



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

The Chicagoland Speedway is where fun goes to die, at least for this NASCAR fan.

Last week, I took my annual trip for a weekend with my dad. I have

been to every race since the track opened and each year the facility gets better while the racing gets worse.

Kyle Busch won the Truck Series race Friday night and I got my hopes up that the Nationwide Series race on Saturday was going to be a good one.

Boy was I wrong. Kyle Busch won again, which never makes me happy. The new generation Sprint

Cup car was making its debut at Chicago and I still held up hope for a good race, preferably one without a Busch in Victory Lane.

Prior to the race starting, I was helping a lady climb over the seat from our row to hers. Somehow the seat flipped up and smashed my finger between the seat and armrest. It didn't seem like much at the moment and was numb, so I didn't feel a lot of pain. When around lap 109 a caution came out for rain, I took my father's advice and headed to the first aid station to get a Band-Aid.

The folks from the Joliet, Illinois Fire Department took to cleaning up my finger and told me I needed more

than a Band-Aid. I had completely pulled my nail bed off my pinky and needed stitches. The doctor came in to sew me up, but was not very optimistic that I would ever have a nail again.

The rain delay lasted over five hours so we finally headed out of the track to get some of Chicago's famous pizza, only to get back to the hotel in time to see the start and ending of the race. It was not won by Kyle Busch, but rather his teammate Matt Kenseth.

Weather also impacted the other event I had planned for this trip. My sailing excursion was thwarted by rain spouts on Lake Michigan and

30-mile-an-hour winds. While I love to sail, I also am known for getting sea sick. My friend Mark wasn't too interested in cleaning up after me I suppose.

I will give Chicagoland Speedway one more chance to entertain me, otherwise I may just start staying home. With the lack of law enforcement here in the Valley, the racing on US 199 has become quite good, anyways. At least until someone gets seriously hurt.

Thank you for picking up this weeks paper, enjoy!

~ djm

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)

Why no national news in the

IVN?

I'm not against small local newspapers covering basketball, birds and bums. I believe most of us like to be aware of what's happening with fires, friends and festivals in the area.

I'm convinced however, that being politically aware is also important for the well being of the community as well. The economic malaise we find ourselves in is the direct result of 1. Low information voters and 2. Shallow thinkers. The I.V. News can help these folks by encouraging letters to editor to stimulate thinking and to make citizens more politically aware.

For instance, this week the Federal Wildlife officials have decided to start shooting barred owls. The reason given, which has been the reason all along, is the barred owl is kicking the smaller and cuter spotted owl out of its habitat.

(Not the harvesting of old trees.)

The question is, will the environuts allow this anti Darwinian action? Or do they want to continue to ignore science and all the evidence and stop the producers of tons of jobs by preventing harvesting the trees?

We just marked the anniversary of the senseless killing of Ambassador Stevens and three other brave Americans in Benghazi, Libya, which just happened to be on the same day we were attacked 12 years ago on 9/11. Has anyone told us why the State Department not only ignored pleas from the Ambassador for more security after a previous attack, but also ignored several other requests for same? Does anybody know why the press shows no interest in why the pleas for help were refused by this administration for over 7 hours? Does anyone care

that the State Dept. has allowed no reporters to talk to the survivors of the attack? Why is no one in this administration ever accountable for anything?

Why can't the Attorney General tell us why bureaucrats in his department sent thousands of guns to the cartels in Mexico, killing 2 Americans & hundreds of Mexicans? Do you think you and your fellow Americans are entitled to know why Eric Holder is blocking us from learning the truth of "Fast & Furious"? Are you perplexed why the main stream media doesn't want to know answers to these questions? Does their worshipping of Obama prevent them from covering the news?

Greg Anderson, Cave Junction

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Obituaries



Eloise Victoria Burris

Eloise Victoria Burris, known to most people as "Miss Vickie", died Sunday, September 1 in Grants Pass, OR. Miss Vickie was born in Flagstaff, AZ on April 25, 1937 to Earl and Emalene Masengill. She was happily married to Wayne Burris for 47 years until he passed away in 2000. She lived in Pittsburg (Bay

Point), CA and O'Brien, OR for the majority of her adult life, where she worked for those respective school districts as a teacher's aide. She loved all her "kids at school." The last two years of her life she lived in Newport, OR where she was a member of the Relief Society and also a member of the Western Star chapter Number 64, OES. She belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She is survived by her children Lucy, Richard and his wife Connie, Raymond and his wife Diane; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; not to mention the countless kids she helped in school and referred to as "her kids." She enjoyed her computer time and keeping in contact with many friends. She never met a kid or dog she didn't love. To know her was to love her. She is greatly missed.

There will be a memorial service held in her honor on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. at Illinois Valley High School in the Cafeteria, Cave Junction, OR. Everyone who knew her is cordially invited to attend.

Mary F. Price, age 65, of Cave Junction, died Saturday, September 14, 2013 at her home.

Private services will be held. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

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

She was born Mary Frances La Coss on January 4, 1948 in Sand Springs, Oklahoma to Carl & Dorothy (Stansell) La Coss. In 1985 she moved from Anaheim, California to Cave Junction. On March 17, 2006 in Grants Pass she married James R. Price. She worked at ECS in Grants Pass and retired in December 2012.

Her hobbies were knitting, reading, sightseeing along the Oregon coast, and trips to Crater Lake.

In addition to her husband, James R. Price of Cave Junction, Oregon; a brother, Howard La Coss of Claremore, Oklahoma; and a sister, Thelma Young of Okemah, Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death

by an infant brother, Carl in 1945.

Laron Justin Estes, passed away at Three Rivers Medical Center 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, Oregon 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, Oregon; brother, Gary Estes of Lebanon, Oregon; his children, Chris Woutila and Mike Murray both of Washington and Trish Fields of Grants Pass; stepdaughters, Tamara and Layla, from a previous marriage; and numerous foster children he cared for and loved plus many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

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

Laron loved to spend time with his 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 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, September 21, 2013 at Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

A memorial service will follow at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, September 21, 2013 at Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

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

Calvin Douglas Stewart

Father: John Calvin Stewart

Mother: Thea May Butler-Born: December 30, 1931 Address: 569 River Street

Father of 8 children, all still living. Passed away of natural causes on September 20th 2013 at 4 pm in the Adventist hospital in Portland, OR. He was 81 years old. Doug lived in Cave Junction for 28 years.

Life Occupations: Farming, salvage work for the government and mining.

Save the date

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.

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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

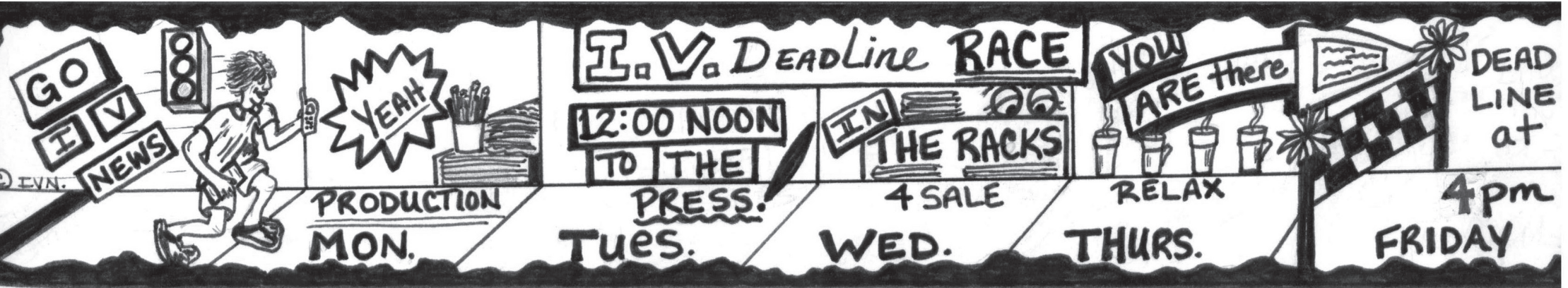
The Graveyard Tour will have two tours; at 4 and 6 p.m. Advanced tickets will be \$10.00 for the first person, \$5.00 for each additional person. Tickets at the gate are \$10.00 each person.

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!



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