

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)

District not Levy

I am writing in response to a recent series of articles in the IV News regarding the effort to get a Library District on the November ballot. There are a couple of clarifications which I feel need to be made. The phrases "tax levy" and "library district" are being used interchangeably, when they are in fact very different things. A Library District (which is what is being sought)

is much like a Fire District or a Water District in that it is not controlled by county government. An elected Board of Directors would use the moneys collected from tax payers solely to run our public libraries here in Josephine County; that money could not be siphoned off to be used for any other purpose. Though the article in last Wednesday's paper eventually makes that clear, it is only after using the misnomer of "levy" multiple times. Potential voters need to know that any money collected by the Library District WOULD NOT go into the county general fund to be used by the commissioners as they see fit. The formation of a Library District would make it possible for our libraries to be open more hours per week and provide more of the free educational programs that our patrons have come to expect. I also want readers to know that there IS an organized signature gathering effort happening in the Illinois Valley, they just may not have noticed because we are not permitted to petition outside of Shop Smart or the Cave Junction Post Office. There is a small, dedicated force of petitioners who are out on the streets and if you haven't seen us yet, not to worry: You will see us soon! If you would like to sign the petition or get involved in the

campaign, all you have to do is stop by the IV Branch of the library. Even if you don't want to get involved, you should stop by and see us anyway- especially if you haven't visited the library in a while. We are located at 209 West Palmer Street in Cave Junction and we are open Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m., Fridays from 11-3 p.m., and Saturdays from 11-4 p.m. Hope to see you soon.

Caroline Griffith
Kerby

Meat round three

In regard to Greg Anderson's letter of January 29, 2014 where he ridiculed my letter of January 15 in which I upheld a vegetarian diet, he called those who advocate a vegetarian or vegan diet "radical" and "peculiar." Mr. Anderson, why are you mocking and jesting against the All-Wise God who placed man into a garden and then instructed him and declared to him that man should live by a plant-based vegan diet - Genesis 1:29 (fruits); Genesis 3:18 (herb, grains, vegetables)? In your faulty opinion is He "radical" and "peculiar?" Your accusations run contrary to scripture and contrary to

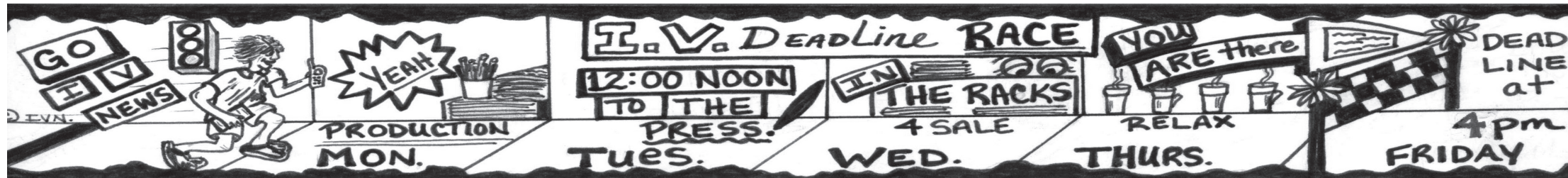
the God who made man in His image. The buck does not stop with you or with me. The buck stops with Him who constructed and designed the human body and then placed man in the midst of what he should eat - a garden and He equipped man with the molars to handle it all.

When you eat the unbled meat that you claim you like, it is a slap in the face of the God who designed you. He calls it an abomination - Leviticus 17:10, 11. He hates it when you defile your inner body with animal blood, and He will withdraw His Holy Spirit from the man whose "God" is his belly and from those who defile the body temple which He claims as His dwelling place. - Corinthians 3:16, 17.

Greg, the Apostles of Jesus have given to you a New Testament reminder. They got together in Acts 15:20 and again in Acts 21:25 to still again repeat the warning that God gave in the beginning to not eat blood in any form. How many times does the great designer of our bodies have to tell certain people something before they will believe Him??

Cut your septic pump-outs in half; eat vegetarian.

Ron Dez
Cave Junction



Obituaries

Patricia A. Conner, age 65, of Cave Junction, passed away Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at her home.



Come anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Saturday, February 15, 2014 for a gathering of family and friends at 783 Hummingbird Road, Cave Junction. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

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

Patricia was born November 10, 1948 in Oxnard, California to Wayne & Betty Vineyard. In 1968 she married Loren Conner and in 1979 they moved to Cave Junction. She was a stay-at-home mom and also volunteered to teach a cooking class at Family Resources in Cave Junction.

Patricia enjoyed being involved with her church, traveling, and a "good yard sale."

She is survived by her husband, Loren Conner of Cave Junction; three children,

Dewayne Conner of Ashland, Yolanda Conner of Cave Junction, and Ben Conner of Redding, Calif.; two brothers, Richard Vineyard of Aumsville, Ore., Robert Vineyard of Waldport, Ore. and nine grandchildren.

Phyllis R. Gazaway, 78 died, Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford, Oregon.



She was preceded in death by her parents; Ray and Janie Fernlund, her brothers; Douglas and baby Daniel Fernlund, her baby grandson; Dakota Dillard and her baby great-grandson; Blake Dillard. Survivors include her two daughters; Lynette Gundlach of Medford, Ore. and Sandy Dillard of Selma, two brothers; Anthony and Michael Fernlund of Utah and her former husband Roy Gazaway from Arizona. She had ten grandchildren and sixteen great-

grandchildren and one great-grandchild soon to be born.

Phyllis was born February 3, 1935 in Medford and spent most of her life in Oregon. Her father was a carpenter and retired mill worker. She lived in at least two of the homes her father built. Her mother worked in the White City VA Domiciliary which is now called the White City VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center where her grandson Keith Dillard has been employed there for almost 6 years. Her mother Janie Pansy Fernlund died on April 20, 1987 and exactly 8 years later (same day and month), her father Raymond Winter Fernlund died on April 20, 1995 (day after Phyllis died, they were in the same hospital, same time.)

Phyllis was a compassionate, kind-hearted, giving and very thoughtful person who never had one bad word to say about anyone and she loved her family very much. Her other love and passion was a strong belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She loved her Heavenly Father and she served him all her life and was a wonderful missionary and member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Her hobbies were reading educational and spiritually uplifting books, writing, music, camping, going to the beach, shopping, crafts, collecting things, cooking, swim-

ming and traveling when she could. She loved life, people and healthy ways of living.

A funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the LDS church on 3465 Belling Lane, Medford at the Medford Jacksonville 4th Ward. A family gathering was held following the service at the Gundlach home in Medford.

Emma Lou Thomas, age 78, of Cave Junction, died Monday, February 3, 2014 at her home.

A memorial service will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 6, 2014 at Bridgeview Community Church. Private interment will be at Laurel Cemetery. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

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

Emma was born June 26, 1935 in Roswell, New Mexico to Earl and Hope Arnett. She was the youngest of 11 children. In January 1955 she joined the United States Army and while stationed in Anniston, Ala. she met Marvin Thomas. After her honorable discharge, they were married on September 7, 1957 in Waterford, Calif. She moved from Waterford to Cave Junction, 42 years ago.

Emma volunteered by teaching English to help people gain their U.S. citizenship.

She also organized a weight loss group.

Emma was a self-taught painter; she also enjoyed reading, designing flower gardens, cooking, and baking.

In addition to her husband, Marvin C. Thomas of Cave Junction; she is survived by a daughter, Hope Roll of Cave Junction; a son, Mark Thomas of Windsor, Colo; a sister, Verna Harmon; a brother, Glen Arnett; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl & Hope Arnett; three sisters, Catherine, Elsie, and Velma; and five brothers, Loyd, Darwin, Wayne, Lawrence and Alfred.

Diane Dee Wendover, age 61, of Cave Junction, died Friday, January 24, 2014 at her home.

A celebration of life will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 15, 2014 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cave Junction. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Diane supported many organizations in her life. Donations may be received at First Community Credit Union in Grants Pass to be shared between her charities.

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

Diane was born June 28, 1952 in Los Angeles, California to William F. & Barbara E. Young. In 1970 she graduated from Villa Park High School in Anaheim. In 1972 in Orange, California she married Robert Wendover. Thirty-five years ago she moved from Anaheim, California to Cave Junction. From 1988 to 2013 she worked at Rough & Ready Lumber Company as Payroll/Human Resource Manager.

Diane attended Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

She volunteered for the Illinois Valley Booster Club, Cave Junction Pool Committee, planned Illinois Valley High School graduation night for 10 years and was Illinois Valley 2002 Citizen of the Year.

Diane enjoyed gardening and especially loved spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Wendover of Cave Junction; two sons, Robert W. Wendover and Steven M. Wendover, both of Grants Pass; a daughter, Amy M. Larson of Grants Pass; father, William F. Young of Grants Pass; a sister, Kathy Valdizan of Southern Calif; two brothers, William F. Young Jr of Lake Forest, Calif and Mark Young of Temecula, Calif; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

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Save The Date

Feb. 12

Wed, February 12th - Movie: King Corn, 6 p.m.

GMO Free Josephine County presents a documentary about two friends, one acre of corn, and the subsidized crop that drives our fast food nation. Where: IV Library 209 W Palmer St, Cave Junction, OR 97523 (541) 592-4770 contact: Roberta Lee rlee@josephinelibrary.org

Feb. 14 & 15

Friday, February 14th & Saturday, February 15th, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friends of the Library BOOK SALE at the IV Library!

We've been collecting new donations and have a great selection to peruse. Be sure to come on by and get your Valentine a gift that lasts. Where: IV Library 209 W Palmer St, Cave Junction, OR 97523 (541) 592-4770 contact: Roberta Lee rlee@josephinelibrary.org

Feb. 17

Precious Dirt and the Freedom from Pesticides Alliance invite you to participate in Community Rights

Conversations, a new group discussion series on topics. Related to our common goal of elevating local community rights over corporate "rights". 6:00-6:30 p.m. ~ Social - Coffee/ Tea & Goodies 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. ~ "Who Decides? Our Communities or Big Corporations?" www.PreciousDirt.org 541-597-4809

Feb. 22

Tired of Winter? Join us for "LOVE BOAT - A Caribbean Cruise!" 5 - 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Selma Community Center! 5

p.m: Silent Auction, No-Host Bar & Rumba Lesson. 6 p.m: 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. Fund-raiser for Illinois River Valley Arts Council's public benefit programs. www.irvac.com 541-592-4444.

Feb. 26

Wed, February 26th - Craft Night: Origami, 6 p.m.

Roberta and Rochelle are folding fancy paper into beautiful flowers and would love to share the joy. Paper and instruction are supplied, just come join us! Where: IV Library 209 W Palmer St, Cave Junction, OR 97523 (541) 592-4770 contact: Roberta Lee rlee@josephinelibrary.org

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