

Letters to the Editor

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Fish need water
A record breaking drought is

upon us and a new hatch of threatened Coho salmon in the thousands has emerged in the streams of the upper Illinois.
Thousands of last year's Coho are also in dire straights because of the drought. The ability of agencies to do anything to mitigate these conditions seems non-existent so it is really up to the local residents of the IV to implement voluntary efforts to save the threatened Coho and steelhead runs from extinction. If you have water rights please consider reducing your use and watering at night. If you use a well less than 100 feet deep, please consider the same because most well water does eventually make it into a nearby stream or river. City residents can do the same which will also reduce your utility bills. Acting consciously together will not only help

save the salmon and steelhead but create healthier river conditions for all wildlife as well as recreational use like kayaking and swimming. If you find landlocked Coho call the ODFW to have them moved to safer pools upstream. It's really up to people of the IV to help the Coho and steelhead to get through this drought and subsequent droughts which may become a yearly reality.

Shannon Wilson Selma

Lets be neighborly
I live a few miles out of the hustle & bustle of the teaming metropolis of Cave Junction. My house is at the back of my property with a guest house nearby.

Wednesday evening I was relaxed & watching TV when a loud Gestapo type knock on my front door. My dogs starting barking of course & I briefly considered getting my pistol nearby in case this was a home invasion about to happen. I seldom get unexpected guests & when I do, they always use the doorbell.
I parted the verticals next to the door to see a man and a woman I've never seen before standing there. They asked me if I was the name of the folks in my guest house, so I told them they were in the other house.
No thank you, no sorry to bother you, they just did an about face and marched off. I looked out my back window to see a nice pick up truck with an emblem on the door I couldn't read and a little twirling yellow light on the top of the cab.

I found out later they were a neighborhood watch. I also found out a little later I wasn't the first person in the area to get irritated by these volunteers.
Now I really do appreciate people who volunteer to help hold down crime, especially since those efforts to get more money never specify the first need is more deputies and the voters say "no" to just more dollars for the commissioners to give to more bureaucrats.
However, if these volunteers treated those of us that live in the area they patrol like neighbors and friends instead of peons that just happen to live here, they would be appreciated much more.

Greg Anderson Cave Junction

Obituaries



Sharon Shankle passed away on May 12, 2014 at the age of 85. Sharon came to Cave Junction with her husband Glenn in 1991. They made Cave Junction their retirement home and loved the laid back lifestyle.
Sharon grew up in Campbell California and graduated high school from Campbell Union High. Upon graduation, Sharon made her way to San Francisco where she worked as a runway fashion model. While raising her three children she worked in accounting mostly for auto dealerships.
When Sharon and her husband Glenn bought their retirement home on Barlow Street in Cave Junction, Sharon soon realized that she was really not ready to retire. She was offered a position as the General Manager of the Junction Inn where she worked for over 19 years. Sharon finally retired at the age of 83.
She is survived by her husband Glenn and her three daughters, Robin Buckley, Debra

Land, and Cynthia Buckley.
There will be a Celebration of Life for Sharon at the Bridgeview Winery, a place were Sharon and her family enjoyed many happy picnics.
She was loved by so many in the community. Everybody seems to have a "Sharon story" The Celebration is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on June 14, 2014. The community is invited to participate and share their "Sharon stories"

Emilie Ayres, age 96, of Grants Pass, died Thursday, May 15, 2014 at Royale Gardens Health & Rehabilitation Center.
Services have been held. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.
Emilie was born March 6, 1918 in Springfield, Illinois. She first married Raymond Hussey and together they had six children. She lived in Long Beach, California for 24 years. After the death of her first husband, she married Harold Ayres who died 20 years ago. She lived in Cave Junction for 12 years before moving to Grants Pass eight years ago.
Emilie loved to fish and enjoyed traveling adventures. She cherished being a grandma. Most of her time was spent happily doing housework, yard work and smelling the roses she grew in her rose garden.
She is survived by her children, Frances Stasukinas, Christina Burris, Ronald Hussey, and Cathy Mullins; 19 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by two sons, Norman Hussey and Charles Hussey; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; a brother,

George Coontz; a sister, Leana Coontz; and her beloved mother, Sylvia Coontz.
Warren Vance, Jr., 78 of O'Brien passed away peacefully on Friday May 23, 2014 at Asante Three Rivers Medical Center. No services will be held. Grants Pass Funeral Alternatives is in charge of arrangements.
He was born September 13, 1935 in Davenport, Iowa to Warren and Dorothy Vance. He served two terms in the Navy and Air Force. He was married to Marcella, who preceded him in death. He enjoyed gardening, his beloved dogs, being outside, working, fishing and playing cards with friends at the senior center.
He is survived by a Sister Mary Anderson of Grants Pass. Step Brother Larry Loving of Alpha, Ill. Step daughter Roberta Charbonneau, Step sons Ken Roberts and Ron Roberts.

James Lincoln Lord, 92, of Grants Pass died May 24, 2014, at Redwood Terrace Assisted Living of heart failure.
He was born July 30, 1921 in Lyme, Connecticut at the Lord family farmhouse to Reginald L. Lord & Marie F. (Sheppard) Lord. He grew up on the family farm through the Great Depression era of the 1930s, which left a life-long impression of thrift, value, and appreciation of everything in his life. At age 17, he learned to fly airplanes and worked for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft until he enlisted in the Army. At that time, there was a need for medical corpsmen, which is what the Army later trained him to do. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific theater in the 323rd Medical Battalion, Company C, of the 98th Infantry Division of the Army as a tech sergeant, until his honorable discharge in 1946.

He met and married Florence M. Poirier in August of 1943 at Fort Breckinridge, Kentucky, just prior to his deployment. Upon return to civilian life, he purchased land and built a lake-side house in Lyme, Connecticut where he started a construction company. After many years, he sold his interest in the construction company, and after pursuing other interests, was offered a position as a factory service technician with the automotive manufacturer Saab-Scania USA. After his "retirement" from Saab-Scania, he decided to learn to build furniture and cabinetry, which he continued to do as a hobby until his old age prevented him from woodworking.
Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Florence, and a sister, Yvonne.
He is survived by his younger sister, June Guillow of Hartford, Connecticut; his two sons, Chaz T. of Eureka, California and James N. of Burbank, California; and two grandchildren.
Jim was admired for his wit and sense of fair-play by all who knew him, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.
Interment of his cremains will be Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 3 p.m. at Eagle Point National Cemetery, Eagle Point, Oregon. All those wishing to attend are invited for a military honors ceremony. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.
Donations in his memory may be made to Lovejoy Hospice, 939 SE 8th Street, Grants Pass, Oregon.
Please sign the family guest book at www.since1928hull.com.

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Save The Date

June 7
Moon Tree Run and Firefighter's Fair
Planes and Firetrucks, and Golf on the Moon, OH MY! Over 30 participating organizations providing family friendly activities such as a Firefighter's Obstacle course, Remote Control Airplanes, Aircraft Displays, Jaws of Life demonstration and more! All-day pancake breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. Register for 5K or 10K road and trail race at 9:00. Free ice cream at noon. At the Illinois Valley Airport,
4 miles south of Cave Junction, OR. FREE admission! FREE Shuttle from the lot next to the Junction Inn. Visit www.healthyucenter.org for details.
June 7
The IV Senior Center will host a Spring Flea Market, 8 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 7 to coincide with the monthly First Saturday Breakfast. Flea Market Booth space rental is \$10. Call the Center (541-592-6888) for information. The 8 to 11 a.m. breakfast is open to the public and includes choice of eggs, chicken fried steak, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuit & gravy, hash browns, coffee and juice for \$6. The IV Girls Softball team will be this month's servers.
June 8
A free p.m. Sunday event will take place 4 p.m. Sunday, June 8 at the

Selma Community Center featuring Suzanne Hamilton Dancers, Dancefarm, Valley Gals duet, the Holland Loopers Band and art and craft vendors. Donations appreciated at the door. Information: 541-592-5082.
June 8
Healing Hearts & Hooves, Therapeutic Riding Program is beginning our 2014 season. We are accepting new students and volunteers, as well as looking forward to those who will be returning for another exciting year. If you are an interested student or volunteer, our Orientation Day is Sunday, June 8. Call for more information and to register at 541-659-1798 or 541-596-2272, www.healingheartsandhooves.org HHH has been providing exceptional therapeutic horseback riding program since 2009, for people with disabilities. Our goal is to improve the quality of our riders' lives through the opportunity of bonding with their horse, exercises and activities designed to improve physical, cognitive and associative functions.
June 8
Celtic Folk Music Will Help Celebrate Opening of Guild's Summer Show, "Wild Blue Yonder", Sunday, June 8.
George and Anwyn Leverett, popular Celtic Folk musicians and makers of world renowned hurdy gurdies, will add live music and a

For more listings go to www.ivcalendar.org

display of their beautiful instruments to the Southern Oregon Guild's opening of the new summer exhibit, "Wild Blue Yonder," Sunday, June 8, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
For the show opening, the Guild's Gallery and Art Center converts to an "art lounge", complete with hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, music, and a dramatic new exhibit featuring art that highlights hues of blue and visions of the "wild blue yonder".
The \$5 admission earns a ticket for a chance at three prizes. All tickets that don't win on June 8 go into the grand prize drawing at the end of the year. "Wild Blue Yonder" will run through Saturday, August 16th.
June 8
Freedom from Pesticides Alliance will meet 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 8 at the Taprock NW Grill Evergreen Room, 971 SE 6th St. in Grants Pass. The group is gathering 3000 signatures before August 6 to get a "Bill of Rights" initiative on the November ballot in order to protect beneficial insects and the fruits and vegetables they pollinate. For further information, go to www.FreedomfromPesticidesAlliance.org.
June 10
Jams & Jellies Beyond the Basics Tuesday June 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. *Cost \$10.00 per person. OSU Extension Auditorium 215

Ringuette Street, Grants Pass Pre-registration required.
Instructors: Debborah Dunham & Karen Zoufal- Master Food Preservers.
Imagine capturing the sweet tastes of summer in a jar! Learn an easy way to extract juice from fruit and combine fruit for exotic flavors. Learn money-saving methods for preserving your favorite fruit; take home tested recipes that you will want to make for family and friends. We will show you how easy it is to enter your special jars into the fair. Let's show the Fair we care.
June 16th
Precious Dirt is proud to feature the acclaimed documentary Unacceptable Levels.
Examining the results of the chemical revolution of the 1940s through the eyes of affable filmmaker Ed Brown, a father seeking to understand the world in which he and his wife are raising their children. To create this debut documentary, one man and his camera traveled extensively to find and interview top minds in the fields of science, advocacy, and law. Weaving their testimonies into a compelling narrative, Brown presents us with the story of how the chemical revolution brought us to where we are, and of where, if we're not vigilant, it may take us.
"Unacceptable Levels is a

hugely important film... Sadly, most Americans are misinformed or not informed at all about how many toxic chemicals we are being exposed to 24 hours a day. These toxins are making us sick and quite simply our lives are being threatened. We need to stand up and speak out. We must demand a healthy environment for ourselves and for our children. Unacceptable Levels poignantly reveals how chemicals have invaded our lives." - Mariel Hemingway Actress, Author, Healthy Living Advocate
6:00 to 6:30 ~ Coffee / Social
— Film begins at 7:00 p.m. - Film Run time: 76 minutes
Free Admission / Donations Welcome~ Coffee/Tea & Goodies provided. @The Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E River St, Cave Junction, OR 97523 (East off Hwy 199 onto E. River Street, .5 miles up on the left) Plenty of parking available www.PreciousDirt.org --- 541-597- 4809
June 21 – 23
Hope Mountain Barter Faire, 3833 Holland Loop, Cave Junction. Dome School benefit. Camping, arts, crafts, music, drumming, food vendors, workshops. Adults \$15 / day. 541-592-4458

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