

# Walter to make ‘monumental’ case

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Congressional hearings are scheduled for legislation seeking to expand Oregon Caves National Monument, and Cave Junction resident Greg Walter plans to testify on its behalf.

S.1270, sponsored by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), was introduced on June 16, and would expand the 480-acre monument by more than 4,000 acres. The site is 22 miles east of Cave Junction.

The bill is being heard before the Senate Subcommittee on National Parks, which is under the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee.

Walter said that he would fly to Washington, D.C., as he was scheduled to testify before the Senate subcommittee

on Wednesday, July 22.

“I will speak mainly to the social and economic benefits that this would bring to the community,” Walter said. “It’s going to give us the opportunity to empower ourselves as a gateway community to the Oregon Caves, and to better capture the tourism dollars already rolling through here.”

Last week, Walter solicited letters from Cave Junction merchants supportive of the legislative proposal. He said he received approximately two dozen.

“There are very few businesses in town that are not agreeing to this,” Walter said.

Much of the land surrounding the monument is currently under control of the U.S. Forest Service. S.1270 would turn the property over to the National Park Service

(NPS). That agency currently manages the monument.

Walter said that change could provide for better signage to draw tourists to the Caves, area trailheads and other attractions.

“It’s an improvement that the Park Service can better provide for,” he said.

That kind of approach could lead to tourists extending their stays, which Walter said would provide a much-needed economic boost to area merchants.

“This is a way with which, at little cost to us, we can have that opportunity to have people stay longer,” Walter said. “I think we can safely say that the area can best be served by us being able to retain visiting public that’s already here.”

Walter said that expanding the monument also would be beneficial to the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCDO). It serves as a concessionaire to the Chateau at the Caves.

“There’s a fear there that if they don’t do something, they could lose that concession,” he said.

It’s also anticipated that S.1270 will have a hearing in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**James & Jean Nix**  
**celebrate 55 years**

High school sweethearts James & Jean Nix, married in Sequim, Wash. on July 20, 1954, and now of Cave Junction, are celebrating 55 years of marriage.

The couple have five children: three girls and two boys, who live in the states of Washington and New York.

James Nix was in the U.S. Air Force for 10 years, and Jean worked at Santa



Barbara General Hospital. For eight years they traveled in their motor home, adjusting sheet metal equipment. They have made their home in Cave Junction and Kerby for several years. The pair love the area and plan on living in Illinois Valley for the rest of their lives. (Photos provided)

## Augie and Mary win awards for CareSource

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the TV advertising, but the campaign also included newspaper advertising, direct mail and a Website presence. Because of the campaign, CareSource’s membership rose 80 percent.

CareSource is a 5,300-member Medicare Advantage provider based in Grants Pass. Established in 2005 by area physicians, CareSource provides members with low-cost, high-quality service. For more information phone (888) 460-0185.

## Church News

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

A community open house with an inside look at the newly expanded and remodeled building — including a free-use Family History Center and a basketball/volleyball court — is offered Saturday, July 25 by the Cave Junction Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

agency preparedness and home food storage, will be provided.

Among open house features, Women of the Relief Society will bake bread and offer samples to visitors. The Family History Center will offer free help to anyone who wants to trace their family tree. Those who wish to return at another time to work on their genealogy also will be wel-

will be open. The latter will be used for dinners and other functions. It also includes a basketball/volleyball court, which can be used by community groups with prior arrangement. During the open house, it’s likely that there will be some volleyball play.

The original church facility contained 8,175 square feet of space. The recent renovation added another 4,024 square feet of space.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

In this week’s lesson, Mark Chapter 6, Jesus tells his disciples to take a break. In our busy lives, we hear people say, “Take time to smell the roses.” In other words, keeping a frantic pace doesn’t give us time to notice or enjoy the really important things in life.

If we look at all the blessings we have, it should be crystal clear who we should thank daily. God gives us these blessings; it is up to us to not only enjoy them but to remember to give thanks, even amid our busy daily lives.

Calendar: Sunday, July 26, 11 a.m., worship followed by a potluck at the Knodels’. Tuesday, July 28, grilled salmon fund-raiser for Illinois Valley Section of the Boys & Girls Club; reservations preferred by phoning 592-2290. Thursdays, 4 p.m., *Good Shepherd Singers* rehearse.

## Backyard bird watching with Harry

### UNWANTED VISITORS

So not all birds are a joy to watch. You can’t really blame these uninvited birds for trying to survive, but there are some ways to keep them away from your feeder.

Try using a small tubular feeder which attracts smaller songbirds. Larger birds won’t be able to fit on the perches. For those larger birds you may want to try a platform feeder.

Remove the perches from your tube feeders to keep house finches and larger birds away.

Try to use seed for the birds you want to see in your yard. Different seed attracts different birds. Use only the seed for the birds you want in your backyard.

Try placing your feeders in different areas around your yard. Put the small bird and song bird tube or hanging feeder on one side of your yard well away from the larger bird platform feeders that are on the other side of your yard. You’ll still be able to watch and the small birds will thank you for it.

Squirrels can also take over your feeder. Here are tips for dealing with an unwanted visitor.

Squirrels are territorial. Provide food for them

away from your bird feeders. They will mark that area and stay away from your birds.

Try hanging your feeders at least 5-6 feet off the ground and 8 feet from a tree.

Use a piece of tubing around your wire or pole to stop them from climbing up or down.

I have a dog that we’ve trained to chase away the squirrels whenever she sees them in or near the feeders.

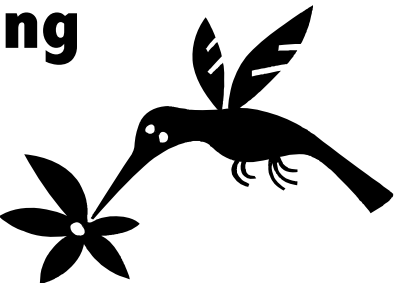
Are ants becoming a problem on your feeders? Here are some tips for you to try.

Try using some petroleum jelly on the wire your bird feeder is hanging on.

You can make or buy a moat using water that hangs just above your feeder. Those little bug-gers won’t cross the water to get to the feeder.

Join us Saturday morning at Michelle’s Restaurant at 8:30 for a great breakfast and meet fellow bird lovers. You can email me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net.

All tips are from Lowes Hardware.



The Family History Center is among features at the newly remodeled LDS Church in Cave Junction.

Available to everyone, the open house, including building tours, will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the LDS site at 209 S. Junction Ave. adjacent to Jubilee Park. Information on a variety of topics, including emer-

come. Other Ward groups, including the Primary organization that conducts children’s programs, also will have displays.

There will be music in the chapel, and the Cultural Hall

## Good News About Cost of Hospice Care



No one is refused service because of a lack of financial resources. There is no co-pay or deductible for Hospice services when covered by Medicare or Medicaid. Most insurance plans pay all or a portion of Hospice care. Call Lovejoy Hospice for more information



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### COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Delta Pet Therapy Certification - August 23  
Advanced Directives - September 15



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**Michelle’s**

Family Restaurant & Lounge  
333 Redwood Hwy. 592-6434

## Places of Worship

**ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS**  
987 Caves Hwy., CJ  
541-592-4716 or 218-2792  
Sunday - 2:30 p.m.  
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**IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
200 Watkins St., CJ  
Phone 592-3876  
Pastor Charles Chase  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.  
Child-care for small children  
Web Page:  
<http://UMCImmanuel.org>  
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**ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
407 W. River St., CJ  
592-3658  
Msgr. Gregory Moys, Pastor  
Mass - Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
No Sunday Mass  
Holy Days TBA  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturday - 4:30 to 5 p.m.  
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**ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2110 Caves Hwy., CJ  
Pastor Frank J. Matz, Jr.  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Women’s Bible Study  
Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.  
[www.illinoisvalleybaptistchurch.org](http://www.illinoisvalleybaptistchurch.org)  
Phone: 541-592-6149

**CAVES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
Pastor Jeremy Nehf  
PO Box 293  
Cave Junction, OR 97523  
541-287-7862  
Email: [nehfilim@gmail.com](mailto:nehfilim@gmail.com)  
Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Lorna Byrne Middle School Gym, 101 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
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**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
East River Street & Lewis Court, CJ  
Pastor Don Torala  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.  
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.  
Church Phone: 592-2290  
[www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.org](http://www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.org)  
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**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ  
Evangelical  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service - 6 p.m.  
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.  
Pastor Dave Gordon  
Christian Academy - PK to 12th  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA**  
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma  
597-4169  
Pastor Monty Pope  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.

**VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
498 Laurel Road, CJ  
P.O. Box 1248  
Pastor Les Knapp  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
[evfree@frontiernet.net](mailto:evfree@frontiernet.net)  
592-6160  
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**TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH**  
10300 Takilma Road, Takilma  
Pastor Dan Robinson  
Bible Study / Prayer Time 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
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**BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
5181 Holland Loop, CJ  
592-3923  
“We celebrate God’s Presence in our lives!”  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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**FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
592-3956  
Pastor Mark McLean  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study

**CALVARY FELLOWSHIP OF CAVE JUNCTION**  
meeting at  
Evergreen Elementary School  
520 W. River St., CJ  
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor Pat Henderson  
592-3092  
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**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ  
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.  
Saturday Church Service 11 a.m.  
Saturday Prayer & Praise 7 p.m.  
Tuesday Pastor Verne Hyland  
Church 592-3218  
Everyone Welcome  
Madrone Adventist School  
592-3330  
Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy Whitchurch  
592-6604  
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**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
Sacrament Meet - 9 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10:20 a.m.  
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 11:10 a.m.  
Bishop John A. “Jack” Brown  
1st Counselor Bob Knott  
2nd Counselor Dan Fiske