

Here, There, & Everywhere

DON'T READ THIS - (Parade detour and route): A significant change to the Labor Day Parade route will occur on Monday, Sept. 1. The 37th annual parade, sponsored by Illinois Valley Lions Club, will begin at River Street and move south on Redwood Hwy. as usual, but it will end at Watkins Street alongside Shop Smart Food Warehouse. In previous years, the parade has ended at Caves Hwy. by the Junction Inn. Parade-entry judges will be in front of Home Valley Bank. "There will be lots of fun and candy for the kids," said I.V. Lions Club. It added, "We're still accepting entries from individuals and organizations. Contact Harry Johnson at 596-2104."

Also, because of the parade, Hwy. 199/Redwood Hwy. will be closed between Laurel Road and Hwy. 46/Caves Hwy. from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Sept. 1. As a detour, northbound motorists can take Caves Hwy. to Laurel to reach Redwood Hwy., and southbound drivers can take Laurel to Caves Hwy. to reach Redwood Hwy.

TAKILMA POWER - Takilma Road resident Lynne Vanderlinden is overwhelmed with the response from neighbors and "all the Takilma warriors who came armed with shovels to extinguish a wind-whipped fire by the Big Elder bridge on Wednesday, Aug. 20." She said, "Apparently a limb fell onto a power line and it was instant ignition." She especially is impressed with "the young girl in shorts and sandals who was first on the scene and was fiercely beating flames down with the only thing at hand -- her car mat. Wow! Without you, I just know we'd be having a community feed of barbecued sheep," said Vanderlinden. She added that everyone who responded is "awesome."

LAW BUCKS - A group calling itself Citizens for Public Safety Education will host an informational presentation for Illinois Valley residents regarding the Josephine County Sheriff's Tax District proposals scheduled for the November election. The session will be held Tuesday, Sept. 2 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction. "Our goal is to share factual information with the people of Josephine County and then trust their judgment," said Jeff Wolf, group chairman. For more information contact him at 476-6218.

GOSPEL LIFE LINES - Through July, the Cave Junction-based Gospel Life Lines Ministry has mailed 19,636 letters this year. That includes 36 letters mailed each month to people in 10 foreign countries. And 261 new recipients have been added since January. October will mark the 14th anniversary of the prison outreach program headed by the Doug & Joy Hoskins Family. Newsletters are mailed each month with help from many volunteers from several churches.

GP LIBRARY - Josephine Community Libraries Inc. is setting up a temporary lending library in a space donated by Parkway Village behind Gooseberries at 1519 N.E. F St. in Grants Pass. It will open Saturday, Aug. 30 and be open Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. until the main branch is open. For more information, contact Barbara Ketley, 955-4440; or visit josephinelibrary.org.

NOTEPAD - A fish fry to benefit I.V. Boys & Girls Club will be held Thursday, Sept. 4 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Details in next issue ... **Dome School** is scheduling registration appointments for families on Tuesday, Sept. 2. Phone 592-3911 ... **A decrease** of 435 in the number of persons going to Illinois Valley Visitor Center during July is noted, with 2,838 visits this year vs. 3,273 the year before, said Dulcie Moore, I.V. Chamber of Commerce secretary ... **Evergreen Elementary** School is enrolling new students. Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Parents should bring children's proof of birth and immunization record ... **GolfToberFest**, a tournament fund-raiser for the Illinois Valley Section of the Boys & Girls Club, will be held Oct. 11 at I.V. Golf Course. Sign-up deadline is Oct. 1. Phone 592-4771 or download a form at bgcrv.com ... **A gala mixer** for members of the Illinois Valley, Grants Pass and Crescent City chambers of commerce is planned for Friday, Sept. 12 at Great Cats World Park in Cave Junction ... **Hope Mountain Barter** Faire's sixth annual presentation is set for Sept. 19, 20 and 21. This benefit for Dome School is seeking volunteers. Phone the hotline at 592-4458. For details visit www.hopemountainbarterfaire.org. ... **Some 18,000** gypsy moth traps set by Oregon Dept. of Agriculture statewide has resulted in capturing eight of the pests through Aug. 19 ... **Newspaper goofs:** *He was found sprawled on the floor, shot to death by his liquor cabinet. *In the ensuing struggle, the hijacker's gun discharged, wounding a passenger in the tail section. *The star player said he had prayed that his twisted angel would not keep him from the play-off game.

LAST WORDS - *Some people see things that are and ask, "Why?" Some people dream of things that never were and ask, "Why not?" Some people have to go to work and don't have time for all that. (George Carlin)

Letters to the Editor

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I too am adamantly against new taxes, and I really wish their claims were true and their proposals could even be implemented. Unfortunately, to spend grants, fees and pass-through monies like state gas taxes in ways not mandated is either illegal or highly unethical. To those who have a grasp of facts and are in search of solutions, these antagonistic voices have become the "Noise that Destroys."

It has been my privilege to meet and become involved with many of the kind-hearted people who I believe represent the vast majority of Josephine County to get involved. Truth withstands scrutiny and exposes deception. We need to be a people in search of facts, come to our own conclusions and focus on our shared concerns and opportunities. We need to reason together in a spirit of careful consideration and mutual respect.

Prosperity without public safety is not a reasonable expectation. I believe that collectively we can find new sources of revenue as alternatives to taxes and write a new prosperous chapter in our history. First, we need to ensure our safety. Then we can enjoy the Quality of Life that we all share and so deeply value for ourselves and those we love.

Government insanity
From William Schneider
Cave Junction

Being a fool at times myself, I would surely rather be called a fool for seeking and trying to uphold truth than to find one day that I was one who in my ignorance accepted lies for truth, handed over the destiny of a nation to liars, murderers and thieves and consequently built the dreams of my future on sand held together only by wishes and hopes.

The truth, though sometimes a bitter pill, is always the best medicine. That being said, I have to ask what exactly do the American people think is going to change for the better for a population that is in large part steeped in lies and ignorance. For a population that has yet to confront the sitting administration as to the truth of 9/11/01 and the lies leading to war. For a population that cannot seem to understand the complete and utter unconstitutional and erring enterprises called the Federal Reserve and the federal income tax and the unconstitutional and criminal strong arm called the IRS.

None of the pathetic examples of representative government, not one that I know of, with the exception of Ron Paul, has even mentioned the crimes of the Federal Reserve and the income tax; and even he strays from confronting the greatest attack on the American people since the Civil War. That includes Pearl Harbor. Remember that Pearl Harbor was Japanese on America. 9/11 was, according

to the mountain of evidence that I have read and seen, some members of the U.S. government on the Americans. Very bitter pill.

To keep doing the same thing over and over and to expect different results is clinically deemed insanity. Sadly it appears that is the state of affairs for the pharmaceutical pill-popping public of drug-free America. Much like a dog that barks too much, government needs to be confronted and kept in its place. Failure to address the issue results in who knows what sort of chaos. Let those with ears hear.

Electronic voting machines
From James Walmsley
Cave Junction

Regarding an article in Wednesday's Medford *Mail Tribune* about electronic voting machines by Deborah Hastings of the AP: California Secretary of State Debra Bowen banned the devices, saying that they were susceptible to fraud.

There is overwhelming evidence to support her findings. Bowen did not go far enough though. She also needs to ban the optical scanners that are used to count the paper ballots, as they are equally corruptible. The only way we are going to have honest elections with verifiable results is to use hand-counted paper ballots.

Deborah Seiler, San Diego County Registrar, disagrees with the Secretary of State on the susceptibility to fraud. She is a former employee of the machine manufacturer.

Misinformed election officials will tell us that the Help American Vote Act (HAVA), mandated that these machines be used. This is simply not true. There are strings attached to the acceptance of the federal dollars that suggest certain protocol and is misapplied as mandates.

Detractors tell us that these machines are necessary to help the disabled and handicapped vote so they don't become disenfranchised. Absentee ballots are used for this purpose. In Oregon mail-in ballots are used, so this argument is specious at best.

Other arguments are that hand-counting is too slow and is fraught with human error. Speed over accuracy is never acceptable. Hand-counted ballots in a public forum with citizen oversight and participation is the only acceptable election procedure. It served this country well for more than 200 years and is still used in Canada.

These electronic vote-counting machines serve only one purpose and that is to manipulate the election results, in my opinion.

The sheriff is the top law enforcement officer in the county. With his or her oversight, election fraud involving ballot counting can be eliminated. Illegal voters are another problem to be addressed.

With this knowledge, the public can call for a revote on Measure 49. Paper trails or receipts from electronic vote-counting machines are not acceptable either. They are equally corruptible.

Don't believe me? Go to www.blackboxvoting.org and download thousands of samples or order the book, *HACKED, High Tech Election Theft in America*.

I want my vote to count, and it won't be for either of the two bozos that the two-party dictator system is throwing at us. Incumbents need to be voted out and no one should be elected that doesn't respect and support our Constitution. Debra Bowen is a patriot in my book.

Kerby Ditch Association (KDA) seeks resolution
From Robert Kerivan,
KDA president

(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Gov. Kulongoski. Besides Robert Kerivan, it is signed by the association secretary, Joy Shinerock; and treasurer, Ted Davis.)

We have a problem in the town of Kerby in Josephine County that only you can solve. We feel it was started by the DSL (Division of State Lands) in 1998, when the DSL sent its employee Bob Brown out to threaten farmers and equipment operators with making felons out of them, jail time, fines, and cancellation of DSL permits for local gravel operators.

We have sworn testimony from three state employees, one being the temporary head of the DSL, Steve Purchase, that criminal law was used against farmers only in Josephine County, but not in any other county in Oregon. I feel that in itself is against state law.

The problem began when the Kerby Ditch Association tried to put in a push-up dam in the East Fork of the Illinois River as it has been doing since 1887. Due to the DSL threats, 1998 was the last year water flowed in the Kerby Ditch. The association has been trying to solve the problem by changing the point-of-diversion and raising money through grants to put water back into the ditch.

By the way, many of the wells of the homes in town have also gone dry since the ditch went dry (i.e. no city drinking water).

To help solve the problem the first step you can take would be to order the clock to stop on the forfeiture of all 55 water rights. (copy of the March 13, 2008 letter from the Watermaster enclosed.) Second would be to have the DSL arrange for the cost of restarting the water either in a pipe or ditch. The state already issued a grant for \$250,000 from the lottery funds, but when we ran into problems with new ditch easement from the new point-of-diversion to the ditch everything fell apart

and the grant was canceled.

We can solve the easement problems between the river and the ditch at a different point-of-diversion. We think this is all doable. However, if it does not happen, I have been instructed to hire a lawyer to start a \$15 million class action lawsuit because if the water rights are forfeited it will cause the property values of the whole town to decrease in value by as much as 60 percent.

I hope you can see that this can be solved and that the money was available at one time. The letter from the Water Resource Dept. signed by Bruce Sund (deputy region manager) is self-explanatory. We have approximately 60 days left to work out this problem. We are sending a copy of this letter to the Watermaster, all 30 state senators and all 60 state representatives.

We are hopeful that maybe some political pressure will knock some sense into the mindset of the DSL, which you control.

CJ 'crime wave'
From John H. 'Biff'
Woodward
Cave Junction

To say that I was disappointed in the recent articles in the Grants Pass Daily "Wormer" regarding the "crime wave" in Illinois Valley would be an understatement.

The management of this bastion of the "not-so-free" press must have run out of local news to report. Is there no crime or homelessness in Grants Pass on which to report? You better believe there is. Yet management of the *Daily Courier* spent the time, effort, and money to send two reporters (they no longer employ a local reporter) and a photographer all the way to Cave Junction.

They could have, at the very least, found something positive to fill the news space. With all the good news, exciting happenings, and feature stories available to report from the Illinois Valley, and there is a multitude, they chose to focus instead on the negative. I guess "negative" sells more newspapers, like the tabloids. So is readership up? Seems to me that they could have taken the "higher" road, the road less traveled, but they chose not to. Alas, they should have heeded the admonition in Matthew 7:3.

Lack of confusion
From Kay, Marcy, Betty,
Jean, Ruth, and Linda
Selma Farmers Market

We wish to clear up any confusion, so the Selma Farmers Market managers want everybody to know that the market is open through September.

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