



(Photo courtesy of Tabatha Siemer, for *The Illinois Valley News*)

A March marking the five month anniversary of the unsolved hit and run that took the life of Robert Calvin and Jarred Houston took place Sunday, March 30.

Home Country: by Slim Randles

Doc smiled and felt really good inside when he heard the familiar bird song.

“Hey there, Wheezer,” he said, “happy spring!”

For some reason, this mourning dove with the speech impediment comes around to Doc’s back yard every spring, and Doc thinks that’s just all right. If ol’ Wheez didn’t have that distinctive voice, Doc would never know if this bird favored his yard or was just another bird looking for a home. Let’s face it, Wheezer looks just like every other dove in town.

But he was back and flirting with a good-looking lady dove up on the branches of the locust tree. Doc always wondered whether doves mate for life, and this was the same Mrs. Wheez he sees every year, or if Wheezer had to court a new lassie each spring.

“I’ll have to look it up,” Doc said, knowing that he wouldn’t.

But he did go over to the concrete block wall and clean out the crud from the hollow in the top block by the gate. Doc had put dirt in it

years ago, and each spring, the Wheezer family hauled in twigs and grass and made a place to raise their family.

And each spring, as Mrs. W. sat on her eggs, it would take Doc a few days before she would tolerate him coming and going through the gate. This was the dove family he was close to. They let him get right up to maybe a foot from the ugly little baby birds each spring, and he was careful never to move quickly or make a noise. That was his contribution, you see, to the putting together of the “Doves in the Concrete Block” family.

Wonder how long doves live? Doc thought. Wonder how long old Wheezer will last? I’ll have to look it up.

No he won’t.

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March 2014 Cave Junction Municipal Court

Karczewski, Raymond Ronald of Cave Junction was cited February 11, 2014 for Failure to Display Plates, Driving Uninsured and Driving While Suspended WS Fine: \$2,438.00

Maupin, Lorne Delmer of Cave Junction was cited March 7, 2014, 10.04.260 for having a parked unattended vehicle with ignition key in the vehicle 10.04.260 Fine \$100.00

Burnell Greer, Joanna of Cave Junction was cited February 25, 2014 for 811.485 Following Too Closely. fine: \$130.00.

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Three Rivers / Josephine County Unit School District, Josephine County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, will be held at Three Rivers School District Administration Building, 8550 New Hope Road, Murphy, Oregon. The meeting will take place on Tuesday the 22nd day of April, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the Proposed Budget, receive the Superintendent’s budget message, decide upon the resources that will be appropriated for next year out of the General Fund, and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the Proposed Budget may be inspected or obtained at the Administration Offices, 8550 New Hope Road after April 15, 2014. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

All future notices of Budget Committee meetings will be posted in the Three Rivers School District public website at <http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us>

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