



## Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,  
Publisher

I had planned to write on a few topics this week but, to be honest, my son is in town and Sunday was such a spectacular day that I decided to play hooky.

One such topic was crime and the levy. Another was spring and high-school baseball and softball. The last topic was going to be about what it felt like to walk into St. Patrick of the Forest

for the first time since I moved here. It had been years since I last darkened a door of the Catholic Church for Mass.

Instead, though, I came across a release from the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance and decided to dedicate some space to them. Sexual assault and domestic abuse are topics many of us are uncomfortable with. While I have hope that no one will ever have to deal with the effects of such trauma, in life it is a reality.

So here is an announcement of the Seventh Annual Soup for the Souls event that includes information about what you can do to help the people who help victims of such assaults:

*It's almost April again and spring is on the way! April is International Sexual Assault Awareness Month and time for the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance to host their seventh annual Soup for the Souls fund-raiser Saturday, April 12th. This event just keeps getting better and better with delicious soups donated by area restaurants and individuals, home baked breads provided by local bakers and cake for dessert provided by Kate Dwyer. A \$15 suggested donation buys you all of the soup and bread you can eat and you get to select a bowl to keep from a collection of*

*beautiful artisan bowls and vintage finds. Suggested donation for children under 12 is \$5. Doors will open at 5:30. In fairness to all, the door will remain closed until then.*

*There will be a silent auction with a variety of items to choose from, lots of door prizes and our fantastic cake walk will be back this year, so get ready for some good food, good friends and good times all for a good cause!*

*Established in 2000, the Alliance currently works with an average of 37 adult and child survivors of domestic and sexual violence each month. Only 11% of these survivors access services directly by walking through the front door in search of safety. The rest come to the organization by way of fund-raising and outreach events like the Soup for the Souls or through partner organizations such as DHS, the Pregnancy Center and the Family Coalition. This event provides a critical entry point for community members to learn about the services offered at the Alliance as well as provide funds for the Alliance to keep those services here in the Valley.*

Thank you for picking up this weeks paper, enjoy! ~djm

## Letters to the Editor

**Illinois Valley News welcomes Letters to the Editor.**  
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dan@illinois-valley-news.com

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### No Cooperation

There's a rumor going around that County Commissioner Simon Hare was "found innocent" of his

May charges of local drunk driving and filing a false police report. This is not true. The official conclusion by the Medford Police remains: "Simon Hare made a false report in reporting his vehicle stolen."

In a letter to District Attorney Steve Campbell, the State's Criminal Justice Division agreed with police that: "Mr. Hare was not cooperative with the Medford Police Department." Hare, who is a candidate for Commissioner, told the Courier that he was cooperative.

Police Detective Josh Reimer reports: "I handed Simon [Hare] my business card and told him that I had been investigating his stolen vehicle report." The official investigator explained that he had "a few questions and it would only take a 'few minutes.'" Simon Hare then "expressed a lack of appreciation for my visit."

The police officer writes: "He said he would call me to set up an ap-

pointment several times." But then, "I asked Simon Hare, 'Are you refusing to talk to me for 2 minutes?' He said, 'Yes,' and closed his front door."

Detective Josh Reimer summed it up this way: "Simon Hare has not cooperated [and] has not answered or returned my phone calls for a statement." Mysteriously, despite physical and eyewitness testimony from numerous citizens, the Attorney General's Office does "not believe there is additional investigation to be done." See BadCounty.com for more details.

The police have not closed the case. So it's now up to us, the court of public opinion, at the ballot box.

**Dale Matthews**  
Editor of BadCounty.com  
Grants Pass

### Response to Pesticide

### Special Report aired on KTVL News10

For anyone who watched the Special Report aired on KTVL News10 2/25 - 2/27, eye opening comes to mind. Eye opening in that yet another chemical investigation was taking place and realizing once again the failure of our laws and regulations to protect our air, water, soil and bodies from toxic poisons. As well as seeing yet again those on the receiving end of these poisons painted as somehow 'the problem'. Not the corporations spraying the toxic chemicals mind you, rather those having to deal with the chemical trespass.

Then again, knowing over two dozen citizens and animals in Gold Beach suffered health issues after a helicopter sprayed a clear-cut within their community last October, what did ODA (Dept. of Ag) investigate?

Four plants. Apparently, that's it! No urine, no blood, no soil, no air or water samples. Rather a couple of plants, while claiming a 'thorough investigation'. As with the Triangle Lake 'investigation', on hiatus for over two years, one could say this 'investigation' is worse. In fact, five months after this incident, citizens are STILL waiting to hear what was sprayed, so medical professionals have a clue how to treat or respond to some of their ongoing health issues.

The Illinois Valley has hundreds of acres scheduled to be sprayed with Atrazine, Glyphosate and 2-4-D by ground and helicopter. Is it not reasonable to be concerned that millions of pounds of toxic poisons are systematically sprayed within neighborhoods and communities throughout our state?

**Audrey Moore**  
Selma, Oregon

## Obituaries

**Ruth E. Samuel,** age 96, of O'Brien, died Friday, March 14, 2014 at her home.

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

Those wishing may make contributions to the Jim Brown Scholarship Fund, c/o First Community Credit Union, PO Box 318, Cave Junction, Oregon 97523.

Ruth was born March 20, 1917 in Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1942 in Las Vegas, Nevada she married James E. "Jim" Samuel. In 1979 they moved from California to Milo, Oregon and then moved to O'Brien, Oregon

in 1999. Her husband died shortly thereafter.

Ruth was active with the Cave Junction Senior Center where she assisted in producing the newsletter.

She enjoyed making dolls, fishing, camping, and other outdoor activities.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia "Pat" Brown of O'Brien, Oregon; a son, Roger Samuel of Claremont, California; a brother, Robert Moore of Fair Oaks, California; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Samuel.

## Cave Junction Lions Club News

As a value added item to the 15th Annual Cave Junction Lions car show, Valve Cover Racing will make its inaugural run in the IV. Similar in concept to the Pine-wood Derby car, it's growing and gaining popularity nationwide via car shows.

Racing will be single elimination for the top eliminator trophy plus bragging rights. Pre-race activities include a show-n-shine competition for Best Paint and Best "Engineered". Eliminations begin at 11:00 a.m.; practice rounds by 9:00 a.m. Trophies for: 1st, 2nd, Consolation; Best Paint; Best Engineered.

Guidelines for the construction of the valve cover racer are as follows:

- No engine, propulsion or moving weights. Gravity is your friend;
- The racer must be made from an internal combustion engine valve cover;
- The valve cover must retain its entire original gasket-sealing surface;

- The racer can have a chassis, but the chassis cannot be inter-changed with any other valve cover body after it is registered for that day's race;

- Nothing may extend beyond the gasket surface on the front of the racer;

- There must be a total of four wheels, either inside or outside of the valve cover;

- There must be a non-metallic wheel surface contacting the track;

- The racer must be clean (no sludge). If the racer drips oil or grease, it is disqualified;

- The racer must have a permanent number affixed to the surface.

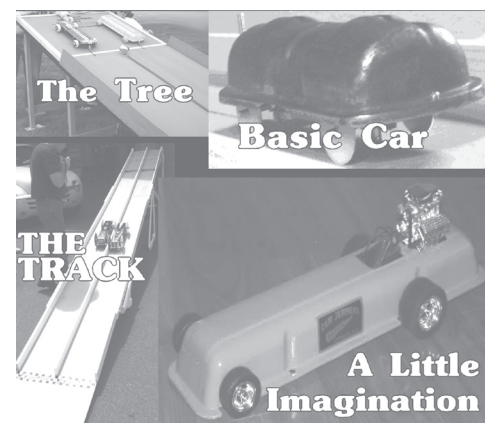
The racer dimensions are as follows:

- Maximum Length 30 inches
- Maximum Width 10 inches
- Maximum Height 10 inches
- Maximum Weight 10 pounds
- Maximum Wheel Diameter 6 inches

- For more info & design ideas, Google: Valve Cover Racing. It's a hoot.

If you don't have a spare cover laying around, give Jon Pope a call at JP Auto & Metal Recycling; 541.505.4270. Hummm, buy several and create a team with some friends. Team competition???

Gentlemen – Start your – uhhh – Valve Covers.



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## Save The Date

### March 26

Wed, March 26th – Craft Night: Miniatures, 6 p.m., FREE – IV Library, 209 W Palmer St, CJ 541-592-4778.

Join Roberta for an evening of creating miniatures. Whether your interest is doll house, Barbie or itty bitties, we know you'll have fun with this little workshop.

### April 1

Tuesday, April 1 Neighborhood Watch & Town Hall Meeting at the County Building: 4 to 9 p.m. Fire Preparedness Plan / Sheriff Gilbertson / Fire Ecology / Town Hall.

Schedule: 4 - 5 p.m. - Fire and Emergency Preparedness Planning Meeting, Ken Rose Neighborhood Watch area, 5 to 6 p.m.: Sheriff Gil Gilbertson talk with Q&A, 6:00: Potluck, 6:30 p.m.: Fire Ecology & Watersheds Talk,

7 - 9 p.m.: Town Hall Meeting, Commissioner and Sheriff Candidates Talk - Q&A, and Open Agenda session. Contact Guenter 592-4124 or email cmec@cavenet.com for more information.

### April 12

Rough & Ready Wildflower Hike on Sat-

urday, April 12, 2014 at 10 a.m. Meet at the parking area at Rough & Ready Botanical Wayside south of Cave Junction on Hwy 199 at Mile Marker 34. The walk through the Rough and Ready Wayside is geared for plant enthusiasts and novices alike. This is a great opportunity for folks to come out and enjoy the spring wildflowers no matter what your skill level on plant identification might be. It will be a short hike on rocky, but relatively level ground with lots of beautiful wildflowers to see, many of them are rare or of limited range. A portion of the hike will be along a wheel-chair accessible path so folks of limited mobility can come out and enjoy the wildflowers too. Be prepared: bring water, dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes. For more information call Suzanne at 541-291-8860. Sponsored by Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network (CEEN) and the Native Plant Society.

### April 12

FREE Eye Clinic Saturday, April 5th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (9:00a.m. - Noon by appointment, Noon - 3:00 p.m. walk-ins welcome). At the Illinois Valley High School Gym.

Free eye exam & pair of glasses (if needed). To schedule an appointment call 541-787-0860. Please leave a message. This clinic is brought to you by Amigo Vision, Josephine County Foundation & IVHS Leadership Class.

### April 12

Open House on April 12, 2014 to invite Bud Winter's friends and relatives to spend the day to help celebrate his 100th birthday. Steak, chicken, barbecue, plus sides will be served from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. followed by birthday cake & ice cream. 5138 Holland Loop Dr., Cave Junction, 541-592-2743.

### April 16

2014 OSU Master Food Preserver Course Orientation - April 16, 2014 Classes start April 24 through May 29, 2014 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost-\$150 Applications available in January. 2014 Instructors: Certified Master Food Preservers from Jackson and Josephine Counties and Jeanne Brandt (statewide coordinator).

We invite you to an eight class learning adventure in the food preservation arts. Along the way student trainees learn how to prepare garden produce for preserving, the ins and outs

of food preservation equipment, how to water-bath and pressure can safely and efficiently, as well as a host of other skills! Classes are held at the Josephine County Extension Auditorium and start April 24 with 6 consecutive Thursdays and two Saturday Labs (May 3 and 17) ending on May 29th. Tuition is \$120 + \$30 for the manual and 48 volunteer educational service hours.

If you have any questions contact Jeanne Evers via email: jeanne.evers@oregonstate.edu

### April 26

Tea Lunch & Silent Auction benefiting the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley, @ 11 a.m. Location: Bridgeview Church Auditorium 5181 Holland Loop, Cave Junction. Tickets are \$10 per person.

### Ongoing

FREE Zumba Classes at Healthy U Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 4th-April 10th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. with Lydia Roberts. "Ditch the workout, join the party!"

Healthy U is located at 535 E. River St., Cave Junction (in the very back of the Family Resource Building). For details visit www.healthycenter.org or call 541-592-4888.

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