

Bob's Corner

Took a trip to Bend the other day while that city’s annual Pole, Pedal, Paddle event was held. Nearly 3,000 skiers, cyclists, runners and paddlers converged, along with their families and friends. Quite a deal. Has a huge effect on traffic.

Our trip was to first pick up the covers for our 2009-10 Valley Visitor in White City and deliver them to the Bend Bulletin. There they print the inside pages and attach them to the covers. It’s quite a heavy job, and quite a heavy load. We rented a cargo van for the task.

Our original plan was to spend Friday through Sunday nights in Bend; pick up the Valley Visitors on Monday morning and return to Illinois Valley. We had engaged a vacation rental that our daughter, Vicki, located for us on the Internet. Much nicer than a motel, and actually less expensive.

But as plans go, well, they change. We had unloaded the covers at the Bulletin and just reached our rental when we received a cell phone call that there was a problem. Back to the Bulletin. Seems that the covers had been cut incorrectly; they needed trimming. Fortunately, a shop that does that kind of work was nearby, and the owner was willing to stay and do the job. We reloaded the covers into the van and drove to the shop; unloaded the boxes; and waited around for approximately 45 minutes. Job done, we reloaded the covers into the van; drove back to the Bulletin, and unloaded them again.

The print boss advised that our annual guide likely would be finished by Saturday afternoon. Humm, that sounded interesting. Make a long story shorter; we ended up leaving Bend shortly before 5 p.m. Saturday. Had to tell the owners of the rental that we wouldn’t be staying. They were understanding; said we’d get a refund of sorts. Arrived home shortly before 10 that night; unloaded the Visitors at the Illinois Valley News office.

It’s quite a trip to Bend: U.S. 199 to Grants Pass, Interstate 5 to State 62 to reach White City. Take 62 through locations including Shady Cove, Prospect and Union Creek. Skirt the edge of Crater Lake National Park; take State 230 to State 138 to U.S. 97 and pass through places including Beaver Marsh, Chemult and LaPine. Hwy. 97 is dangerous; it’s known for its hellacious crashes, many of them fatal, and many involving large trucks tangling with passenger cars and pickup trucks whose drivers are not too careful.

The return trip is pretty much the same except for taking State 234 out of Shady Cove and passing through Sam’s Valley; and going through Gold Hill before reaching I-5.

I’ve always enjoyed trips, but sometimes they get a bit tiring. Maybe it was all that loading and unloading. Either that or leaving my suitcase at home, or driving a loaded cargo van on Hwy. 97 and worrying about all those other crazy drivers. Take your choice.

Club & Organization notes

Spiral Living Center

“Beginning Goat-herding with Laurel Peña and the China Creek Pack Goats” is the title of a family fun class on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Frog Farm in Takilma.

Said organizers, “Explore the wonderful world of raising goats, why they are great for our bioregion, and why it’s worth putting up with their shenanigans. Learn about shelter, food, and exercise needs, common health problems, goat sex and kid

rearing, how to get the milk out and what to do with it, going from goat to meat.”

Space is limited, and there is a fee. Pre-register by phoning 592-3642 or email spiral@spiralliving.org.

For more information phone 592-3642, or visit spiralliving.org.

Illinois Valley Youth Soccer Club

The annual general meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, beginning at 6 p.m. at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in Cave Junction.

Correction

An editorial change in Patty Downing’s letter to the editor (*Illinois Valley News* May 20, 2009) made it sound as though she was challenging individual residents to donate \$500 apiece to Josephine Community Libraries, Inc. In fact, her challenge was made to entire neighborhoods.

The *I.V. News* regrets the error.

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

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Typed, double-spaced letters 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.

City park ... not From Loren Mailes Cave Junction

Regarding what’s referred to as the Old City Park at the south end of Old Stage Road, it is not a city park and never has been.

It was a county park that was closed in the early 1970s due to vandalism. The county made up a sign that it was closed, and I put it up myself when I was the Cave Junction chief of police.

To set the record straight, it’s not a city park, but I hope to see one there.

Dog folks drop \$\$ From Paul Bodeving Cave Junction

During the weekend of May 16 and 17, the St. Bernard Club of Southern Oregon rented a good portion of Lake Selmac for our specialty show.

We had an entry of 104 dogs, numerous motor homes camped at the park, and attendance by around 120 people from all over the West Coast.

I would like recognize two employees. Everyone loved Linda and Jeff (park host and park employee) who made everyone feel welcome and went above the call of duty to assure that a good time was had by all. They are a real asset to Josephine County Parks Dept., and were instrumental in making the show a success.

During the three days, the 120 people spent money on food, gas, restaurants, and motels in the Cave Junction area. They also bought parking permits in the park, visited local attractions and generally loved the area. Some of them already are talking about maybe finding a retirement home in this area.

Studies show that the average exhibitor spends \$320 per weekend (akc.org/pdfs/GEECON.pdf), which results in an economic effect of \$38,400 for this small community. On average, that money turns over seven times in a community before it leaves, leaving a total impact of a small specialty show of close to \$268,000 for the Cave Junction community.

All of this positive effect on our community is made possible by efficient, practical use of our natural resource: Lake Selmac Park.

The St. Bernard Club of Southern Oregon is looking forward to next year’s show.

Guantanamo important From Susan Chapp Cave Junction

How the Guantanamo Bay prisoners are handled is a critically important issue which will define our moral world leadership or lack thereof far into the future. First we have to decide what the charge is, by which we judge the guilt or innocence of these individuals.

It is not a crime to defend your country or to wage war against the enemies of your country. So that cannot be the charge. Perhaps the crime is terrorism. We then need to define what terrorism is that sets it apart from the attack and defense actions of war and that makes it specifically criminal.

Whatever standard is set up has to be able to be equally applied to our actions, as well as those of other

countries. The word “terrorism” is often loosely applied today to cover any actions against us, an inadequate standard.

Another problem is the quality of evidence used to select the people to imprison at Guantanamo. People were imprisoned based on testimony offered by antagonistic tribes or religions whose motives were simply to make trouble for rival ethnic and religious groups. Our people were unaware of, insensitive to or simply indifferent to the motives of the accusers. So we imprisoned a number of people on weak evidence.

Because of the way we have treated these prisoners, we have succeeded in making them our enemies if they weren’t already. Probably our crimes against them are at least equal to whatever their crimes against us may or may not have been.

I do not think it will be possible to acquire reliable testimony to their guilt, if we are even able to properly define what the crime is. And we have to take into account our guilt in imprisoning and abusing people based on highly questionable evidence and faulty procedure. I am inclined to think we need to walk away from deciding guilt or innocence in this situation and simply declare that time already served covers that part of the situation.

This still leaves the problem that was created when these people were imprisoned, called: “What do we do with them now?” By now, due to their treatment, they are indeed our enemies. This is a huge problem, and it is one that we created and have to solve and answer for.

A response

From Raymond Ronald Karczewski@ Cave Junction

In Letters to the Editor (*Illinois Valley News*, May 13, 2009) Christopher Smith wrote: “I have a wonderful suggestion for George Lee McElroy and Raymond Karczewski: If they don’t like the laws, rules and regulations of the State of Oregon, the United States of America, etc., they should move away.”

It isn’t a matter of my “not liking them.” It is simply the fact that they are not law. The ignorance of the public regarding how they have been reduced to human “chattel” -- in other words, slaves -- seems to know no bounds. Smith exposes his ignorance with such comments.

I follow the law, God’s law and common law, and demand that my public servants abide by their contract with the Sovereign People of these United States of America via the DeJure Constitution of 1789, the “Supreme Law of the Land.”

Smith goes further: “I wonder why he felt obliged to pull over for Deputy Cory Krauss if he supposedly is not subject to the laws of the state and county. If he felt that he was doing nothing wrong, then why stop and let himself be subjected to all this drama being brought upon him by these people that he feels have no authority over him?”

Emergency lights were flashing. I pulled over because I follow the law of common sense. There was no emergency occurring. In 2002, after being stopped similarly by Josephine County Sheriff’s Office deputies, and told four times that I was not under arrest, but that they were going to impound my automobile, I got back behind the wheel and proceeded on my way. Then in a distance of some 150 yards, I was pulled over again by flashing lights, only this time the cops had their guns drawn. I was handcuffed and taken into custody for “felony eluding an officer.”

Long story short, I sought to hold these corporate agents of the County of Josephine Sheriff’s Office, judges and district attorneys of the State of Oregon accountable and responsible for their errant application of “Color of Law” policies and regulations designed to “police” and regulate the driving behavior of those engaged in commerce while using Oregon highways and/or for those who have waived their Inalienable Rights to Liberty which include the Right to Travel, in return for a “driver license,” which converts one’s Right to Travel into the state’s permission to “drive.”

By their own ignorance of true law, sovereign men and women have been hoodwinked by their political officials into binding themselves as Subjects to Corporate “Color of Law” (pseudo law) by contracting away their rights. To each his/her own.

The fact that most who read this are ignorant of who they truly are and have accepted instead what they have been conditioned to believe they are is the reason our country is in its sad state. Ignorance breeds its own destiny. War is being declared on us by these corporate agents, and slaves will justify their chains when they see themselves contrasted by the likes of a Free Man.

Smith goes on to say: “There is, after all, a law against driving without license plates and with expired tags. By choosing to live here, I also subject myself to follow the laws, and will accept punishment for breaking those laws.”

Smith is correct, for

those who engage in commerce while using the publicly owned highways and those who are 14th Amendment “citizens” and regarded by the courts as “Wards of the State” i.e., “infants” in the eyes of the law, who are not responsible to handle their own legal affairs, indeed the courts will treat them as the ignorant “children” they are and will punish them for deviating from their heretofore agreed upon contract to obey “corporate policies” via the licensing contract.

I am not one of them.

I called their bluff when they brought me up for sentencing in the issues of two trials dating to 2002, wherein I refused to accept the court’s offer of Contract of Sentencing as they have repeatedly refused to follow the “true law” and prove “in writing” their jurisdiction over this living, sentient, natural man, and not the fictional juristic person whose name is spelled in all capital letters.

From an original threat of 35 years as a “Paper Terrorist” they wound up throwing me out of their jail. No jail term, no prison term, no probation. Does anyone find that a bit curious?

People should check their driver license, library card, bank account, and bills they receive. They will see that fictional name which they give assent to through accepting that they and it are one in the same. The courts do not have any power over us unless we violate common law by harming or causing damage to another, damaging the property of another, or those laws.”

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