

Letters to the Editor

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Reader applauds local youth

Three years ago Michelle, Michael, and Eric Olson moved in as neighbors to the Terry Vance, Sr. family. We

have two Special Needs great grandsons so this is a blessing for our 2 boys. The Autistic person is intelligent and cannot express their feelings and desires as we are blessed to do. And, there are different levels and degrees of autism. Different ways of teaching them in most of, if not all of, life skills has to be found.

The Vance family cannot tell you the wealth of information we have learned from the Olsons and continue to learn. What a rewarding journey! These young people from the Equestrian Team and their love for everyone, Special Needs or not, are a fine example of what youth are in the Valley. Let’s show our support for them at their State Meet. Examples have been documented that animals can bring blessings, healings, and love into the life of someone with varied challenges.

If our vehicle is stopped

by the Olson home Eric loves to jump in the Vance’s vehicle, if it’s not locked; if we are walking he comes up to us and touches his check meaning, “Kiss me, now”; and, he loves to “explore our home” when visiting. We are privileged and blessed!

The Vance family would invite all who read the 4/30/14 edition of the I.V. Paper, pg. A-8 article concerning the Equestrian Team, to learn about these people who have been diagnosed with Autism. Then, the next time the teenager at a checkout line in a store turns around to the lady behind him and starts pulling the flower petals off of flowers being purchased to plant, or is annoying the man in line behind him who thinks this teenager should be more disciplined by his mom, will know this a Special Needs situation and, have patience and love. It just could be Eric or one of our 2 great

grandsons.

**Terry Vance, Sr.
Cave Junction**

Reader says yes

“My rights—my rights” is what a two party system declares during the election campaign because that is what it is designed to do. But I am at that table too as a Green Party supporter. So, let me have equal time to express my stance: I put myself lower than that honey bee, that monarch, the dragonfly, and that ladybug. Yup, they were all here today for me to witness on this last warm day of April, not only their presence but their significance! You see, in growing some of my own food, I provide the balanced environment that “we” need to co-exist. Bottom line is, food that’s consumption quality must be pollinated because that’s our design. My

pollinators are waiting and excited that the garden is for us. GMO crops however, are reported to kill pollinators. Wait—those are my pollinators too! It is not difficult to connect the dots in my world: GMO crops and Organics cannot co-exist.

Sure, there is the argument of hand-pollinating but that will never achieve the symbiotic relationship that nature provides. And if you think that harmful manufactured “things” will just disappear one day, they won’t. Corporate-agribusiness-government that spends mega-tax-dollars to buy state officials and control the future of food does not care one iota about yours or my lives. As corporate business entities, not people, they don’t possess the faculties for sound ecological reasoning.

Having no moral obligation to others, it is pointless to “negotiate.” GMO crops can destroy every small farm

in the Illinois, Applegate, and Rogue Valleys in the blink of an eye, as already experienced around the world by several other countries. We also won’t be able to obtain seeds other than theirs. Without a “yes” vote on measure 17-58 we will become helplessly dependent on all our food from agribusinesses, and our right to choose will have then indeed clothed the Emperor in new clothes!

Thank you for hearing my stance on measure 17-58. Local votes matter! Please read a short research project to inform you more about a country that once had an agriculture that was the envy of the world, titled, USDA Inc.: How Agribusiness Has Hijacked Regulatory Policy at the US Department of Agriculture by Phillip Mattera, 2004.

**Sarah NightBear
O’Brien**

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Obituaries

David Allen Potticary, age 57, of Cave Junction, died Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at Asante Three Rivers Medical Center.

No services are planned. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

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

David was born June 14, 1956 in Portland, Ore. He graduated high school and later attended trade school for auto mechanics. While attending school he drove school bus for Hillsboro School District. In 1987 he moved from Portland to the Illinois Valley. He worked for Rockydale Automotive for 23 years. David went into business for himself doing stump grinding. The Valley will miss him and his laugh.

He was a member of Oath Keepers. David’s hobbies included water skiing from the age of five, computers, music, auto

shows, working on automobiles, shooting pool, participating in pool tournaments and boating. He especially enjoyed spending time with friends.

Survivors include his father, Dean Potticary of Cave Junction; his step-mother, Claudia Potticary of Cave Junction; his mother, Janet Kent of Vancouver, Wash.; a brother, Dale Kent of Bend, Ore.; his children, Mirinda of Vancouver, Wash. and Dominic of Gaston, Ore.; and four grandchildren, Paige, Jace, Tyrus and Lincoln.

Irish Smith, age 71, of Kerby, died Monday, April 28, 2014 at her home.

A memorial service was held Monday, May 5, 2014 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cave Junction. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

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Irish was born Marna Jean Jung on December 21, 1942 in Portland, Ore. to Leonard & Patricia Jean (Casserly) Jung. She lived a full life, marrying twice and having four children. In 1976 she moved from Carson City, Nev. to Oregon. She was an addiction counselor and loved to help others with their struggles. Most of all she was a fun loving person with lots of hugs to give and jokes to share.

Survivors include her children, Raymond Elmer, Casey Elmer and Shawn Elmer; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and she will be missed by all.

Irish was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Cave Junction Ward.

Her hobbies included reading, beading and collecting.

Preceding her in death was her daughter, Patricia Wolf.

Loving brother & friend **Edward (Eld) Lee Sparks, 68**, of Cave Junction, OR died April 26, 2014.

Grants Pass Funeral Alternatives is in charge of arrangements.

To send an online condolence go to www.grantspassfunerals.com

Edward was born May 16, 1945 in Toledo Ohio to Lucille (Weeks) and William J. Sparks.

He was preceded in death by his parents William & Lucille and his brother, Floyd Kenneth.

He is survived by three siblings William Sparks of Lake Havasu City, Ariz. Terri Leininger of Port Charlotte, Fla. and Susan Mynderse of Lambertville, Mich.

8 nieces and nephews, and 9 great nieces and nephews along with many friends and adopted family.

Save The Date

May 9

Second Friday Art Walk Illinois River Valley Arts Council www.irvac.com

Free event with art, music, & activities in downtown Cave Junction, 541-218-8501; 5 – 8 p.m. May 9, June 13, July 11 and August 8.

May 10

The IV Garden Club will hold their Spring Plant Sale and Country Store on Saturday, May 10th starting at 9:00 am at the County Building in Cave Junction.

May 10

Free Movie Sat., May 10th at Kerby Belt Bldg. 4-5:30p.m. The World according to Monsanto. Come

learn about the corporation who brought us GMO agriculture, 85 minutes long. Discussion afterward For more information call 541.415.2614

May 10

Saturday, May 10th: Please attend the Monument’s 13th annual Community Open House. Free cave tours will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We request only that you bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Take advantage of this opportunity to explore and enjoy the caves – free of charge! The Historic Chateau at Oregon Caves will open on Thursday, May 8th so there will be lodging and dining available. The Chateau will also have live music for Mother’s Day weekend, so don’t miss all of the festivities!

May 10

Bridgeview Winery presents “The Bistro at Bridgeview” 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10. The fundraiser for the 2014 IVHS Safe and Sober Grad Night will include live entertainment, a silent auction and gourmet dinner of pork roast (donated by Taylors), au gratin potatoes (donated by McGrews), green salad and dessert. Vegetarian entrée also available. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 for two, available at IVHS, Taylor’s Country Store and First Community Credit Union. Sponsored in part by the Jo. Co. Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee.

May 10

Cave Junction Lions Club Saturday, May 10th will host its annual Mommy’s Day Bingo event.

Doors open at 5 p.m. First game at 6 p.m. 50/50 Drawing, Door Prize for Mommys, Special game: Last person standing; dobbers for sale, or bring your own. Snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase.

For more information: call Cori at 541-592-4301. IV Senior Center, 520 E. River St. Cave Junction. 50¢ Cards, Half Cash Payout, 15 Game Program.

May 15

There is a Beekeepers Club in the Valley. The informal club has meetings the third Thursday of every month. The meetings are held at

various locations throughout the valley. The next meeting is May 15th at 6:30 p.m. We will be meeting at Ron Padgett’s bee yard located at 6541 Caves Highway. If you have any interest in keeping bees or would just like some information please plan to attend one of our lively and informative meetings. Come ‘bee’ with us. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call: Ron Padgett 541-659-0382.

May 15

Glenn Morrison American Legion Auxiliary is hosting a FREE Breakfast to all veterans on May 17 at the IV Senior Center from 8-11 Non Veterans are \$6. Join us while we honor our local veterans.

Saturday, May 10th

Doors open at 5pm

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50/50 Drawing,

Door Prize for Mommys,

Special game: Last person standing

Dobbers for sale, or bring your dobbers

Mommy’s Day

BINGO

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15 Game Program

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and drinks

will be available

for purchase.

Sponsored by your

Cave Junction

Lions Club

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ZUMBA

Instructor: Lisa Sherier

541-761-4342

Monday • Wednesday •

Thursday •

6:00 PM

\$5.00 for Drop-in

\$40.00 a Month

770 Caves Hwy • Cave Junction

Mother's Day Brunch

May 11, 2014 ~ 8am to 1pm

RCC/Belt Building

24353 Redwood Highway, Kerby, OR

\$8.00 over 12 / \$4.00 7-12 / Free 6 and under

Prepared by Belt Masonic Lodge #18

Menu

Choose any or all:

Eggs Benedict or Eggs to order

Bacon or Corned Beef Hash

Hash Browns

Biscuits and Gravy

Strawberry Special

Assorted Juices, Coffee or Tea

As always

the Public is Welcome

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