

From the desk of the Mayor:

by Mayor Carl Jacobson

Labor Day is once again upon us, and that means that school is starting soon. It starts the day after Labor Day. Please be careful out there as our children are waiting to get on the busses and walking to school. Is it worth your life or the life of any other person to avoid stopping at that stop sign or to speed in a residential area? Just a little common sense goes a long ways. The same goes for the students who might think it's not a big deal, it won't happen to me. Talk to your kids about safety. Don't let the victims be you or one of your loved ones.

The Labor Day Parade is going to be a good one as usual, so come out and support your I.V. Lions Club this Labor Day weekend, August 31 thru September 2 at Jubilee Park.

Obituaries

Former Cave Junction resident, **Irma L. Kitterman**, our precious Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great-great-grandmother and Auntie, went home to be with the Lord in Fresno, California on August 11, 2013 at the age of 94.

A funeral service will be held at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 15, 2013 at Hope Community Church in Mt. Shasta, California.

A graveside service will be at 12 Noon, Friday, August 16, 2013 at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Irma was born in Fort Smith AR on April 2, 1919.

Irma's loving family and survivors include

husband of 73 years, Don; daughter, Ralph Whipple and husband, Don; son, Jan (Skeet) Kitterman and wife Marla; son, Jim Kitterman and wife Debbie; son-in-law, Russ Smith; a daughter, Krisstan Smith preceded her Mother going to be with the Lord July 22, 2013. Irma leaves behind 9 Grandchildren, 7 Great-grandchildren, 1 Great-great-grandchild and numerous special Nieces and Nephews.

George Arthur Plumlee March 4, 1938 – August 10, 2013

Former Selma resident, George Arthur Plumlee of Grant Pass went to be with the Lord on August 10, 2013 at his home surrounded by his wife and family after a long illness.

He was born on March 4, 1938 in a log cabin behind the old Selma Store. Growing up

in the Deer Creek area, he attended Selma Grade School and graduated from Illinois Valley High excelling in Track & Field. The records set by him for shot-putting and the javelin throw still stand to this day.

On April 20, 1957 he married the love of his life Eldylee Hembree who survives. In their 56 years of married life most was spent in and around the Rogue Valley area where he was employed in the plywood industry.

George enjoyed hunting, fishing and reading L'Amour novels. His greatest joy came from spending time with his wife and family, especially the "little ones" and his love for his savior Jesus Christ.

Along with his wife he is survived by 2 sisters Billie (Aaron) Foller of Grants Pass

and June Duke of White City; a brother Doug (Sharon) Plumlee of Grant Pass; 3 daughters Debra (Joe) Woodall, Shelley (Michael) Tovey and Sherry (Troy) Stillwagon all of Grants Pass; 8 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren (# 13 due in February 2014) and many cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and even some great-great nieces and nephews.

His parents and a sister, Thelma Johnson preceded him in death.

A celebration of life followed by a potluck is planned for August 24, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of his daughter Shelley, 160 Lisa Lane, Grants Pass. Please join us in remembering George. For information or condolences contact Eldylee, 541-450-5501 or Debra, 541-761-7725.

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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)

Public Safety

Your article on Wed. Aug. 14 2013 about the response from the OPS dispatcher is what keeps people from voting for a public safety levy tax. There has been an attitude of "we will punish

you if you don't do as we want" since way back in 93, when I moved here. I and my family are supportive of a strong and honest public safety dept. I would like to point out that once the Grant Pass City council voted to pay for jail space, one of the first arrested was a hungry person who stole something to eat from a store. Now I don't condone that, however, to arrest that person cost the taxpayer a bundle. Why could the police not have taken him to a kitchen or mission to get him some food? Why does the Jo. County Sheriff spend hundreds of thousands to save some animals (which in my opinion most were not THAT bad off) and if they were that bad a .22 would take care of them, just like we do to sick or dying animals on the ranch. Put out a sign FREE TO A GOOD HOME!! and let people come get them. Why waste time, money and resources on such a non priority thing. Yet a missing person dies because "WE DON'T HAVE RESOURCES". I saw a county deputy pull over a long time decent resident in CJ, 80+ years old, for going to slow! The prob-

lem is PRIORITIZING THE RESOURCES.

I have seen so many more problems and dangers posed by the METH HEADS than anything else in this county. They are the main issue behind most of the burglaries and petty theft crimes. I remember supporting the construction of a new jail. We were told then, that it would be so much more efficient, could be run by way less manpower and save the county a bundle. So we voted for it. Now of course its another issue. Why can't the commissioners, which there have been many since I moved here in 1993, come up with new ideas to fund our safety? What's wrong with a small county sales tax, specifically and only for public safety? ALL will have to pay, even the criminals, they eat, smoke and drink don't they? They are consumers too. I'm tired of this attitude that the property owner has to foot the bill for every darn expense.

Deborah Coots
Cave Junction

Oops!

Cathy Slavin is the coordinator for Neighborhood Watch, Fire Watch and animal evacuation for both Holland Loop and Dick George Road, and is currently assisting the Takilma community in organizing as well. She has announced that "Eyecatcher Signs" at the corner of Watkins and Redwood Highway is offering to print "Neighborhood Watch" signs for a lower price than is available from Grants Pass. For further information on joining these watch groups call Slavin at 541-592-2390.

City fines

Steven Eric Sommerfield, Mckinleyville, CA Fail to observe traffic control devise. May 31, 2013 \$130

Robert Charles Breakfield, Lakeside, OR Driving while suspended, driving uninsured and failure to carry registration, failure to appear. July 3, 2013, \$2,463

Adrian David Aguayo, Myrtle Creek, OR, No operator's license, fail to carry proper proof of insurance, failure to carry registration, June 20, 2013, final charges pending

Jimmy Delzell, Cave Junction, OR, Pet in park with no leash, June 14, 2013, \$115

Billie J Jones, Kerby, OR, Operating vehicle without driving privileges or in violation of license restrictions, failure to appear, May 17, 2013, \$1,500

James Paul Sellers, Selma, OR, Driving while suspended, driving uninsured, expired registration, failure to appear, May 14, 2013, \$2,438

Phillip Y Fraser, Cave Junction, OR, Dog without leash, failure to appear, \$400

and will run from River St. to Watkins. We hope you all come out and watch the fun.

Sept. 28

Saddle up! BCHO Poker Ride, Sept. 28 in the Illinois Valley. Call 541-597-4383 or 541-592-4806 for more details.

Oct. 19

GRAVEYARD TOUR

The Josephine County Historical Society is once again presenting its popular Graveyard tour on Saturday, October 19. The event will be held in the Oddfellows/Masonic cemetery off Foothill Boulevard.

Once again the Living History Players will take you on a journey into the past. Come and listen as the pioneer stories come alive. Char-

acters long forgotten will entertain and amuse you, as they retell the stories of Grants Pass' beginning years. Many of our ghosts are found here in the cemetery, while some others are just visiting for the night. Either way they will educate you about the history of our town.

The Graveyard Tour will have two tours; at 4:00 and 6:00pm. Advanced tickets will be \$10.00 for the first person, \$5.00 for each additional person. Tickets at the gate are \$10.00 each person. Family discounts will be available. Advanced tickets can be purchased online at www.jocohistorical.org or in person at JCHS Research Library, 512 SW 5th Street.

For more information, please call the Historical Society at 541-479-7827.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of)	No. 13P0269
)	
GEOFFREY MELBOURNE FARRER, JR.,)	NOTICE TO INTERESTED
)	PERSONS
Deceased.)	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAVID R. ROBERTS has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at PO Box 1576, Grants Pass, OR 97528, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, CHRISTOPHER D. MECCA.

Dated and first published on August 21, 2013.

CHRISTOPHER D. MECCA, OSB 76-2470

Attorney for Personal Representative

Save the date

Aug. 23

August 23: OSU Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers will be at the Community Garden behind the DMV to answer questions about harvesting and how to use all the produce from your garden. Demonstrations of rehydrating, pickling and fresh uses of produce will begin at 5 p.m. and is free to all.

Aug. 26

GMO Free Josephine County Illinois Valley Branch General Meeting Open to the Public

3 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store We will be welcoming our new volunteers, updating the group on county wide progress and covering upcoming events and projects.

There will be time for questions and discus-

sion of the GMO issue.

For information call Carol at (541) 761-4746.

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. 2

Coming Monday, September 2nd at 10 a.m., the Illinois Valley Lions will hold its annual Labor Day Parade. The parade will start at 10 a.m.

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