

Letters to the Editor

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Help needed

My soon to be mother in law's trailer burned to the ground on Jan 1st and she is currently without residence. I am emailing you to ask that you post something in the paper requesting the Valley's help. Deena has lived in the Valley for over 20 years and would love to stay but we can't seem to find a place for her. She has helped so many people and I would like to return the favor. We have set up an account at Washington Federal (Deena Duarte-Decker) hoping for a little help. Deena is very proud (she doesn't ask for anything...ever!) so it is extremely hard for her to ask for help...she really only wanted me to ask to find her a home. But I know the Valley likes to back their own so I am asking

for help with placement ideas or offers, money, camping supplies (in case we can't find a house), food, toiletries, and prayers. Deena can be reached at 541-218-0573 or message at 541-787-0586. Our dream is to have her in a home by her birthday on January 27th and I believe you can help us with that.

**Rose Ballard
Cave Junction**

I like meat

Human beings belong to a group of animals that not only eat plants & grasses, they also eat meat, like bacon burgers and yummy lamb chops with mint jelly. This group of animals are called Omnivores, not herbivores as Ron Dez wrote here Jan. 15, 2014. Herbivores are a group of animals and peculiar humans that eschew meat. Carnivores' (like tigers) diets consist primarily of meat including people on occasion.

Humans, depending on your point of view, either were created or evolved so we have a digestive system that can handle either herbs and other plants or flesh. The digestive system includes about 24 feet of small intestine (divided into 3 parts) plus about 5 feet of large intestine that carries all the waste matter left from consumed animals and plants to the disposal point. This is after the body has absorbed as

much nutrition as it could from all those delicious fruits, vegetables, rack of lamb, etc.

Kind of like radical environmentalists, people that don't eat meat come up with all kinds of misinformation and distorted facts and figures to try to show why their peculiar way is the only way to live. This is their interpretation of the word "tolerance". Most people that eat meat don't commit violence at home while many that don't do!

Some of these non-meat eating humans have weird beliefs like "decontaminating" cures to cleanse your intestine from these so called "poisons" they claim enter your body. You can get these "poisons" from fried shrimp, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and other awful stuff we can still buy at various stores. Now here, again like radical environmentalist, there is no real evidence this peculiar belief will make you live longer. As I've told my vegetarian friends: IT ONLY SEEMS LONGER!

All this talk about food has put me in the mood for a nice slice of rare Prime Rib with horse radish sauce.

**Greg Anderson
Cave Junction**

Dear IV News Editor,

After reading the long article about the commissioner's upcoming goal-setting meeting on January 28th, I've decided

I'll send Cheryl Walker some ideas. I know it won't do any good, but I'll have the satisfaction of knowing I tried. It's like voting on state issues - we already know that the liberals in the north will override conservative views in the south, but we have to keep trying.

Local issues are different, but with the exception of the fire department, I vote no on new taxes. I appreciate the commissioners' attempts to convince us that safety is their number one concern, but when you look at their track record and the history with funding law enforcement, it's clear that they're just playing us.

One minute there's no money for deputies or patrol cars and the next minute there's hundreds of thousands of dollars to bail out the Fairground's debts. And, special elections every May and November; where in the world is that money coming from? It's obvious there's money stashed that they can dip into - it's astonishing the power they wield.

If our commissioners truly think safety is number one, then they'd let the Sheriff's upcoming levy request be a dedicated line item on our tax bills, where the amount we give goes to his budget for specific use, and not just dumped into the general fund. No Sheriff should have to go "hat in hand", pleading for the meager sums the commission-

ers throw at safety.

Our commissioners have complete power over every dollar that goes to law enforcement - they hold us hostage with every budget our Sheriff submits for their approval. The approved budgets themselves are proof of their consistent starvation to adequately fund this county's safety.

I believe that 100 percent of what we are taxed for safety and law enforcement should actually go for safety and law enforcement, with no one given the authority to redirect that money for any other purpose.

If you read the fine print on that last safety levy, it was written to ensure the commissioners retained their stranglehold on those new tax dollars.

I think a lot of people understood what was really going on, and it's one of the reasons that levy failed.

**Marilyn Arnold
O'Brien**

TAX PAYER BEWARE

Senator Herman Baertschiger, ph# 503.986.1702, plans on getting a bill passed that uses tax dollars to pay private timberland owners to replant their land after a forest fire. Not even insurance companies pay for an act of GOD unless it is specifically covered. So why do they think we should have to pay for it? Do you think that our Governor would give us tax money to pay for our losses from a

forest fire? NO, of course they won't. The timberland owners logged their properties so fast during the fire last year that one log truck was seen going down the road with a load still smoking that ended up lighting back up. They did not lose any money from their resources, they made money.

The icing on the cake is to reinstate an old law that gives them a 25 percent tax break to replant their land after they log it. Do you know that most businesses are incorporated so they can get bigger tax breaks? Do you know that corporations in the state of Oregon pay only 3.5 percent in taxes? Where the working class pays no less than 32.23 percent in taxes combined with federal taxes! And we get nothing but grief and non-cooperation from our elected public employees!

So your choice here is to do nothing and get taken advantage of again, like we did with the bank bailout; or you can start raising a stink that they can not ignore. Tell Herman and all his cronies that if they pay off their buddies like they did with Monsanto and Syngenta with the emergency legislation to pass the GMO bill to ensure that we get poisoned by their Frankenstein crops, that we will all storm the state capitol and fire them all!

**Nina Horsley
Cave Junction**

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Obituaries

Janice Marie May, 76, of Cave Junction died Thursday, January 16, 2014, at Asante Three Rivers Medical Center.

No services are planned. Chapel of the Valley - L.B. Hall Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.chapel-valley.com.

One of eight children, she was born September 26, 1937 in Cherokee, Iowa to Swan and Sigrid Lundh. On December 10, 1955 in Ruthven, Iowa, she married Glenn E. Hendrickson. Later they divorced. Due to his military service, they lived in San Diego, Alameda and San Jose, Calif. She earned an associate of arts degree from San Jose City College.

On December 26, 1989 in Md., she married Charles Lowell May, who has preceded her in death. They moved to Cave Junction after his retirement fifteen years ago. She was primarily a homemaker.

Janice was a member of the Lutheran Church. She enjoyed sewing.

Survivors include three sons, Jerry Hendrickson of Livermore, Calif.; David Hendrickson of San Jose, Calif. and Roger Hendrickson of Fremont, Calif.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Thelma I. Anderson, age 96, of Cave Junction, died Wednesday, January 22, at Royale

Gardens Health & Rehabilitation Center.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 28 at Cedaredge Cemetery in Cedaredge, Colo. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

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

Thelma was born September 22, 1917 in Battle Creek, Neb. to George and Mettie Hawkins. She grew up and attended schools in Eckert, Colo. In 1935 in Delta County, Colo. she married her childhood sweetheart, Newman Anderson. She attended beauty school, owned and operated her first beauty shop in Delta, Colo. In 1941 she moved to Long Beach, Calif. and later to Morgan Hill, Calif. where she owned and operated her second beauty shop. After retirement she moved to Cedaredge, Colo. in 1979. In 2005 she moved to Cave Junction to be with family.

For many years she attended and taught Sunday school at Grace Baptist Church in Morgan Hill.

Her hobbies included reading and weekend sightseeing trips.

Survivors include two sons, Wesley Ray Anderson and Dennis B. Anderson and wife Lisa all of Sutter Creek, Calif.; a daughter, Janna Perry and husband Gary of Cave Junction; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Newman Anderson; her

parents, George and Mettie Hawkins; a sister, Eula Horn and a brother, Clarence Hawkins.

Kaaren Sue Farmer

passed away on Friday, January 10, 2014 at Hilo Medical Center. Born on September 23, 1941 as Kaaren Sue Berkner to Olive Kathryn Berkner and Kenneth George Berkner, in Sleepy Eye, Minn. In 1951 Kaaren moved with her family to Cave Junction, Ore. Kaaren attended Kerby Elementary and Illinois Valley High School. She married Larry O'Neal Farmer on January 17, 1959. She was preceded in death by her son Lawrence Farmer, her husband Larry Farmer and his name sake great-grandson Larry Jack O'Neal Wade, and her eldest sister Marilyn Ruth Sams. She is survived by her brothers Russell Berkner of Hemet, Calif.; Thomas Berkner of Waianae, Hawaii; and her half sister Kristie Lund of Kent, Wash. Her daughters Lori Recio of Paha, Hawaii; Kristen Duffy of Kealahou, Hawaii and Shelly Cabanting of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Kaaren had nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren with her name sake being carried on by great-granddaughter Kaaren Anika Orr. One of Kaaren's first jobs was at Mariola Nursing Home as a CNA in Grants Pass. She worked at the Desaulnier chicken ranch and at the New Cafe with longtime friends Ed and Colleen Podoll. Later she went on to

help run the family logging business alongside her husband Larry Farmer. Kaaren painted in her younger years and was quite an accomplished artist. Kaaren loved to travel, spending time in Mazatlan; Hawaii; Alaska; Yellowstone; Washington, DC; Thermopolis, Wyo.; California and the Oregon Coast. Kaaren enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, gardening and golf. Her most memorable times were spent with family and friends. Kaaren was a comforter and advisor to those she loved. She was much beloved as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. She will be missed, leaving an impression to last a lifetime. At her passing, she was surrounded by family and she passed from this life to the next with "Grace".

Gloria Hoechmer

Murphy passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, January 9th, 2014. Born in New York City, on June 28, 1923, she lived in Cave Junction for the past year with her daughter Deborah Murphy and family.

Gloria was married to Kenneth Murphy on September 9, 1950 in New York City. They were happily married for 53 years.

Gloria leaves behind her daughter, Deborah Colette Murphy, son-in-law, Bob Mannix, grandsons Trevor Murphy Mannix and Seamus Mannix, his wife Kasia Mannix and children Annora Mannix and brand new,

yet to be named, baby boy!

Her god children Katherine Byrus and Michael Byrus reside in New York City.

As a young woman Gloria worked for Equitable Life Insurance Company for many years doing investigative work. She loved being a career woman in Manhattan all through the 1940's. Gloria loved to dance and enjoyed all the big bands and famous clubs of that era.

Following the tradition of many women of that era, she quit her job when she became a mother. Throughout the rest of her life her family, friends and community were her focus. She was a very creative person and was always involved in projects of all sorts from gardening to knitting. She was a member of the Rosarians, the Clearbrook Art Club and served as a Girl Scout leader.

She traveled extensively in the United States, Europe and South America. She enjoyed life thoroughly and was an inspiration.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, February 1st, from 3 - 6 pm. at the home of her daughter and son-in-law. (9457 Holland Loop Road, Cave Junction)

As she was married to an educator and mother of an educator, Gloria highly valued education therefore donations in her honor may be sent to The Dome School P.O. Box 812 Cave Junction, OR 97523.

Save The Date

Jan. 29

Wed, January 29th - Craft Night: Needle Felting, 6 p.m. located at the I.V. Library Branch. Join Rochelle and Roberta for a fun evening of needle felting. Don't know how? Don't worry, they'll show you quick and easy ways to get started.

Jan. 31

Fine Amnesty Days thru Friday, January 31st.
Nonperishable food and pet

item donations will go to the Josephine County Food Bank and Animal Shelter. Each donated item credits \$5 toward overdue fees regardless of how long the item/s may have been overdue.

Feb. 1, 8, 9, 15

I.V. Little League will be holding early registrations days: Feb. 1, 8, 9, 15 at the Illinois Valley Golf Course. Early registration price \$65 on Feb. 1 (registration fees go up af-

ter Feb. 1), original birth certificate and three proofs of residency are required. Proofs must be dated between Feb. 1 of 2013 to Feb. 1 of 2014. For more info. Contact Jenna Larkin at 541-592-9899

February 3,

Take Thyme to Refresh Your Scentes 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the RCC/Kerby Belt Building. Josephine County Master Food Preservers are starting off the New Year with a class

featuring various uses of herbs in Vinegar, Cheese and not your Grandma's Butter. Plenty of samples and surprises. Come join the fun! The cost is only \$5. Scholarships available.

Feb. 22

Tired of Winter? Join us for "LOVE BOAT - A Caribbean Cruise!" 5 - 9 pm, Saturday, Feb. 22, at Selma Community Center! 5 pm: Silent Auction, No-Host Bar & Rumba Lesson. 6 pm: Dinner Catered by

The Vine Restaurant, Dance to Oregon Little Big Band Duo & Live Auction. Formal or Resort Wear Please! \$25 person, \$40 couple. Tickets: Evergreen Federal Bank, C.J. or G.P. main branch. No ticket sales after Feb. 14! Special Thanks to Deer Creek Vineyards, Evergreen Federal Bank, Wild River Brewing & Pizza. Fundraiser for Illinois River Valley Arts Council's public benefit programs. www.irvac.com 541-592-4444.

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