

# Letters to the Editor

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

## TALENT TIME ALREADY?

The 2013 Talent Show will once again be held during the I.V. Lions Labor Day Festival. The Festival is scheduled for August 31 – September 2. Those who plan to participate in the Talent Show have only a few weeks more to prepare and be ready for the "Big Show". (This event is for amateurs only.) Last year's contest was GREAT and the performers provided entertainment for all. It was obvious that they all worked hard preparing for the contest and the level of talent in this wonderful Valley of ours is amazing. Last year's winners were:

Junior Division-Tanner Christensen  
Intermediate Division-Megan Blakenship  
Adult Division-Lori Buttram

We are looking forward to another big TALENT SHOW this year. If you would like to participate, please call Donna, (541) 596-2719 or Sue, (541) 592-2252. The deadline for sign up is 29 August.

IV Lions Club  
Illinois Valley

## Sheriff Encourages Neighborhood Watch

First off, a Thanks to Sheriff Gil Gilbertson, I can't imagine doing a job like he has with the amount of support he gets. Many of us know we need to step up, organize, and do what we can to work together on this. Not only with Neighborhood Watch, but with wild fire prevention as well. Judy Hoyle asked me if I was the Watch Coordinator for the Valley. I said no, just for my neighborhood, but I'll do what I can to get us together and support a process, build a campaign and help us get it done. Here is my Number 541-592-4124 and email me at cmecc@cavenet.com.

I'm planning for a Town Hall or Neighborhood Assembly for possibly Tuesday, August 13th or the 20th. Contact your neighbors, have one of them contact me and we can work out the details. Then publish it in the next issue of I.V. News, with Dan's help. I can't tell you in the few words, how good it feels to have your neighborhood working together and taking care of each other. You don't want to miss this experience and the sense of security it brings. We can solve these problems if we spend the time needed in getting to know each other and work in a cooperative way.

Guenter Ambron  
Cave Junction

## To the Editor:

About three weeks ago, an article in the I.V. News described that although the Josephine County laid off approximately 100 employees, MOST of them were from the Sheriff's Office. MOST of them. So, to the County Commissioners, all the following services are vastly more important than OUR PUBLIC SAFETY! Clearly the priorities of the County Commissioners are royally screwed up. OUR safety is the LEAST IMPORTANT service to them. Anyone can check out the County Budget here:

<http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=1529>

It's very difficult to find exactly what the County spends money on and how much, after some time searching on the Josephine County website I managed to find this list, but because I can't read spreadsheets sideways in tiny font, the below is a general list. I didn't have the hours I needed to find out especially what all these funds do, but all these services are, according to the "wisdom" of the County Commissioners, much, much more important than funding the County Sheriff's office to protect OUR safety. Also noteworthy is that many of the functions the county did not cut at all or very much could be carried out by volunteers or private groups.

According to the article in the I.V. News a few weeks ago, the Commissioners' own salaries and benefits and all their staff, cars, offices and so on were not cut AT ALL.

I'm including this list so that people reading the newspaper can see how many functions of the County government were much more important to the Commissioners than our public safety. They cut the Sheriff's Office beyond the bone - they didn't even leave Sheriff Gilbertson a whole skeleton to work with - and barely touched other functions that we can all easily live without, or volunteers can pick up the slack.

I appreciate Sheriff Gilbertson's and the other employees of the Sheriff's Office efforts, to do whatever they can do, considering that the Commissioners have offended their office and indeed, every citizen in Josephine County, with their budgetary insanity.

Shame on the County Commissioners! Shame on you all for depriving our Sheriff's Office with funds to work with to protect the citizens of Josephine County!

Maybe recalls are in order.

P, Kisiela  
Cave Junction

# Obituaries

Cave Junction City Councilor and veterinarian **Dr. Daniel Fiske, DVM** was found dead in his office at Crossroads Animal Hospital the morning of Tuesday, July 30. Further information will be available in the Aug. 7 issue of I. V. News.

**Kendall Phillips** Service information:

Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m. at Bridgeview Community Church with a potluck to immediately follow. A full obituary will run in the Aug. 7 edition of the I.V. News.

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# Save the date

## Aug. 3-4

Blackberry Festival downtown Cave Junction. Benefits the I.V. Little League.

## Aug. 3

The Cave Junction Lions Club will do a Blackberry Bingo on Saturday, August 3rd from 6-9 p.m. at the Senior Center in Cave Junction. Game cards sell for .50 each, open games. Winning pot will be split 50/50 between winner and Cave Junction Lions.

## Aug. 3

Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley will hold a HUGE YARD SALE Saturday, August 3rd, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. 520 Caves Hwy.

## Aug. 4

Deer Creek Vineyards will host the Soul Food Band Sunday, August 4th at 2 p.m. for a Breast Cancer Benefit.

## Aug. 10

Tammy Phillips, husband Kendall Phillips died in a house fire Friday July

26. Tammy was left literally with her nightgown; everything was a loss and no insurance. Tammy has a place to stay for now, but is in need of so many basic things. Two local bank accounts have been set up for those that would like to donate and many donation cans are out in the community.

We are putting together a Community event to benefit Tammy in her time of need.

Saturday August 10th we will hold an all-day community benefit starting at 8 a.m. with a car wash put on by many teens of the Valley, along with a huge bake sale from bakers throughout our community and a silent auction of some very nice items donated from folks. And then in the early afternoon we will host a benefit concert to help raise funds so desperately needed. Some of the best in local music are helping; headed up by John Nolan and J. Barley and many others!

This Community Benefit Event will be held at: Bridgeview Community Church at 5181 Holland Loop Road, Cave Junction, OR. 97523

If you would like to contribute cloth-

ing items please contact Lisa my wife @ the church office, 541-592-3923, leave your name and number, and she will get back to you. Thank you and May the God bless you! Sonny Moore.

## Aug. 18

Siskiyou Mountain Herbs will host a Certified CPR Class at the second Siskiyou Regional Herbal Gathering, Sunday, August 18th, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Takilma Community Building, 9367 Takilma Road, nine miles southeast of Cave Junction. This is a basic CPR course covering emergency cardiac care for adults, children, and infants, including use of an AED (automated external defibrillator). Laurel Peña, Wilderness EMT and Clinical Herbalist will teach the 2 hour class, which is designed for the lay person, including school bus drivers, teachers, parents, childcare workers, residential care workers, concerned citizens or personnel on emergency response teams. "Learn to save a life! This course will give you hands-on practice at current techniques most beneficial for saving lives while waiting for medics to re-

spond," says Peña.

The cost of the class with ASHI (American Safety and Health Institute) certification is \$40, without \$35. To attend the class, one must pre-register, as the class size is limited. Send class fee to Siskiyou Mt. Herbs, PO Box 2093, Cave Junction, OR 97523. Call for more information Debbie Lukas (541) 592-3386. See <http://siskiyouherbs.com/herbgathering/> for more information about the Herbal Gathering.

## Aug. 29

TIME FOR TALENT! The TALENT SHOW is just a few weeks away. The I.V. Lions Club Labor Day Festival will again host a TALENT SHOW (amateurs only) and cash prizes will be awarded the winners of each age group. Don't forget to sign up by August 29. For more information and/or to sign up, please call Donna, (541) 596-2719 or Sue, (541) 592-2252.

## Sept. 28

Saddle up! BCHO Poker Run, Sept. 28 in the Illinois Valley. Call 541-597-1806 for more details.

# Concerts in the Park

Thursday Evenings

6:30 - 8:30

Jubilee Park

Cave Junction

Free admission

Bring your lawn chairs or blanket

Refreshments for sale by  
IV Little League

August 1st ~ Oregon Little Big Band

August 8th ~ Eastfork



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