



## Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,  
Publisher

Personal responsibility and respect of others seems to have been lost. Now, in a time with little law enforcement around, we as a community should band together and look out for each other. Even if we sometimes don't like each other.

We are a community and it's time we start acting like one. Now, before you say, "Hey, that's not me," that may be true. But even if you are not part of the problem, you could become part of the solution.

It has been a long time since I have struck someone out of anger. I like to think that I practice pacifism. I call it practice because it's something that is a work in progress that few, if any of us, will ever achieve fully. While I love a good verbal debate, I really can't think of something that would make me want to hurt someone physically.

With the recent incidents that took three lives from our community, many of us are still shell shocked. The Oregon State

Police spent a lot of hours here this past weekend and if things pan out, they will have caught the heinous people that perpetrated these crimes.

Like them or not, the three men taken from us were people just like you and I. They had families and friends that loved them.

A very insightful man once said, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

We Valley residents need to step up and take back control of our community and we can do that one good deed at a time. For those who may be prone to look for revenge the very same man, Mahatma Gandhi, had this to say, "An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind."

Have a great week and thank you for picking up this week's paper, enjoy! ~djm

## Letters to the Editor

Illinois Valley News welcomes Letters to the Editor. Please e-mail them to dan@illinois-valley-news.com

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### Letter of thanks

The Cave Junction Lions had their 11th annual Turkey Bingo on Saturday, November 2nd. This year we had a fantastic turnout and had a great time. We want to thank the following for their support to the club and donating raffle items for that night. The Beanery, Dutch Brothers Coffee, My Place Café, Pietro's Restaurant, Coffee Heaven, Lady Thyme, Lube-N-Shine, Dr. Joe's, Caveman Bowl, Jim Lettis, I.V. News, I.V. and

the countless number of people who gave items to raffle off.

We also want to thank the following for their support and for donating our turkeys for the night. Without those turkeys, we couldn't have done this event. Cave Junction Chevron, Valley Muffler & Hitch, I.V. News, Oregon Mountain Real Estate, Debbie Buchanan, Cave Junction Liquor, Cave Junction Acupuncture, Backyard Bird Watch, S.O.O.F., Treasures, I.V. Trophy, Terri Fricke, Darrell Allen and Scott Moore Construction. Of course, we can't forget ShopSmart for their donation of two turkeys and their willingness to hold

the turkeys for the winners.

We had students from I.V. High School and its student club "Pride" working that night. Thank you to Solomon, Kynan, Victoria, Laramie and Natasha for their hard work. We had the Cave Junction Boy Scouts Post 880, helping out. Thank you Ray, Jim, Larry, Jason, Scott, George, Justin for all of your hard work. Both groups were outstanding and we really appreciate their help.

Please remember, the Cave Junction Lions is here to help the people of the Illinois Valley. So far, this year we've provided close to 50 pair of glasses and 6 sets of hearing aids

to those who need them. We're very proud of what we do for the valley. We would like to thank the Illinois Valley Senior Center for allowing us to use their bingo equipment.

Thank you all of the bingo players for coming to this year's Turkey Bingo and supporting the Cave Junction Lions Club. We're looking forward to next year's Turkey Bingo on November 2014.

**Harry Johnson**  
President of the  
Cave Junction Lions

## Obituaries

**Concetta Frances Talley aka Connie Talley, 91** died at Three Rivers Hospital on Nov. 2. She is survived by her

daughter and son-in-law Colene and Ed Gonzalez (owners of Bear Images; a son and daughter-in-law Craig and Bobbie Talley of Fort Worth, Texas; 3 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren;

and 1 great, great granddaughter. Services will be at St. Patrick's on Nov. 23 at 11:00 a.m. Reception after at Sean and Michelle Hendrix's afterward. She will be sincerely missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held for **Aaron Clouser** Sunday November. 16 at the Kerby Belt Building from 1 to 3 p.m. All are welcome to come and tell and hear stories about Aaron. The Kerby Belt Building is located at 24353 Redwood Highway in Kerby. No flowers please.

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## Save the date

### Nov. 14

College Night in Oregon (CNO) is next Thursday! CNO presents a unique opportunity to promote post-high school attendance at any college, to Rogue Valley high school seniors and juniors, as well as future adult college students. Attendees will learn much needed information about admissions, financial aid, and scholarships to better inform future students as they make that transition to higher education.

**Rogue Community College** and College Dreams staff will present at FOUR locations this year; Illinois Valley High School in Cave Junction, RCC Redwood Campus in Grants Pass, RCC/SOU HEC Building in Medford, and RCC Table Rock Campus in White City. Free pizza and soda, as well as campus tours will be provided to those who register on-site from 5:30 to 6:15, with presentations starting at 6:30. At the close of the evening, there will be a drawing for four \$500 dollar scholarships at each location! A total of \$8,000! Scholarship recipients can use this scholarship toward future expenses at any college or university of their choosing. A Spanish presentation is available at our White City location. Sign language interpretation will be available, as necessary, and should be scheduled by calling 541-245-7747.

### 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.

LBMS is hosting a Family \$1.00 movie night on Friday, November 15 from 6:00 to 8:30pm in our Cafeteria. Hot dogs, beverages, snacks and popcorn will be for purchase at \$1.00 each. Movie - The Croods - entrance fee is \$1.00 per person, LBMS

gold card holder is free and under 5 free. Movie will start at 6:30pm. LBMS is located at 101 S. Junction Ave., Cave Junction. For information phone Lorna Byrne Middle School at 541-592-2136.

**Making Email Simple** Jo Co Library CJ Branch Friday, November 15, 10-10:30am Local computer expert Chris Funk continues his three-part computer series with lessons on creating and using your own email.

### 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. 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.

### Nov. 22

**Protect Your Identity** JoCo Library CJ Branch Friday, November 22, 10-10:30 a.m. Local computer expert Chris Funk completes his three-part computer series with what you need to know to protect yourself from identity theft.

### Nov. 23

**Precious Dirt** is sponsoring a Freedom from Pesticides PARTY. Join us as we dance a little, eat a little, laugh a lot and have a good time, celebrating our ongoing work to protect our communities

Saturday 6:00-9:30 pm @ the County Bldg, Cave Junction ~Featuring: Live Music w/Tim & Michele ~Finger Food Delights & Beverages ~Silent Auction highlighting: Artistry, Wares, Goods & Services from local businesses, organizations and artisans

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