



Life in the Valley of Riches

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I often tell people I live in an area where it is either raining or on fire. I like rain and feel like it is cleansing. I don't, on the other hand, like fire and I find it unnerving. Having never

really experience a wild fire that's as close to home as the current fires are, I really didn't know what to expect. To be honest, I am sick and tired of it and welcome the return of the rainy season.

So far, the fires have caused little disruption to our daily lives with the exception of the heavy smoke. Hopefully the smoke will be kept to a minimum and our lives can return to normal sooner rather than later.

On a completely separate note, many people have lately been asking me what's going on with Commissioner Simon Hare's Jeep theft. For those of you who don't

recall, Hare reported his 2007 Jeep stolen May 10. He claimed that he had left it at 5th and G Street the night before and came back to get it around noon that day. He said the vehicle was not where he left it. He had the keys with him, so he filed a police report. This all happened less than two weeks before the Criminal Justice Levy was to be voted on.

At 1:30 a.m. May 10, a lady happened to look out her window and see a black Jeep park across from her house on Hamilton Lane in Grants Pass. In the police report, she stated that the man fell out of his car, got up and stumbled away in what she described as being apparently intoxicated. Low and behold, the vehicle belonged to Hare. When Hare was elected, he

happened to have rented an apartment a few blocks from where the vehicle was found.

Grants Pass Public Safety passed the case to the Medford Police Department to investigate. Lieutenant Ward of GPDPS said it was common for agencies to conduct an investigation for neighboring towns when there is a chance of a conflict of interest. According to Medford Police Department Sergeant Rymer, they will finish the investigation and report back to GPDPS with their findings. When they release their findings, I will bring you all up to date. One would think that should be soon.

Thank you for picking up this weeks paper, enjoy!

Obituaries

Dan Fiske DVM, age 50, of Cave Junction, died Tuesday, July 30, 2013 in Cave Junction.

A viewing will be from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 2013 at Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

A celebration of life will be at 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 9, 2013 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center in Grants Pass with Bishop Gary Lathen officiating. Private interment will be at Wilderville Cemetery. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Please sign the family guest book at www.since1928hull.com.

Dan was born April 17, 1963 in Whittier, California to Ronald & Myrna (Slight) Fiske. Becoming a veterinarian was his lifelong goal and at the age of 15 he started working at an animal hospital and never stopped. He graduated from University of California Davis with a degree in veterinary medicine. As a veterinarian he established Crossroads Animal Hospital in Cave Junction in April 1997.

Dan served on the Cave Junction City Council; was active with Boy Scouts of America; and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serving a church mission from 1984 to 1985 in Washington State.

Dan especially enjoyed family activities with his children and was currently taking piano lessons with his daughter even playing in recitals together. He loved all animals and also enjoyed camping and boating.

Survivors include a son, Tristan Fiske and a daughter, Ceilidh Fiske both of Cave Junction, Oregon; his parents, Ron & Myrna Fiske of Grants Pass, Oregon; three siblings, Mike, Janelle, and Steven; and numerous extended family members.

Kendell Wayne Phillips, age 57, of Cave Junction, died Friday, July 26, 2013 at his home.

A memorial service will be at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at Bridgeview Community Church in Cave Junction with a potluck following. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Kendell was born February 1, 1956 in Crescent City, California to Thomas Alvin Phillips and his war bride, Audrey Maureen Parker Phillips. He grew up in Crescent City until his mother's and sister's deaths. At that time, he traveled with his father to Mexico, England, and Ireland and in 1963 returned with his father to Crescent City. Kendell was raised by his grandparents after his father and uncle were lost at sea while attempting to deliver a boat to Costa Rica.

He was involved in FFA; worked on his grandfather's ranch in the Holland Loop area; worked his own cattle; and worked for Sleepy Hollow Dairy. On August 9, 1978 in Reno, Nevada he married Tammie Ann Van Natta. He then worked at both Palmer Dairy and Illivale Dairy. After an injury at the dairy, he and Tammie began crafting and attending craft fairs. He also attended Rogue Community College where he earned business

and accounting degrees with honors. He worked for the Grants Pass College of Beauty as an accountant and also started the Illinois Valley Craft Guild. From 1995 to 1998 he was director of the Kerbyville Museum.

Kendell was extremely active in his community. His memberships included Illinois Valley Grange for 27 years where he currently served as secretary and was past master; Fruitdale Grange; Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce; Oregon Commission of Historic Cemeteries; Illinois Valley Historical Society and was a board member; Josephine County Historical Society; Sons of American Revolution; and the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Kendell was proud of his Native American heritage.

He volunteered with the Safe House Alliance in Cave Junction; Vista Coordinator for Josephine County Food Bank; Illinois Valley Chapel; and as a grange and agricultural superintendent at the Josephine County Fair. He was awarded the Volunteer of the Year award for Oregon state granges and was also an Oregon state grange lecturer which is the 3rd ranking officer. He was a National Grange member as well.

Kendell enjoyed history, genealogy, playing pinochle, camping, gardening and his cats.

Kendell is survived by his wife, Tammie Ann Phillips of Cave Junction, Oregon; a brother, Kerby Craig Phillips of Medford, Oregon; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Kerrie Phillips; and his grandparents, Alvin & Edith Phillips.

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Save the date

Aug. 9

I.V. Chamber Mixer and Art Walk at Crocker Financial & H&R Block, Lister Street, Friday, August 9, 5-7 p.m.

Aug. 10

The Oregon Caves National Monument is holding a Star Party on August 10th, peak night for the Perseid meteor shower, everyone is encouraged to come. The event will be held in the lower parking lot starting at 9 p.m. and we ask that people begin arriving at 8 p.m. to avoid headlights while star gazing. The Monument offers great views of the night sky. More information can be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OregonCavesNPS

Aug. 10

Tammie 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 10 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 clothing 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 respond," 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. 21-24

This year's Southern Oregon World of Wine Festival is set for August 21-24 at the historic Bigham Knoll Campus, 525 Bigham Knoll Drive in Jacksonville. The multi-day event offers wine sensory and education classes throughout the week and culminates with a grand tasting event that will boast a selection of 200 wines from 50 Southern Oregon wineries. The Southern Oregon World of Wine Festival has been one of the Rogue Valley's premier events for the past 11 years. Visit www.worldofwinefestival.com for more info.

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 Ride, Sept. 28 in the Illinois Valley. Call 541-597-1806 for more details.



(Photo by Dale Sandberg, IVFD Media Dept)

Tents where the firefighters sleep at Lake Selmac. Firefighters are provided three meals a day, places to wash their clothes and take showers.

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