

## Letters to the Editor

Illinois Valley News welcomes Letters to the Editor.

Please e-mail them to dan@illinois-valley-news.com

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(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact are strictly those of the letter writers.)

### Reader asks for letters

Our countryside is threatened by three proposed nickel strip mines, two of them by a British company, Red Flat Nickel Corp. The Cleopatra Project is on about 2900 acres in the pristine watershed of the North Fork Smith River in the South Kalmiopsis Roadless Area. The Red Flat Project is on about 2000 acres in the headwaters of Hunter Creek and Pistol River.

A third project is at the Rough and Ready Creek area, a new proposal by the proponent of the Nicore nickel mine.

The EPA reports metal mining is the largest toxic polluter in the U.S. Potential dangers include smelter "slag", naturally occurring asbestos, air pollution and surface and groundwater pollution. The impacts of nickel strip mines in these landscapes would be disastrous. The rivers and streams in these areas are now clean and clear no matter how much it rains. The Rough and Ready Creek area hosts a high concentration of rare plants. It would be horrible to let a botanically rich, wild salmon and steelhead sanctuary be turned into an industrial wasteland of strip mines, haul roads and nickel processing facilities.

If you care about this issue, letters can be sent to newspapers, the Obama administration, the Oregon State Water Resources Board and politicians such as Senator Ron Wyden and Representative Peter DeFazio.

Sincerely, Patty Dalegowski  
O'Brien

### Ham radios save lives

Have you ever given it any thought how important communication is? What would you do during a natural or man made disaster? There are many fine people and great organizations both professional and volunteers that think about this all the time. They practice and train constantly so when it "hits the fan" they are ready, willing and able to step in and assist any way they can.

One such group, the Amateur Radio Operators (Hams) have a local club it is called Southern Oregon Amateur Radio Club (SO-ARC.)

The weekend of June 28-29 SOARC and our local American Legion Post # 70 Radio club (TALARC) in Cave Junction participated in a nation wide contest / exercise / exhibition called Ham Field day at Schroeder Park in Grants Pass. The Operators used only emergency / temporary equipment and used their radios for a 24 hour period contacting as many other "Hams" as possible. Fun and training was had by all even a few surprise and welcome guests. Believe me, after watching and participat-

ing in this exercise they are ready for anything.

Larry Braden  
W7LEV  
Cave Junction



TALARC members set up a tower June 28, at Schroeder Park.

## From the mayors desk: by Mayor Carl Jacobson

The governmental entities within our country are representative democracies. The members of the Common Council of the City of Cave Junction are elected (or appointed) to represent the citizens of the City of Cave Junction, to render decisions that are in the best interest of the citizens, the city and community, both immediately and in the long term. The members of the Common Council of the City of Cave Junction are not elected (or appointed) to represent the citizens of Josephine County, who reside outside of the city limits. These people are represented by the Josephine County board of Commissioners. The members of the Common Council of the City of Cave Junction have no jurisdiction relating to the laws, rules or regulations addressing activities or action outside of the corporate limits of the City of Cave Junction. The laws, rules and regulations that apply outside of the city limits are under the jurisdiction of the Josephine County Board of Commissioners.

Individuals (usually the residents of the City of Cave Junction and the Illinois Valley {Josephine County} who use the facilities of the City and shop at the businesses within the city) may be provided an opportunity to express their views of most issues during the Council's regular meetings. On certain issues (adoption of ordinances and land use actions) the City Council will hold a public hearing and during that hearing, members of the public are provided opportunity to state their views and opinions. The elected officials of the City of Cave Junction provide a period for public comment at the end of each regularly scheduled Council meeting (2nd and 4th Mondays). During this time, individuals may address almost any issue they wish, but their comment time is limited to 3 minutes and does not require the members of the Council to respond or com-

ment on anything addressed.

As a veteran of the United States Navy who served to protect our rights and defend our Nation, having served as a City Councilor of the City of Cave Junction and now being Mayor for two terms I will continue to stand for the rights of the citizens of the city, county, state and nation, to express their opinion, whether I agree with that opinion or not. Paraphrasing a quote from someone much brighter than I, "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend your right to say it." But in turn, I fully expect anyone addressing issues to the Council to give everyone else the same right and respect.

There is nothing within the context of the performance of these official duties that require an elected official to listen while they are being told what their opinions, views and thoughts are, or should be on any matter by any individual; to be told of impending action that will occur unless they void actions or terminate contracted services, etc. that could be perceived as a threat or an attempt of coercion to obtain a desired response or resulting action.

As a member of the Common Council of the City of Cave Junction, I will do my best to fulfill the oath of my office, to render decisions that I believe are in the best interest of the citizens of the City and to comply with the ordinances of the City of Cave Junction, the ordinances of Josephine County, the laws of the State of Oregon and the laws of the United States of America, as put forth and authorized by our charters and constitutions.

Carl Jacobson  
Mayor of CJ

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## Save The Date

### July 9

FREE MOVIE NIGHT *Seven Days in May*, 1964 with Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas and Ava Gardner 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 9th @ IV Library.

FREE Movie snacks provided by Oregon Mountain Real Estate.

Josephine Community Libraries - IV Branch 209 W Palmer St, CJ 541-592-4778, josephinelibrary.org

### 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! 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 12

24th Annual Float Fly Grants Pass, OR - The Rogue Valley Flyers announce their ever popular fun and splash filled Float Fly at Lake Selmac in Selma.

This year's event will be on Saturday and Sunday, July 12 & 13. Radio Control pilots from throughout the state will launch a bevy of float-planes from the beautiful blue waters of Lake Selmac and you can always expect the unexpected.

The public is invited to enjoy the flying. While there is no admission, the club will be grateful for the donation of a canned good that will be delivered to the Josephine County Food Bank.

Visitors should also be aware

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

that Josephine County Parks have a day use fee of \$4.00 per vehicle. Flying will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue as long as winds and weather permit. Bring a picnic, lawn chairs, sunscreen and prepare to look up.

Additional information may be found on the club's web site: [www.roguevalleyflyers.com](http://www.roguevalleyflyers.com).

### 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.

### July 26

Chamber of Commerce presents a Bluegrass event at the Trout Pavil-

ion, Lake Selmac. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. \$4 parking, \$15 admission, children under 12 free. Lawn seating, food and beverage vendors.

### 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://hwy-199yardsale.blogspot.com> or call 707-720-9379 and leave a message. Held on the same weekend as "It's the Berries" at the RCC/Belt Building, 24353 Redwood Hwy Kerby, OR

### 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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# Concerts in the Park

Summer 2014

## Thursday Evenings

6:30 - 8:30

Jubilee Park  
Cave Junction

Free admission

Bring your lawn chairs or blanket

Refreshments for sale by  
IV Little League

July 10 • Lonesome Road:  
Country Blues Rock

July 17 • Guppy Whimsical duo

July 24 • Rosie Wittman: Acoustic Rock  
Originals, Dawna Crocker:  
Coffee House singer songwriter

July 31 • East Fork County Bluegrass

Aug 7 • Ras Cricket and the  
Cultivators: Reggae

