

## Bob's Corner

What with summer hot-footing into town, and the resultant flood of visitors looking over our valley, this seems like a good time to offer some suggestions for those of us who might discover ourselves being asked questions by tourist-types.

Following are a few questions and answers; many of which I've heard during the past 18 years here. Only one answer to each query, please. Hint: the best answers have a secret code for identification.

Q. What's there to do here?

A1-Nothing. A2-Next to nothing. **A3**-Visit Oregon Caves National Monument, three wineries, Kerbyville Museum, arts-and-craft stores in Downtown CJ, Kerby and Selma; Lake Selmac, I.V. Golf Course, CJ Swimming Pool, and various stores offering a wide variety of merchandise.

Q. Where's a good place to eat here?

A1-Nowhere. A2-The food stinks here. A3-Don't know; I always eat in Grants Pass. **A4**-Any of our valley restaurants, including, but not limited to McGrew's, Stevereno's, Taylor's Sausage Country Store, Junction Inn, Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., Pizza Pit, Dave's Perfect Pizza, Pietro's, Carlos Restaurante, The Boarding House Reach, Blue Moon Café, The Oregon Caves Chateau, Da Kine Grinds, Valley River Restaurant, P.J.'s Café, CJ Dairy Queen, Giant Burger, King's Chinese Cuisine, Dragon Gate, and Nacho Mama's.

Q. Are there tours at Oregon Caves National Monument?

A1-Oh, are there caves here? A2-Gee, I dunno. **A3**-Yes, hourly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Q. How long does it take to drive to the Caves?

A1-Huh? A2-What? **A3**-From 30 to 45 minutes, depending on traffic and how fast you drive.

Q. Is this a nice place to live?

A1-I hate it here. A2-No, it's stupid and boring. **A3**-This is a beautiful place to live, with terrific people. You might want to check with any of our real estate offices or the I.V. Visitor Center for information.

Q. Are there many activities here?

A1-Beats me, I only read the "New York Times." A2-Probably not. **A3**-Well, just for starters: the I.V. Lions Club annual Labor Day Festival & Parade, the River Celebration, The Shining Stars Festival, the Blackberry Festival, the CJ Lions annual Classic Car Show, the I.V. Chamber Concerts in the Park Series, and more. The chamber has a brochure available.

Q. How can I stay in touch with this valley.

A1-Why would you want to do that? A2-Garsh, I just don't know. **A3**-Subscribe to "I.V. News."

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**Memorial poppy**  
**From Tina Haemmerlein,**  
**Poppy chairman**  
**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**Glenn Morrison**  
**Unit 70**

**Cave Junction**  
 From the battlefield of World War I, weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that soaked the soil.

By that miracle of Nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on. The poppies represented the sacrifice and the hope that none had died in vain.

The auxiliary memorial poppy is a blood-red emblem of the battles Americans have fought for God and country. This petite, delicate flower, hand-crafted by veterans, is a reminder of the sacrifices our nation's Armed Forces of all wars have made and continue to make for our country.

This little flower, "The Poppy," has become a symbol of honor and respect for military service -- past, present and our future veterans. Remember, honor and respect those who have served and those who have lost their lives to keep us a free people and a free nation.

The meaning of the memorial poppy has come full-circle from the days as a reminder of the fallen soldiers of Flanders' fields during World War I -- "The War to End All Wars," to honor all veterans, specifically including those of WWII generation "The Greatest Generation" -- this Memorial Day with the dedication of the WWII Memorial in our nation's capital.

Poppy Days will be in full swing from May 24 through Memorial Day, May 31. American Legion Auxiliary members will be out around town of this week with poppies for the public. All donations collected go strictly back to veterans or veterans families to help with whatever is needed.

"Honor America's Veterans: Wear A Poppy With Pride."

**'I.V. Lions care'**  
**From George Hertel**  
**Cave Junction**

City Fathers will be keeping deserving citizens -- from low-income families, and senior citizens on fixed income or Social Security -- from receiving proper eye care or hearing aids.

I.V. Lions Club was there to rescue me. I was able to obtain the most comprehensive and extensive exam I have ever had, plus eye-glasses made by the Eye Care Group in Cave Junction.

The City Fathers propose to charge the club \$150 a day for the use of Jubilee Park. This fee would deprive at least three needy people of the financial help that otherwise the Lions would be able to contribute.

God bless the I.V. Lions Club for caring.

## Letters to the Editor

**Emergency aides**  
**From LeRoy and Donna Nelson**

**Cave Junction**  
 On Sunday, April 11, my wife had a serious accident on Caves Hwy.

She and I appreciate all those from the Illinois Valley Fire District and American Medical Response, Josephine County Sheriff's Office, and all the people who live on Caves Hwy. who gave support to us in many ways.

We are very grateful.

**'Libraries or death'**  
**From Andrea King**  
**Selma**

Patriots have long proclaimed, "Give me libraries or give me death!" Why? Because the continued education of every citizen is of vital importance to democratic governance. Libraries are a source for continued education; libraries contribute to democracy.

We repeatedly pledge, "...with libraries and justice for all." Why? Because some citizens have limited access to information; and lack of information is costly, to all of us, in many ways.

Dollars spent informing every generation can only serve us well. Libraries offer information to all generations.

Our "yes" votes on the

**The harder you fight to hold on to specific assumptions, the more likely there's gold in letting go of them.**  
**- John Seely Brown -**

**Supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting.**  
**- Sun-Tzu -**

library levy, Measure 17.1 on our ballots, will increase our property taxes by 20-cents per \$1,000 assessed value. It's a puny amount to invest in our inalienable rights of life, libraries, and the pursuit of happiness.

**'Support Ellis'**  
**From Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel**  
**Grants Pass**

During 2000, there was a huge drop in Oregon and California timber receipts to Josephine County.

The JoCo Board of Commissioners cut \$2 million from the sheriff's office budget, which caused me to lay off 41 deputies. That wiped out our entire patrol division and cut from other divisions.

A group of citizens got together and formed a Po-

litical Action Committee (PAC) to pass a ballot measure to restore that funding. The co-chairman of the PAC was Dwight Ellis. The PAC was successful in getting the ballot measure passed; the lost revenue was restored; and 24-hour patrols were restored.

Dwight has been a champion of keeping our community safe and secure through adequate law enforcement funding. He has the welfare of our county as his top priority. He is a dedicated professional with the education and experience necessary to run a multi-million dollar business, which is Josephine County government.

I hope others will join me in voting for Dwight Ellis for Josephine County commissioner on May 18.

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