



## Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,  
Publisher

I woke up this past Sunday to the sound of my phone ringing. Who the heck could be calling me at this ungodly hour, I asked myself. Prying my eyes open, I sheepishly realized it was already 10 a.m. It was my daughter Abby calling me to wish me a happy Father's

Day.

After Abby's call, her sister Ellie called and a ring from my son John followed shortly after that.

After pouring a few cups of coffee down my gullet, we preceded to the IV Grange for their Sunday breakfast. I had never been to one and I must say it was really good. When we walked in I was surprised to know almost everyone there. It made me wonder why nobody had let me in on this little secret before.

Laura and I headed to the office for a bit. While we were gone, my step-sons picked cherries from the tree in our back yard, which in and of itself is a great feat to see them unattached to their PlayStation.

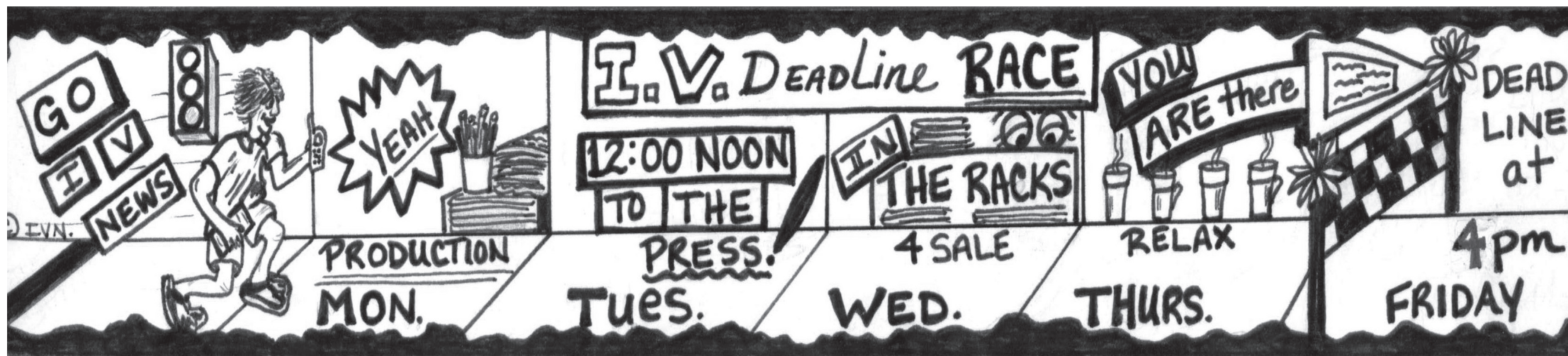
Like most Sundays, I tried to putz around the house doing odd chores that escape me during the week. But, hey, it was Father's Day, so I decided to head to the pond to a little fishing. A few hours, and one monster bass later, I decided to head back to the house to find Laura and the boys pitting cherries to make a

homemade cherry pie.

It was a very relaxing day, which I don't seem to get many of anymore. I spent most of my time with the family I have here in the Valley. It was nice and I hope all the fathers out there can say the same.

Now that Father's Day has come and gone, summer is in full swing. The Barter Faire is this weekend so I hope many of you get a chance to hear some great music and support the Dome School fund-raiser. Speaking of music, Justin Stang and his two-man acoustic group Science! will be playing at the Chamber of Commerce's Concerts in the Park series Thursday at Jubilee Park. So, come out and hear one of Seattle's hottest bands. If you enjoy them, as I know you will, they will also be at the Barter Faire on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper, enjoy!  
~ djm



## Letters to the Editor

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### Remembering Normandy 70 years ago

The program on TV and in our newspapers a few week's back made an accounting of the Normandy invasion during WWII, 70 years ago that took so many American lives. Most young people of our country do not even know the big sacrifice that was made those many years ago of so many American troops that fought the Germans in Normandy to liberate France, so there would be peace. I was a little girl of 10 years old during that time and WWII was going on and my parents had fine sons in the military service: 3 Army, 1 Airfare, 1 Navy. All five saw active duty. John was with the 82nd Airborne, a paratrooper group of which hundreds of paratroopers were dropped behind enemy lines just before dawn on June 6th at the same

time our infantry men were landing on the beaches of Normandy. Showing on the TV picture was a vivid picture of the hundreds of marked graves for the men that fought and died in this battle to save that country. The odds (of survival) were not good, we were very fortunate that all my brothers returned home safely. John, paratrooper in the Army's Airborne Division; Hank served in the Eighth Air Force based in England where his job was fueling and loading bombs on B-17s; George was an infantry man in Germany; Al was an Army lieutenant who saw action in Africa and Italy; Frank was a Navy Gunner aboard merchant ships.

My parents Frank Sr. and Isabel Mellow had a flag in our window with five stars on it indicating five from this

family in the Armed Services. I think it is such a shame that the schools do not teach history. These younger generations should know and remember what so many families had to deal with to send their young men off to war and some would never return; many are buried at Normandy and we honor them and also the GI's that came home. All my five brothers are gone now and I will say that when they each came home after WWII, none of them would talk about the war and bloodshed they witnessed. Thanks to all people that fight for Freedom. God Bless America and may we always be a Free Country!

Loraine (Mellow) Saffer  
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## Save The Date

### June 19

Illinois Valley Golf Association's Junior Golf Program starts Thursday, June 19 and runs for the next consecutive five Thursdays. There are four weeks of lessons, a tournament on July 17, and an awards banquet on July 24. The age divisions and times are as follows: AGES 5 - 7: 9:00 - 10:30, AGES 8 - 10: 10:30 - 12:00, AGES 11 - 15: 12:00 - 1:30. The cost is \$2.00, which covers the whole six weeks, if the child was not involved in the junior golf program last year. If the child was involved, this year is free. We can also use more volunteer instructors. Please call the Pro Shop at 541-592-3151 to sign up or volunteer.

### 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

### June 23

Fire season Emergency preparations meeting Citizen communications network Fire watch & First Responder teams.

A collaborative and informational meeting with Neighborhood Watch Groups and concerned citizens is being held. Our purpose is to detail a quick response network, phone tree, resources, evacuation plan, build a skilled community team and response system.

Wild Rivers Brewing and Pizza, Cave Junction, Monday, June 23rd, 4 - 6 p.m.

Please Contact us, RSVP, to confirm your attendance and to receive our information packet. We can send it to you directly via e-mail.

### June 23-27

Howdy Partners! Community Bible Church is celebrating with VBS, so we are rounding up all our favorite cowpokes age 4 through grade 6. Y'all come on over for the hoedown, y'hear? Roundup is at the CBC corral June 23-27 from 9:00-12:00 at 113 S. Caves Avenue. Questions? Give us a holler at 541-592-3896. Saddle up, grab your boots, and come on over for a stompin' good time! Yee-haw! Saddle Ridge Ranch! A place where kids can ask questions and discover the answers found in God's Word.

### June 27 - 28

Yard Sale & Bake Sale Friday & Saturday - June 27th & 28th 10 a.m.

For more listings go to [www.ivcalendar.org](http://www.ivcalendar.org)

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Coodinator, 541-592-4124, cmec@cavenet.com

- 4 p.m. 520 Caves Hwy, Cave Junction  
Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley.

per person, \$15 per couple. Refreshments will be available!

### June 28

Call for Artists! Two new art shows are slated for June and July. The C.J. Lions Club Car "Show & Shine" slated for June 28 is expanding to include artist's booths. The fee is \$25 and booths may be shared.

### July 12

The Kerby Museum and History Center present: A World War II Era Canteen and Dance. All Veterans in attendance will be recognized and honored! Dance to the sounds of Glenn Miller, Doris Day, The Andrews Sisters, Bing Crosby and many more! July 12, 2014, Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River St. Cave Junction 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. \$8

### July 20

The Rusk Ranch Nature Center will offer a free Nature & Art Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 20. There will be a juried Fantasy Recycled fashion show among other events, vendor booth space is \$20. For further information, call 541-592-4444.

### Ongoing

Healing Hearts and Hooves, therapeutic horseback riding program has begun our 2014 season. Sunday classes at 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. @ 4411 Holland Loop Drive, Cave Junction. Call 541-659-1798 or 541-596-2272 for volunteer or student information.

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