

Bob's Corner

Like a lot of guys, I enjoy watching "old movies." That is, movies that sometimes not only are old, but are those I have viewed several times. And like many men, I have no problem watching a movie from any point in its plot. Or its lack of plot. It's a guy thing.

This reminds me (note the illogic) of the Barry Manilow song, *Everything Is Beautiful* (in its own way). Making this statement allows me to view ridiculous films with bad acting and horrible storylines because I can see loveliness despite ugliness. And I can even eat popcorn while doing that.

Heck, I even find beauty in cars including the 1958 Oldsmobile. For those who do not recall its style, it looked like a child's idea of how to haphazardly apply chrome onto a shoebox. I mean, that is an unattractive car. But it's so hideous that people like me can see magnificence in its repulsiveness. Get the idea?

Even wooden acting, and fights that are about as realistic as that Lionel toy train crash in *The Greatest Show On Earth* have an attraction. For some of us.

Which brings us to some dreadful movies I've watched of late. In one, a car with an automatic transmission is being used to chase another vehicle down a winding, mountain road. The guy in the chase car keeps shifting. Why? Who knows; maybe because the director thought it added to the action. And at one point, the driver smashes his car's right-front fender against the other vehicle. But a few seconds later, the smashed fender is miraculously restored. Weird.

Once I saw a Western in which a man was shot dead. He was lying on the ground in a scene. But when the camera pulled back for a longer view that included a bunch of horses stampeding toward the fort, the dead man arose and got out of the way. A miracle if I ever saw one.

And there are the films in which characters are introduced as part of the plot, but then they disappear. Without explanation. Or their dialog refers to something that's a mystery to the viewer, although it seems apparent that we're somehow supposed to know.

One of my favorite movie mishaps though is when a character's clothing mysteriously changes. In like the same scene. A character wearing a long-sleeve shirt will walk into a room and greet another person; then when we're supposedly seeing the first person a few seconds after the greeting, they're wearing a short-sleeve shirt. Talk about a quick-change artist.

I know that some out there likely are wondering why some of us get a kick out of such stuff. Hey, it's just a guy thing. And I'll thank you to pass the popcorn.

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Classes are always free, however pre-registration is required. Classes begin October 22 and will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon and will be held at

the Illinois Valley Resource Center, 535 E. River Street, Cave Junction.

To sign up or for additional information please call Susie, the Women's Advocate at 592-2515.



Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance - More Than a Safe Place

The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance is pleased to offer our community "Helping Children Who Have Been Exposed to Batterers." This 16 week program is designed for parents, grandparents, foster parents or anyone interested in helping children who have been exposed to domestic violence.

At the end of 16 weeks participants will receive a certificate of completion.

Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact, are strictly those of the letter-writers.)

Typed, double-spaced letters written solely to this newspaper are considered for publication. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and legible also can be considered.

"Thank you" submissions are not accepted as letters.

Top officer discourses on law enforcement options From Sheriff Gil Gilbertson

Josephine County

During my campaign for sheriff, among the commitments I made to the people of Josephine County was to seek alternative sources of funding and to provide the best public safety environment possible with the funding available.

Many of our citizens have expressed their dissatisfaction with the property tax solutions proposed to date. Practically speaking, there may not be a one-shot solution to our financial problems, but weaving together several different solutions could provide substantial benefits.

One of the first steps I took in this regard was the formation of a Sheriff's Advisory Council (SAC) comprised of well-qualified volunteers with many years of combined service to Josephine County to help identify and develop ideas. I have asked this council to look beyond funding the sheriff's office to considering solutions for the county-wide issues. Some of the more promising ideas are:

*New construction asset buy-in. This proposal would assess all new dwelling units built in Josephine County to proportionately match the investment in existing community assets such as roads, fairgrounds, parks, bridges, buildings and equipment that existing residents have already funded.

The ability of existing residents to remain in their homes would not be threatened, as their existing homes could be grandfathered in.

*Two separate tax districts for law enforcement. This would copy a system already implemented in Deschutes County by creating tax districts. District One, would include everyone in the county, which would fund the lawfully mandated services to the community (i.e. jail, civil, court security, search and rescue).

The second district would provide all "other" current services; including

911 response, patrol, investigations, records, etc. Only the residents directly benefiting from those services (everyone outside the city of Grants Pass) pay for district two. We are currently developing this proposal.

*Insurance industry program funding. I have initiated discussions with several companies providing home owner and vehicle coverage in our market to review with them how increased patrol presence might benefit them by reducing their claims losses; and provide an elevated level of safety to our community. So far, they have been receptive to the idea with more discussion on the horizon.

*Deductible contributions to public safety trust funds. The sheriff's office currently has several line item "Trust Fund" accounts, similar to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) -- where tax-deductible donations can be made directly to funding the sheriff's office obligations. Since this type of account is legally insulated from the county, public confidence concerning how, and for what, the money is spent is dramatically enhanced.

*Justice of the Peace (JP) System. Such a system would take over administration of minor civil matters arising in Josephine County such as traffic or parking tickets, code violations, etc. This would retain the related fine revenue that currently goes to the State of Oregon. By jointly occupying current building space owned by the county, and by staffing the JP position from the many well-qualified local retirees, the accompanying costs remain low.

These alternatives address the problem in a variety of ways. Some charge county residents for services that directly benefit them. Others charge new arrivals for incremental demands placed on our community services purely by their joining the community.

I don't expect any of these alone to solve our problems, and I don't expect a free lunch to last. Perhaps others have some ideas as good, or better than these.

Ideas sent to jocosheriff@co.josephine.or.us will be forwarded to the Sheriff's Advisory Council, which is open to any viable proposal and will appreciate contributions and creativity.

It continues to be my honor and privilege to serve the people of Josephine County in these difficult times.

Youth sports programs make couple happy From Christi Alvarez Cave Junction

"Coach Cricket" is how some people know me, although most probably will recall me as Christi Alvarez (Raymond). My husband,

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson.

*Fri., Oct. 5:	57 - 36
*Sat., Oct. 6:	65 - 33
*Sun., Oct. 7:	71 - 36
*Mon., Oct. 8:	72 - 41
*Tue., Oct. 9:	62 - 43 0.55
*Wed., Oct. 10:	57 - 42 0.39
*Thurs., Oct. 11:	53 - 43 0.06

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in Cave Junction at Natural Designs Farm.

*Fri., Oct. 5:	58 - 35
*Sat., Oct. 6:	65 - 31
*Sun., Oct. 7:	73 - 33
*Mon., Oct. 8:	74 - 41 0.01
*Tue., Oct. 9:	64 - 38 0.48
*Wed., Oct. 10:	60 - 40 0.27
*Thurs., Oct. 11:	54 - 41 0.06

Dane, and I are fairly active parents.

We enjoy the fact that we are able to be so involved with our children and their activities, especially sports. For the past four years we have coached whatever sport our children choose.

We have coached baseball, from coach pitch to majors, and helped some with wrestling. Until this year my husband coached Pop Warner and high school football, and I have coached Pop Warner cheerleading.

I have 23 of "my boys" on my team, a Boys & Girls Club tackle football program. I have four awesome coaches: Billy Culbertson, Nathan Smith, Erik Kovis and, most recently, Tony Hess. Our team is awesome.

It will play its last game on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. on the IVHS football field. We hope lots of people will come watch.

Thanksgiving, Christmas free meals help needed From Lynn Boucher, Cave Junction Cares coordinator

This is written to describe the Cave Junction Cares Program. The "Program" started in 1989, when it was very clear that the Illinois Valley had a large number of homeless and needy residents.

Approximately six people at that time decided to feed these people on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. It was arranged that the pavilion at Jubilee Park would be the perfect place to achieve this.

The first year we fed approximately 50 people. Since that first year, it has escalated. With the help of more volunteers and generous donations, the Cave Junction Cares Program now feeds approximately 300 to 350 people each Thanksgiving Day and Christmas morning.

With the generous donations, we have been able to expand the Christmas breakfast to include two Santas, one who delivers breakfast and new toys to the needy that cannot get to the park (this includes the elderly and disabled that are homebound). The other Santa sits on the stage surrounded by beautiful new donated toys and distributes them to every child.

It is such a blessing to see a child receive a new toy and a stuffed animal (we want all the children to have something to "hug"). Some of these children have never seen Santa Claus or received a new toy. We have been fortunate during the past few years to even get new donated bicycles. Unfortunately, not enough for every child, but the bikes are given to those who truly needed them.

The breakfast consists of all-you-can-eat pancakes, cooked-to-order eggs, ham and Taylor's sausage patties, and gravy with homemade biscuits. There is plenty of hot coffee, milk and orange

juice.

Our Thanksgiving dinner consists of a complete home-cooked dinner of turkey, ham, candied yams, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, and rolls and butter. Hot coffee, milk, punch and pies are also available. This is an all-you-can-eat meal.

We encourage our volunteers to serve these people and then join them and make them feel comfortable and wanted. It is a joy to see that the volunteers are enjoying the event even more than the people they serve.

Donations and volunteers are always needed. Those who wish more information can contact me at 592-6855 or 592-3594.

We appreciate all our supporters and helpers, and wish a God Bless on all of them. Those making a donation by check should make the check payable to: Cave Junction Cares c/o Lynn Boucher-Johnson.

Thirty-seven years of observing valley From Ellis Couron Cave Junction

When I came here all of those years ago this valley was a quiet place where the country folks looked after each other, and mostly there was no trouble.

Trouble of any kind was settled by those who lived here; and law enforcement, such as it was, was rarely seen.

Later people started buying property and moving in. Illegal plants of one kind or another began growing in the forests, fences went up, "No Trespassing" signs sprouted like weeds -- and then trouble started big time. When the local residents tried to control what was going on, the sheriff (from Grants Pass) sided with those living in shacks and around the forest saying they had a right to manage their property or any part of the forest around them in any way they saw fit.

Then the logging industry, that had been the main support of those who lived here, was almost totally shut down by those who came here from LaLa Land claiming to know more about the forest and spotted owls and the like than anyone else. Nearly every week I read long letters in the local paper about how determined they are to save us all from ourselves.

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Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, Oct. 17
Cold with showers
High--54 Low--37



Thursday, Oct. 18
Lots of clouds then rain
High--55, Low--40.



Friday, Oct. 19
Cloudy, windy and rain later
High--63, Low--36



Saturday, Oct. 20
Rainy and cold
High--56, Low--37



Sunday, Oct. 21
More drizzles then clearing at night
High--62, Low--38



Monday, Oct. 22
Some sun, more clearing
High--69, Low--49



Tuesday, Oct. 23
Warming and sunny
High--77, Low--47

