Church  
Sunday School Nursery  
Youth group meets  
Sunday 6:30 p.m.

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**Southern Oregon Sanitation Inc.**

## Holiday Schedules

Southern Oregon Sanitation would like to express our thanks to our many patrons and wish you the best throughout the holidays and into the new year.

**No service on Christmas Day or New Year’s Day ★**  
Collections will be picked up one day later throughout the week. Please take your cart to the curbside the night before as schedules may run earlier than usual.

CHRISTMAS

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| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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SERVICE DELAYED

NEW YEAR’S

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| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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SERVICE DELAYED

**Enjoy Yourself During The Holiday Season!**

**Holiday Closures:**  
Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve: Transfer stations & recycle depots closed at 3pm.  
Christmas and New Year’s Day: Offices, transfer stations & recycle depots closed.

