

Here, There, & Everywhere

RCC MEASURE/MERCHANTS - Peter Angstadt, Rogue Community College president, will speak Thursday, Oct. 26 about the RCC bond measure on the Nov. 7 general election ballot and how it will affect the future of business training and development in Illinois Valley. His presentation will occur during the Illinois Valley Merchants Association meeting at 6 p.m. at Selma Community Center. Anyone can attend.

SMART MOVES DANCE - A Halloween dance with soft drinks and pizza will be held at Lorna Byrne Middle School Friday, Oct. 27 for seventh- and eighth-graders only. The event, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club Smart Moves Program, will run from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission will be \$1 for club members; \$5 for non-members. Beverages and pizza slices at a buck each will be available. Phone 592-4771 for more information.

FALL DROPPINGS PICKUP - Bagged leaves and grass clippings will be picked up free Saturday, Oct. 18 by the city of Cave Junction as part of its Greenwaste recycling program. Bags must be at curbside by 9 a.m. and weigh less than 25 pounds each. The bags must contain only leaves and grass clippings; and be sturdy and tied securely. Phone city hall at 592-2156 to arrange for pickup “although efforts will be made to get all bags that are out.” Volunteers might be available for those who want to participate, but cannot because of special needs. Phone city hall for more information.

HORSEY HALLOWEEN - Bingo games to benefit the Illinois Valley High School equestrian team will be held Saturday, Oct. 28 at Illinois Valley Grange Hall on Holland Loop. Early bird games will begin at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7. There will be a drawing for a \$50 fuel certificate and a DVD, plus food will be available. Those who come in Halloween costume will receive a door prize ticket. See the ad in this issue.

‘BUSINESS HYPERGROW’ - An evening workshop, “Hypergrow Your Business,” will be given by Curt Clinkinbeard from 6 to 9 Thursday, Nov. 9 in Grants Pass. The sponsor is RCC’s Small Business Development Center. There is a fee. Phone 956-7494 to sign up, or use rogueucc.edu/sbdc or rogueucc.edu/bcwd

GRAVE BUSINESS - Josephine County Historical Society Living History Players will present the 10th annual Graveyard Tour Saturday, Oct. 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the IOOF-Masonic cemeteries. The tour is suitable for all ages. Tickets will be available at the gate.

NOTEPAD - A fund-raising luau by Ohana O Hawaii for scholarships for three seniors in Three Rivers School District will be held Saturday, Oct. 28 at North Valley High School. For tickets, phone 592-4463 or 761-9926 ... **I.V. Senior Center** will hold a Halloween party and potluck Friday, Oct. 27 beginning at 5 p.m. at the senior center on E. River Street ... **A Halloween Extravaganza** at Kerbyville Farm, including free hay rides to the pumpkin patch, will be held Saturday, Oct. 28 from noon to 6 p.m. Children’s activities will be available free; there will be small fees for pony rides, pumpkins, candied apples, and hot dogs ... **Selma Community Center** will hold open house Saturday, Nov. 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and attendees should enter by Coyote Coffee ... **“Stage Fright,”** a play at Lorna Byrne Middle School, will be staged Monday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. by students of Tim Talty ... **Kitchen plaques:** *Friends welcome. Relatives by appointment. *The best man for the job is usually a woman. *A friend is someone who knows all about you, but loves you anyway. *Explain to me again why I should be happy working here. *My home was clean last week. Sorry you missed it.

LAST WORDS - The best portion of a good man’s life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love. (William Wordsworth)

Letters

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we “the people” continue letting him say, “I’m a working man just like you,” to our faces here in Oregon and then let him lead a different life in Washington, D.C.? Why do we continue letting him enjoy the best of both worlds at our expense?

I was shocked and offended at his ridiculing Jim Feldkamp yet again. The words actually formed and came from his mouth that Jim just sits back and receives family money without putting in any work. He then punctuated that absurd, condemning effort by yelling that he himself has earned every penny of his money.

The crowd was silent. Everyone knows that Jim has worked in the FBI for four years, served in the military for 12, not to mention that he is a teacher at two different community colleges, and is efficiently assisting friends and family all the while.

What is DeFazio covering up with the many personal attacks he launches on his opponent and the Republican Party?

I say strengthen and heal America by making the right changes. Step one: Vote Jim Feldkamp for congressman.

Sales tax needed to pay for services wanted From Harry E. Abrams Cave Junction

All right; I have heard several people complain about the high crime rate, no police protection, and not using the full capacity of the jail we had built.

To me, everyone is staying away from the suggestion that we get a sales tax to fund all this.

The property owners cannot be expected to pick up the bill for all of these services. Let’s get some other folks in the pot to pay their fair share. I am not asking for the property taxes to be lowered, just not raised anymore until a sales tax is in place.

Surely there are enough property owners in this county and state to vote in a sales tax.

I have enjoyed not paying a sales tax just as much as anyone else, but times have changed, so let’s get it done.

Community changes; so do perspectives From John Tree Cave Junction

In response to Ellis Couron’s letter (“Illinois Valley News” Oct. 18) I also moved here in 1970. I was seeking a quiet, back-woods rural way of life.

Our community was much smaller then. A city limit sign at the south end of town stated that 320 was Cave Junction’s population.

The Chevron station was a little building on what’s now Stevereno’s Restaurant parking lot (before that station became Bruce & Van’s Gulf). Across the highway a guy named Lee sold produce out of his truck where the Junction Inn is. He eventually became Lee’s Produce in Rogue River.

Larry Musil, a PP&L lineman, owned the movie theater (no hippies allowed, nor for that matter titty bars or Bible verse or what-not store in his theater.)

At that time there was, if Couron remembers, the Illinois Valley Betterment Association. It made available to

business owners a sign then seen in several stores stating, “We do not solicit hippie patronage,” thus proving that some small-town prejudice did indeed thrive here at the turn of the decade, and showing that it was not brought by later arrivals.

I, as many others, had a chance to change those ways as years progressed. Some big-city principles of which Couron speaks were indeed coming into Illinois Valley at that time.

“Live and let live” is a product of an urban-born movement. Similar to Couron’s idea to fit in and to help improve his environment; and which in turn have resulted in his reaping great rewards during the years -- tolerance of others, befriending a neighbor, being part of a community.

His ideas are similar to what I and at least 100 others I could name sought in coming here to live.

Now, some 36 years later, my kids and grandkids call the valley home. The Gulf station I described earlier now gone (although Bruce Hoppert has become quite a horticulturist.)

Our valley is at a crossroads, and we are hearing much from each other about what we want to see here. Or should we not complain and let the real estate agents and developers have their way? Is there an overpriced, gated community in your property’s future?

Yes, there are a lot of complaints that I think are a waste of energy. But others may think differently. And if we don’t encourage it the few really good ideas will never come out.

We are the seniors now. A lot of what the generation under us is in tune with we may not be. Their time is coming, and it will be their valley we leave them. I think with some guidance they may actually enjoy some of what we have found to be worthwhile.

As others complain about injustices they are exposed to, we elders get an education in a perspective that differs from our own.

Provide basic protection or resign, he suggests From Gary McAlister Cave Junction

Because of the lack of law enforcement in our community from the Josephine County Sheriff’s Office, some of us have come up with the following petition, available at Old Stage Mini-Storage.

“As taxpayers we have asked our teachers to do extra and they have stepped up to the plate and afforded our children an excellent education. We thank them for their public service.

“It is time, however, to ask our other public servants to step up and perform their duties, as assigned, in a professional caring manner -- our sheriff’s office and the deputies who serve Josephine County, especially the outlying areas of Illinois Valley.

“We, as taxpayer citizens, believe that our sheriff’s office should have the following qualities:

“*Courteous demeanor. “*Excellent communication skills.

“*Professionalism. “*Willingness to put in extra time to accomplish the mission, public safety.

“*Respect of minorities, the elderly and the handicapped.

“*Respect and service for our business community.

*Follow-through with all investigations.

“These basics are the minimum requirements we as taxpayer citizens demand from our sheriff’s office personnel. If the current personnel are unwilling or unable to meet these basic requirements then we suggest that they resign their positions immediately and seek employment elsewhere.”

Ex-candidate ‘not card-carrying Libertarian’ From F. Bellermann Selma

Paul Grad’s letter (“I.V. News,” Sept. 13) caught my eye. He wants to be a choice distinct from collectivism.

A noble cause, to be sure, but does he really know what the alternative is, what the words mean? He claims he will use a “Libertarian, conservationist, free-market capitalist approach.” Sounds good, but let us examine his proposals:

He says that our most pressing need is increased law enforcement. To be sure, that is one of the few legitimate roles of government, but repeatedly citizens, land owners and business people have failed to vote for the necessary funds to implement round-the-clock professional policing in the valley.

In the meantime, would it not be a more cost-effective use of limited tax dollars to redirect money spent on drug eradication efforts and properly train a citizen’s auxiliary to help patrol the night? If the sheriff would thoroughly vet and train responsible volunteers and issue right-to-carry permits, crime would decrease. Evidence supports it.

In the same breath Grad calls for bus service between Selma and the border. Whose money is he going to confiscate for this service? Those who save and scrimp to buy an Oregon “beater,” those who work many hours to afford gas to stay mobile, those who get their hands dirty and do their own automotive repair?

Let’s face it, we do not owe anyone a free ride. In addition, I would bet that an honest accounting of existing public transportation expense per user will find it more cost-effective to call a private cab for every ride provided by the, yes, most assuredly, collectivist bus service.

What about those north of Selma, those up (pun intended) Deer Creek? Aren’t those too “entitled” to free public transportation? How dare Grad make a choice for them, but oh, hey, perhaps they are not “bright enough to manage their own transportation” to paraphrase him.

Naturally he knows what the average biking, walking, hitch-hiking and horseback-riding resident needs: More diesel-belching buses driving around empty.

Next, he wants the county to fix pets for free. Yes, pet owners must be held

responsible for the procreative misdeeds of their animals, but when someone owns an animal they, not the rest of us, have to pony up the money to look after them properly.

I have adopted animals from the shelter, but if I find a stray dog on my place, it’s surely faster, cheaper and assuredly more final to solve the problem with a .22 -- This way there is no need to check if the mutt had its shots, wait for Animal Control or let the hapless animal linger in a cage until they are “properly euthanized” anyway (at my exorbitant expense, again.)

So he wants me and the rest of us who budget our money to feed our own families, to feed the homeless as well? Send ‘em all up to my place, will ya’? Every bum willing to split a cord of wood can have a healthy meal, and the women and kids can stack firewood for their next meal.

Once I get my firewood business good and going, I will have excess capital to invest in regular pay for those who’d prefer to work hard for a living on a regular basis. Does Grad actually know how capitalism works?

Unconfined pit-bulls should be a controlled substance? How about unconfined SUVs? Second-hand tobacco smoke? Cite one valid scientific study that gives credence to the hyperbole and hysteria of the health and anti-pleasure Nazis.

To be sure, the county jail kitchen should be used, but Grad doesn’t get it. Prisoners should be made to prepare their own meals, or better yet, run a catering service from that kitchen for profit that helps pay for their confinement.

You get what you pay for. Well-paid public professionals need to live up to their salary expectations. If they do not, fire (unelect) them. Volunteer commissioners working at minimum wage for the (collective) public good will deliver what their wage is worth.

Grad should go ahead and run for commissioner. He might even get elected and it’d be a good thing, because at least he brings up the topic of collectivism, but he should keep the \$70,000 salary and buy himself some good books. Bastiat’s “The Law” would be a good start. Grad has a lot of reading to catch up on things such as collectivism, Libertarians and the true nature of capitalism.

If he has money left over, he could buy some of those books for the library (it doesn’t have them either, I checked) and then start a business. He can buy free cab rides, fix all the pets he wants, keep a pot of beans bubbling 24/7 and prohibit everyone at his place-of-wealth creation from smoking anything he doesn’t like.

It’s his money: Earn it, do what he wants with it and let the rest of us do the same.

He is not a card-carrying libertarian or he’d already be on the ballot.

Affordable Housing Workshop

Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m. to noon in the Cave Junction City Hall Council Chambers.

This workshop is a public service for:

- Current renters
- First-time home buyers
- Second home buyers
- Investors
- Retirement property purchasers

Attendees will receive a free professional inspection and/or a home warranty protection plan before close of escrow.

For more information, phone Luz Moore of C21 Harris & Taylor at

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