

# Letters to the Editor

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### No resources?

Recently I noticed on the back fender of the JOCO Sheriff's SUV the Phrase "Earning your trust" and I thought whose trust is he earning, because it is not mine. Since the police levy failed a lot of calls for help have gone unanswered. Recently a local bar was robbed. The culprit was caught on camera committing the crime, some of the patrons of the

bar subdued the suspect and took the money back from him and held him for police. Upon contacting the police they were told to let him go due to lack of resources. This is just one of many stories like this in the valley. Meth and heroin addiction have risen to epidemic proportion but there are no resources to deal with this problem as we are told.

With all the lack of resources one has to wonder how for the last 3 weeks a virtual swarm of state patrol cars have been running 199 from Selma to O'Brien. I have heard as many as 20 but I personally counted 6 on a 2 mile stretch south of Cave Junction. The same day while in Cave Junction 5 JOCO patrol vehicles went through town. By my count that is at least 11 officers on the beat and we still have no resources to fight crime. So my question is this: If there are no resources to deal with the meth, heroin, theft, assaults and even armed invasions, how can they drag up 50 cops 10 dump trucks and an excavator to go dig up legally grown medicine not to mention prosecution and imprison-

ment of the culprits?

In conclusion, a thought for the would be thieves. If there are no cops to protect us from the criminals then there are no cops to protect the criminals from us.

**D. Korel  
Cave Junction**

### Dear Editor,

Thanks for you editorial concerning the Cannabis plant, marijuana, hemp and whatever other name you care to give to the most useful plant known to mankind.

Without hemp sails and ropes the transatlantic crossings from Europe to the New World would not have been possible. During Colonial times farmers were required to grow hemp and taxes were paid with hemp. George Washington said: "Plant hemp everywhere for the good of the nation" Thomas Jefferson sent agents over to China in order to procure a superior variety of hemp. Hemp is as American as apple pie, and is a big part of our heritage. The prohibition-

ist interests have no right to deprive us, the last few generations of Americans born after 1938, of our heritage.

Hemp has been in cultivation for over 10,000 years, products include: superior seed oil, high quality cellulose fiber, high quality textiles and rope, seeds are an excellent source of protein, leaves and flowers for medicine. There are thousands of products to be made from this most valuable resource, Our forefathers knew, they also gave us the Constitution and Bill Of Rights. Another part of our heritage we are rapidly losing to those who would have this nation turned into a police state...the same people who brought you the "War on Drugs" and random traffic stops and check points...and the loss of our Civil Liberties and....a viable hemp industry producing plastics, insulation, fuel, structural building materials, textiles, ropes, oil, soap, paper and medicine. Competing with the oil, paper, chemical, and pharmaceutical interests. Follow the money 1938 hemp set to become \$1 billion crop.... same year as the Marijuana Tax Act.

Keep up the good work...

**Love,  
Leo Goodman  
Takilma**

### To the Editor,

Again the Hanby neighborhood has outdone itself on Halloween, making a safe, exciting place for families to Trick or Treat, and again they were overwhelmed with little goblins. Thank you to the whole neighborhood for your spirit of community. The displays were awesome, and the level of participation made it tremendous fun.

But this has got to be expensive! Come on parents, let's help them keep it up! My family would certainly donate a few bags of candy to share out among the kids. If there's a neighborhood meeting next September, I'll be there with a donation for candy and decorations. Thank you Hanby Neighborhood! -

**Kate Dwyer  
Takilma**

# Obituaries

**Marion Elizabeth Yelich, age 83**, of Selma, died Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at her home.

A graveside service will be at 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 8, 2013 at Deer Creek Cemetery. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Please sign the family guest book at [www.since1928hull.com](http://www.since1928hull.com).

Marion was born September 9, 1930 in Oxford, New York. In 1998 she moved from California to Selma.

Marion especially loved her family. She was Nana to many. She enjoyed taking care of children and they loved to hang out at her home. She loved her pets and it was not unusual for her to take in a homeless dog or cat. She was always there to help. Marion loved to bowl and was active on a Caveman Bowl league from 2000 to 2006.

Survivors include her daughter, Lori LaFlamme; son-in-law, Carl LaFlamme; and grandchildren, Mason LaFlamme and Alexandra LaFlamme all of Selma; a sister, Emma Jean of Ohio and a niece, Judy Nagle of Temple City, California.

**Carmen R. Tucker, age 89**, of Grants Pass, died Sunday, October 20, 2013 at Haven House.

Family services were held. Illinois Valley

Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Please sign the family guest book at [www.since1928hull.com](http://www.since1928hull.com).

Remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society, 31 W 6th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501.

Carmen was born December 2, 1923 in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. The daughter of Carmen Hodi Valles & Luis de la Torre she was the youngest of nine children with seven brothers and one sister. In 1934 she moved to the United States and became a naturalized United States citizen in 1952. On February 16, 1946 in Los Angeles, California she married Frank Tucker. Carmen was a stay at home mom who went above and beyond the title. In 1983 she moved from Long Beach, California to Cave Junction.

She enjoyed cooking and always wanted to feed anyone who stepped through the door. Thru the years her favorite pastimes included dancing, sewing, gardening, card games, and crossword puzzles. She had an appreciation of animals, birds, and all of Nature. She enjoyed making people laugh which included making funny faces for grandchildren and family.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn Fasulo of Las Vegas, Nevada, Sandy Wardell of Mount Vernon, Washington; a son, Danny Tucker of Cave Junction, Oregon; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and

two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Frank Tucker.

**Jarred Quinn Houston, age 21**, of Cave Junction entered the gates of Heaven, Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Jarred was born in Portland on December 2, 1991 and is the son of Laurie Houston and Aaron Henson of Cave Junction.

Jarred moved to Cave Junction in 1993 and attended Evergreen Elementary, Lorna Byrne and graduated from I.V.H.S in 2010. Jarred was a wrestler and played football as well. He loved UFC Mixed Martial Arts fighting, being out doors, hiking, snowboarding, spending time at the river and his mother's cooking. Jarred was an incredibly talented artist.

Jarred worked for Greyback Forestry, and was employed at Taylor's Sausage Inc. in Cave Junction at the time of his death.

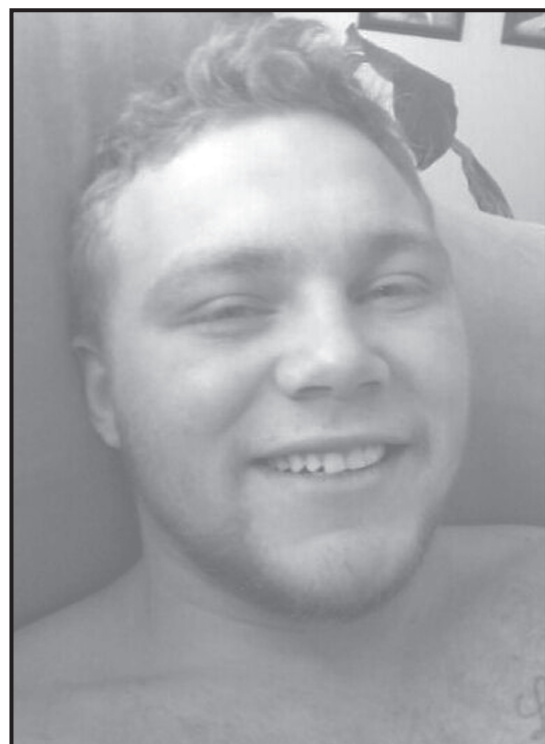
Jarred was an amazing son, brother and friend to all that knew him. He is survived by his parents Laurie Houston and Aaron Henson; grandmother Mary Yandell, brothers Daniel Houston and Trent Jensen; sisters Sarah Houston and Carly Jensen, all of Cave Junction, and the love of his life, Morgan Brown.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 9 at the IVHS Gymnasium at 625 E. River St. in Cave Junction from 1 p.m. to 3

p.m. with private interment at Laurel Cemetery. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions can be made at any Washington Federal Bank in Jarred's name.

Floral arrangements can be delivered Saturday before noon to IVHS.



**Jarred Quinn Houston**

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# Save the date

**Nov. 6**

**Young Master Gardeners** are meeting at the I.V. Library to investigate the inner workings of leaves and how they "change" colors on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

**JoCo Library Cave Junction Branch.** TED Talks: Endangered Cultures Wednesday, November 6, 6-8 p.m. Join us for a presentation of films, photos and a discussion led by Barry Snitkin.

**FREE Health Talk** Parenting with Love and Logic: learn strategies to help improve parenting skills. Wednesday, November 6th, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Evergreen Elementary School: 520 W. River St., Cave Junction. Led by Jody Conrad M.S. School Psychologist. Presented by Healthy U: 541-592-4888 or [www.healthycenter.org](http://www.healthycenter.org) FREE!

**Nov. 7**

**"SMILE Science and Math Family Night"** at Evergreen Elementary on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 6-7:30 pm. "SMILE (Science and Math Investigative Learning Experiences) Science and Math Family Night" brings students, staff and families from our elementary, middle and high school together to explore challenging hands-on activities in the areas of science and math.

**Nov. 8**

**JoCo Library Cave Junction Branch.** Intro to Computing Friday, November 8, 10-10:30 a.m. Local computer expert Chris Funk will start his three-part computer series with an introduction to the basics on a computer.

**FREE Movie Night Two Angry Moms - Fighting For The Health of America's Children** Friday, November 8th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Healthy U-535 E. River St., Cave Junction (in the very back of the I.V. Family Resource Building). Part exposé, part

"how-to", Two Angry Moms chronicles the efforts of leaders in the better school food movement as they take on the system nationwide. FREE!

**Get an early start to your Christmas shopping** Friday Nov. 8 and Saturday Nov. 9 at the Christmas Bazaar being held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Senior Center, 520 E. River St. Yummy Christmas goodies will also be available for purchase, freeze 'em and make your holidays a breeze!

**Nov. 9**

**Glen Morrison Post 70** American Legion November 9, Jubilee Park Pavilion Illinois Valley Veterans Stand-down 8:00 a.m. till ? All veterans who have served must have proof of military service. There will be a doctor, haircuts, councilors present to help with most any problem. Food, clothes, sleeping gear and boots.

**6th Annual Acorn Festival and Scarecrow Contest** will be held at the Selma Community Center at 18255 Redwood Hwy in Selma from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Learn how to process and cook with acorns. Fun and educational activities for kids and adults alike.

Scarecrow contest enter to win a \$100 first prize. Voting ends at 4 p.m.

5 p.m. potluck dinner. Hosted by the Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network ( CEEN) Call Suzanne at 541-291-8860 for more details.

**Nov. 15**

Retirement send off party! A pot luck dinner is being held for Jannie Heller Nov. 15 at the Selma Center from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome students, co-workers, family and friends see you then.

**Nov. 16**

**IV Cheer invites you** to its 1st breast cancer awareness Zumba-Thon, Sat. Nov. 16 at IVHS. To sign up call Bobbi Loyd I.V. High Cheer Coach (541) 659-2028 FAX TO (541) 592-4853.

**The Spiral Living Center will present a delicious Local Foods Dinner**, silent auction, music and a short talk on the history of farming in the Valley on Saturday, November 16th, at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 East River Street. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event will allow Spiral Living Center to continue to offer programs such as the IV Farm and Garden Festival, other free skill-share events, bicycle repair, and gleaned produce to people in the Illinois Valley. The dinner feast consists of many courses of locally grown, harvested or gathered food. Advance Tickets are available for \$12 each or 2 for \$20, or you may purchase unsold tickets at the door for \$15 each. Contact SLC Director Debbie Lukas (541) 592-3386, or send check to Spiral Living Center, PO Box 2093 Cave Junction, OR 97523. Paypal is accepted via the website [www.spiralliving.org](http://www.spiralliving.org). Donations of cash, auction items and food are welcome!

**The annual Illinois Valley Stream School**, offering free presentations and demonstrations, will take place Saturday, November 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Selma Community and Education Center, 18255 Redwood Hwy. in Selma. Southern Oregon landowners are invited to discuss streams, erosion, irrigation and water rights, riparian areas, and more.

I.V. Watershed Council and I.V. Soil and Water Conservation District are sponsoring the event, with the goal of connecting residents with ideas for caring for their waterways and developing productive uses. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, November 13 for this limited seating event. For information, go to [www.ivstreamteam.org/stream-school-workshop](http://www.ivstreamteam.org/stream-school-workshop) or call 541-592-3731 to register.

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