DeFazio to hold town hall meetings

EUGENE, OR - DeFazio will hold 16 town hall meetings across Southwest Oregon from September 23-26. Throughout his time in Congress, DeFazio has held over 300 town hall meetings across Southwest Oregon and developed many legislative initiatives based on conversations with Oregonians at these meetings. A full schedule is posted at defazio.house.gov.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 Cave Junction 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Josephine County Community Building
102 S. Redwood Highway. Cave Junction

Save the date

Sept. 21

Grape-Stomping Party September 21, 2013 (Saturday)

4-7 PM Bridgeview Vineyards 4210 Holland Loop Road

This is the Chamber's annual fund raiser to help pay for activities sponsored by this nonprofit to include Concerts in the Park, Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival, Community Awards Dinner, and hanging flower baskets in Cave Junction. $35 per person at the door. $30 in advance via PayPal (www.cavejunctionoregon.com)

Sept. 21

ART OPENING "The Natural World at the Edge" -- New Show Opens at the Guild Gallery. Saturday, Sept. 21, 5:00–7:00 pm, RCC Kerby Campus. Wine, food, music. $5 entry. Free drawing.

Sept. 24

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills kids learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: Encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is part of a reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading the better they'll get.

Reading is vital to every child's success and it's the door opener to the 21st Century for all children. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair dates: Sept. 24 – 27, 2013 with special event on Wed., Sept. 25 during IVHS Open House from 5:30 – 8 p.m. in the Illinois Valley High School Cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

Sept. 25

Heirloom Ornaments Class: Lea Berleau & Jean Robertson

Saturday, Sept. 28–11:00 am–2:00 pm Fees: $25 adult, $40 adult and child (10 or over) plus $5 materials fee per person.

Register on line or at 541-592-5019 by noon, Wed., Sept. 25

http://southernoregonguild.org

Sept. 25

GMO Free Josephine County Announces Expert Panel Presentation Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 6:30 PM

So, what is all the fuss about GMOs? What is a GMO (aka genetically modified organisms)? Join us to learn exactly what GMOs are and how they affect our health and environment. Free to the Public.

A panel presentation featuring 3 local experts at 6:30 PM Fruitdale Elementary School Gym, located at 1560 Bill Baker Way, Grants Pass Panelists: Kristen Plunkett, ND. Ramon J. Seidler, PhD Jonathan Spero Meet Our 3 Panelists: Kristen Plunkett, ND is a Naturopathic Doctor who has practiced in Grants Pass for over 5 years. She is a Grants Pass, OR native, and graduated from North Valley High School in 1996. She attained a bachelor's degree in Heath Promotion Fitness Management in 2003 from Southern Oregon University. In addition to treating conditions such as chronic fatigue, thyroid disorders, digestive dysfunction, and allergies she enjoys teaching her patients about preventative health care and educating patients about their health conditions. During this forum, Dr. Plunkett will describe up-to-date research regarding GMOs and our health especially as it relates to digestive health complications, immunological complications and endocrine complications to chemicals used in the farming of GMO crops.

Ramon J. Seidler, PhD is a former Professor of Microbiology, Oregon State University; Retired Senior Research Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. During this presentation, Dr. Seidler, will describe what a genetically engineered organism is, explain how it is constructed in the laboratory, and report to us on some of the practical ecological issues that make commercial aspects of the DNA technology controversial.

Jonathan Spero describes himself as having been a gardener/seed saver/farmer/plant breeder in one form or another since 1972. Mr. Spero operates Lupine Knoll Farm near Provolt, Oregon, is a member of the Southern Oregon Seed Growers Association, and interim manager of the Family Farmers Seed Cooperative. He will speak about the problem with GMOs, especially agricultural issues and how they ultimately impact our health. He will also point out why a ban on the planting of GMO seeds would benefit Rogue Valley agriculture.

Sept. 28

IRVAC presents the second annual Harvest Moon Hoedown next Saturday, September 28 at Selma Community & Education Center from 5 to 10 p.m. Once again, John Luna, a professional "caller" will journey from Corvallis to lead the festivities. Three Rivers String Band will play and "Off the Hook Barbeque" will provide dinners or snacks for hungry dancers. A silent art auction, 50/50 drawing and bake sale will round out the activities. Proceeds to benefit "Learning Through Arts" enrichment programs for Evergreen and Lorna Bryne schools. Admission $10 per person. Call 541-592-4444 to donate auction items or volunteer.

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 Graveyard Tour will have two tours; at 4 and 6 p.m. 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.

OCT. 19 & 20

Saturday and Sunday: Come to ARTOBERFEST @ the RCC building in Kerby and enjoy CHOCOLATE CROISSANTS or PUMPKIN PIE at the Nature Center Nibbles booth!

Laron Justin Estes

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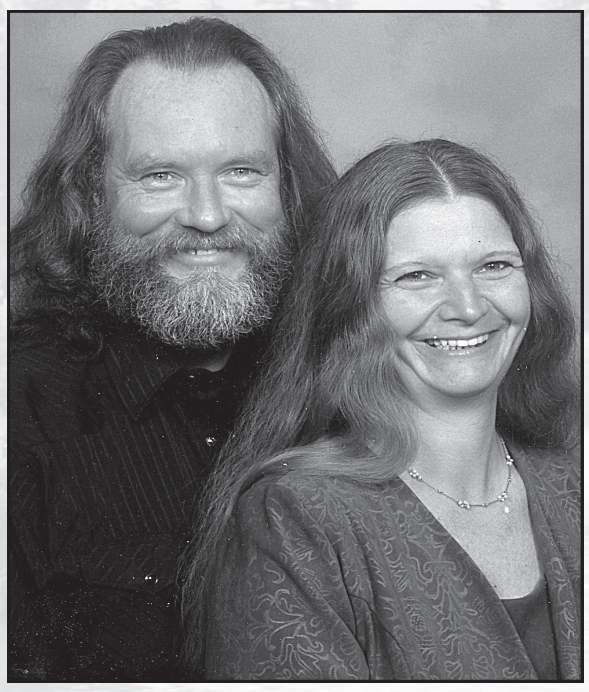

Laron Justin Estes passed away at Three Rivers Community Hospital on Saturday, September 7, 2013, he was taken from us before his time.

Laron was born to Justin Robert Estes and Kathleen Devol Jackson in Grants Pass, OR at Josephine General Hospital on March 22, 1954. He grew up on his family owned dairy in Cave Junction where he broke and trained horses and set records in racing, both in barrel and Gymkhana competitions. Laron graduated from Illinois Valley High School in 1972 and served in the United States Army for three years.

Laron was a "Cowboy" who was certified in structural steel welding, built wind generators, drove long haul trucks, built street cars and cycles, did landscaping and owned a transmission shop.

Laron met his wife, Barbara, in 2001 and they spent 12 wonderful years together. He was an amazing man, always willing to help those in need. His love of God made him shine and those who truly knew him loved him as well. His family was his joy and passion.

Laron is survived by his wife Barbara, his mother, Kathleen Devol Jackson, father Justin Robert Estes; sister, Carolyn Jackson of Eugene, OR; brother Gary Estes of Lebanon, OR; his children, Chris Woutila and Mike Murray, of WA; Trish Fields of Grants Pass; stepdaughters Tamara and Layla, from a previous marriage; and numerous foster children he has cared for and loved plus many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by daughter Anna, granddaughter Kaylinn and stepfather Don Jackson.

Laron loved to spend time with this family, especially his 17 grandchildren that he adored and was his love and passion, as well as gardening, raising his Chihuahuas, and growing water lilies and Koi.

A memorial account has been set up in Laron's name at Washington Federal to help pay for Laron's expenses.

A public viewing for those who want closure and to say goodbye will be held at
Hull and Hull Chapel in Cave Junction on
Saturday, September 21 from 1-3 p.m.
A Memorial Service will follow
from 3 to 4 p.m. also at Hull & Hull Chapel.
A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

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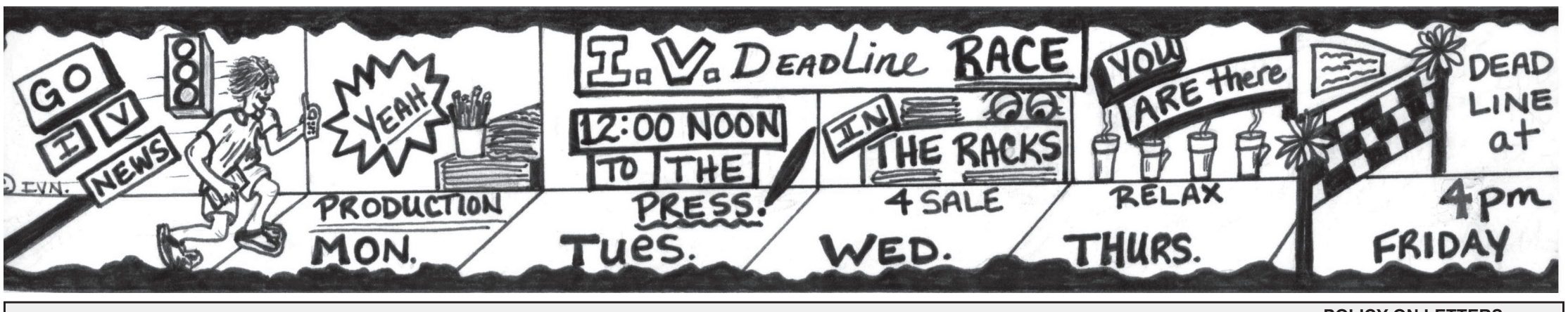

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