

# Iraq again, hell never ends:

by Glenn Mollette

Iraq - now we know where hell is. Hell is supposed to be a place of torment reserved for some people after death. Unfortunately, too many have ended up there before they died. Is there no end to the turmoil in Iraq and Afghanistan? We will never see peace and quiet in either of these two countries. Hell never ends.

The religious factions of these countries hate each other. They want to kill each other. These factions are crazy. America is killing itself and our troops trying to fix crazy religious people. The only thing worse than a crazy person is a religious crazy person because they invoke the name of God or Allah or somebody during every crucifixion or beheading they

perform. As they torture, murder and rape they move on in the name of their religion.

Some Americans thought we were finished in Iraq.

When it comes to Iraq or the Middle East there is never a period but always a comma. Crazyness does not end but only grows.

The only way to have some civility in Iraq or Afghanistan is to station 30,000 soldiers in five or six bases throughout each country. We can be assured if we do there will never be a time that our soldiers will not be in danger of ambush, bombs or the native soldiers turning on us as has happened numerous times. I think this is a bad idea.

Most Americans did not want us to go to Iraq or Afghanistan but we did. Over four thousand troops have died fighting the Iraqi cause. Where did all of that death get us? What do Iraq or America have to show for it?

The same scenario will happen in Afghanistan. Thugs sometimes called the Taliban will band together to steal, kill and retake any part of the country that surrenders to them as played out in Iraq recently.

Do we keep 30,000 troops in Afghanistan to help them police their country and continue to lose our American troops? Physically, emotionally and financially we can't keep thousands of troops in Afghanistan or send thousands back

to Iraq.

There is no ending to this boiling pot of the world. Turbulence in the Middle East will never stop. In recent months we could have justified sending troops to Syria as well and then we could be in three countries. How thin can we spread our soldiers, as well as stretch our American dollars?

Hell is a hot place and we will never extinguish the fire.

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tary, including statements made as fact are strictly those of the letter writers.)

### Stop killing bees

Neonicotinoids (neonies), imidacloprid, clothianidin, thiamethoxam, acetaniprid, dinotefuran, a new prescription? Hardly. These are the insecticides that are killing the bees. One-third of honey bees have been killed. This poison is banned in Europe because it kills bees and butterflies and other pollinators, but they sell it here. It's used on corn and

wheat and a variety of other crops. Not only that but they sell it right here in Cave Junction by others and Monsanto. Use these pesticides and turf builders and it gets into the plant and the dirt and kills the bees right in your own yard. The big nurseries use it and you buy plants for your garden starts, to help the bees and you are killing them. It's really scary.

I look around my garden and think now where did I get that plant? Or, when I got that cutting to start my lavender was it from nursery stock and would the new plant be

killing the bees as well? I'm looking at tearing out a lot of my garden that I've worked so hard and love so much. My mind just doesn't have a lot of experience with this kind of disaster to be calm at all. I'm going totally organic. I'm going to call the EPA and try to get more information. Are the seeds from these plants dangerous? When did they start using this stuff?

These chemical giants companies make a fortune destroying the Earth. They have elected officials in their pocket book with their millions

in donations to get them elected.

People, it's hard to grasp how, but we must save the Earth now. It really is up to each of us in all we do and buy. Now everyone who has a friend or relative who has died of cancer in the last 10 years, stand up - I see we're all standing. Learn what you can and pass it on. It's now or never.

Shalom,  
Bennie Fishal  
Cave Junction

## Obituaries

Celebration of Life will be held for **Albert Dean Laborde "Shorty"** 1934-2014. Saturday, June 28th, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 @ Taylor's Country Store.

Former Selma resident, **Carl Gordon Brownlee, Jr., 67**, of Grants Pass died Monday, June 16, 2014 at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending with Grants Pass Funeral Alternatives.

**Mary Marie Layman, 68** of Cave Junction passed away Sunday, June 22, 2014, at her residence.

Arrangements by Stephens Family Chapel www.stephens-fc.com

**Ellen Mace Wendover, 67**, of Cave Junction, died Sunday, June 1, 2014 at Rogue Valley Medical Center.

Memorial Services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 12 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cave Junction.

Ellen was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cave Junction and The Order of Eastern Star in Kerby, Ore.

Ellen is survived by her sister, Marleen Hutt of Cave Junction. Contributions may be made in her name to your favorite charity.

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## Save The Date

### June 26

Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce Special meeting with guest speaker: Greg Walter.

Gregg will have an update on the Monument expansion. Questions and comments time, all chamber members and guest are invited. June 26, 2014.

Wild River Brewery & Pizza Company 12:00-1:00 p.m. No host lunch.

### June 27 - 28

Yard Sale & Bake Sale Friday & Saturday - June 27 & 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 520 Caves Hwy, Cave Junction Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley.

### June 28 - 29

Saturday - Sunday June 28 & 29. The Cave Junction American Legion Post # 70 will be nicely represented at the Yearly Ham Radio "Field Day" at Schroeder Park in Grants Pass.

This is a World Wide ( yes I said WORLD WIDE !! ) and more so

Nation wide contest to test and show how Emergency Radio Communications works. All those interested are invited. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 12 - noon Sunday. Entrance is Free.

All Elected Officials visiting please Contact Rob for a special bonus. For more information Contact Larry at W7LEV@Cavenet.com

### 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 1

Don't blow your top! Pressure canning class presented by OSU Master Food Preservers at RCC/Kerby Belt Bldg 24355 Redwood Hwy. Tuesday, July 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn to pressure can with confidence and ease! Transform garden abundance into shelf-stable jars of delicious home-processed foods using

safe research-based procedures from OSU. Bring your pressure canner (if you have one) and instruction manual. We'll cover basic features and share tips on finding a canner to suit your needs, too. Hands-on kitchen lab will give you experience canning fresh green beans with a jar to take home. Annual testing of pressure canner gauges is available for free tonight! \$10 cost, although scholarships are available at registration. Pre-register at 541-476-6613 or Josephine.Extension@oregonstate.edu

### July 4, 5 & 6

Reunion Mania, Various locations around the Valley. Check next week's paper for detail on your class.

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

### 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.

### Aug. 16

It's The Berries: Saturday, August 16, 2014 ~ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are now accepting applications for vendors inside and outside. Outdoor spaces must bring your own tables. \$20 with a \$5 refund for a cleaned space.

RCC/Belt Building 24353 Redwood Highway, Kerby, OR

Reservation Deadline is August 12, 2014. Last day for refunds is August 14, 2014.

Contact Hazel Griffith—541-

592-6433 Or Jean Shubert — 541-592-6150

### Aug. 16

Join us along the 80 mile stretch of US Highway 199, from Highway 101 to I-5, featuring yard sales and special events on the third weekend in August, 2014.

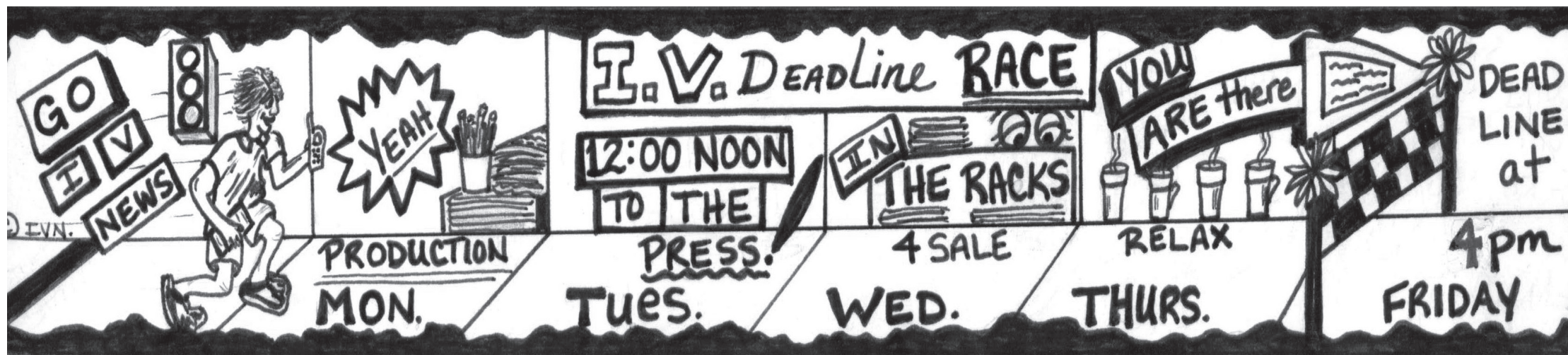
There's no charge to participate, just set up your yard sale in a safe place!

For more information, go to our blog at http://hwy199yardsale.blogspot.com or call 707-720-9379 and leave a message. Held on the same weekend as "It's the Berries".

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### 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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