



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

Believe it or not, fall is right around the corner. Yeah, I know it's been hovering around 100 degrees the past few weeks and it's still July, but football camps have started, which in some worlds signal the

official start of fall.

The Lorna Byrne football program is in desperate need of new uniforms. Many of our community's boys wore uniforms that literally looked like rags last year. Torn jerseys and pants were the norm. As a result, Tarry Franks and I are back at it again and we need your help. We are trying to raise \$4,000 to get the kids in new uniforms.

Please send a check made out to the Lorna Byrne uniform fund to the *Illinois Valley News* or feel free to make a deposit directly at Washington Federal here in town under the same name. So far, we have had two donations. One donation was for \$200 and the other was for \$100. Donations do not have to be that size, though, as every

dollar counts. I hope the kids can count on you for some support.

A few weeks back, I had a reader question why I run so many car wrecks and house fires on the front page. Sometimes I also feel that I run too many. With this in mind, I took a look back at the now 29 papers that have been printed this year and I must say I was surprised by how few I actually ran. Of the 29 issues, only five covers had wrecks and two had fires. That leaves 21 other covers full of children, musicians, buildings and other outdoor events.

My predecessor Bob Rodriguez was also often accused of running too many collisions or fires on the cover and I once asked Bob about it. His response was it is a

public service. It reminds the reader what can happen in the blink of an eye.

I also know from paper sales that more people pick up the paper to learn about what happened following a tragedy. If that means a few more folks will be a little more cautious, that's a win. It's also a win for advertisers and others who have important information in that week's edition to share with the community.

Lastly, both of my daughters are coming into town for a few days, so while the office will be open, I will be a tad scarce this week.

Anyway, stay cool and thank you for picking up this weeks paper, enjoy! ~ djm

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 loves the earth

They are testing the mountains 12 miles west of O'Brien to see if they can make money mining here for nickel. A wild wilderness with clean water - Rough and Ready Creek, so few places like that now. We hope we can stop this before they destroy more of our lands. People need these untouched places. The ones with the money will ruin them if we allow it. They make their money and leave our land polluted and toxic. The ancient, beauty raked mountain top removal just isn't the same as mountain tops (as mountains with tops), plus gravel pits from strip mining where nothing grows. We are many people who love the earth and want it to be protected from the ones who see only

money as value.

Shalom,

**Mrs. Peno
Cave Junction**

Reader tells a bag tale

I had this conversation with a checker at the supermarket.

Me: And I brought a bag.

Her: I can't give you credit for it.

Me: Why not?

Her: It's a plastic bag.

Me: So? It's a bag. It carries my groceries.

Her: We don't have plastic bags anymore.

Me: I don't need one. I have one. Right here.

Her: Plastic isn't environmentally friendly.

Me: But I am. I brought this bag here to keep it out of landfills. To carry my groceries.

Her: We only give bag credit for environmentally friendly bags, like canvas or paper or plastic.

Me: Or PLASTIC? This is plastic!

Her: No, not plastic like that. Plastic like this. (Showing me a trendy, manufactured, plastic bag with decorative printing and a rope handle.)

Me: Why is that plastic bag more environmentally friendly than this plastic bag?

Her: Because it's reusable.

Me: Then how about this? When I stop reusing this one, you can stop giving me a bag credit for it.

Her: I can't give you credit

for it now.

Me: I don't understand.

Her: I didn't make the rule!

Me: I know that. I'm not blaming you. I'm trying to understand the rule.

Her: We only give bag credit for bags you get from us or bags that are reusable.

Me: (Showing her the printed logo on the plastic bag.) See? This bag came from here.

Her: Okay, but we don't have plastic bags anymore. The law changed.

Me: But I didn't - I still reuse plastic bags, which the law was supposed to encourage.

Her: And that's fine. But I can't give you credit for it.

Me: These Oregon laws are

crazy.

Her: Maybe you like the laws better in California.

Me: Not, I'd rather face your bag laws than California's parking laws. Thanks for trying to explain crazy rules.

Her: You're welcome.

Me: (To shoppers behind me in line.) Sorry for holding up the line, folks! I'm just trying to learn how to be an Oregonian.

Lady behind me: You just come up from California?

Me: Four years ago.

Lady: Some Californians are slow.

**Peter Block,
Submitted by Charlene
Foren,
Cave Junction**

Obituaries

Vincent Donald Bean, 97, passed away of natural causes on Friday, July 18, 2014, at his residence, Fairview Residential in Grants Pass.

He was born in Elwood, Kansas on March 20, 1917 to Lyman "Ernest" Bean and Susie Estella Pillow Bean. His family moved to Alhambra, California in the 40's where he married Evie Bean and had a son, Harold.

His work made him travel through-out California, Nevada

and Oregon, where he eventually retired in Selma in the 60's. He remarried, Carole Jean Sims Bean, in 1958, raising his step-son Phil. Vince worked as a sheet metal mechanic most of his life, owning and operating his own sheet metal shops in California and Oregon.

He enjoyed treasure hunting, gold panning, gardening and reading.

Vince Bean is survived by Step-son, Philip Glen Householder

Sr., 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He will be missed greatly.

Viewing will be held at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors in Grants Pass on Thursday, July 24 from 2-5 p.m. The graveside service will be held at Deer Creek Cemetery in Selma on Friday, July 25 at noon.

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

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Save The Date

July 26

Chamber of Commerce presents a Bluegrass event at the Trout Pavilion, Lake Selmac. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. \$4 parking, \$15 admission, children under 12 free. Lawn seating, food and beverage vendors.

July 26

If you are an artist - either performing or visual - you can have a free listing on the Artworks website: www.ArtWorksGP.com. There will be a free workshop July 26 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to help artists sign up. The event, sponsored by ArtWorks and the Southern Oregon Guild will take place at the Guild gallery in the RCC / Kerby Belt Building, 24311 Redwood Highway. Artists are asked to bring two or three pieces of their work to be photographed and uploaded to the website. For information call: 541-592-5019.

July 27

The Spiral Living Center and The Frog Farm presents A Day of Practical Fermentation, 2 Practical Classes to Promote Self-Reliance and Healthy Lifestyles! 1 p.m. Practical Fermentation: Easy as 1, 2, 3! Saur-Kraut and Spicy Kimchee! This short introductory discussion and fermentation demonstration will give you all the basic stuff you need to know to make your own homemade kraut in quart-mason jars! 3 p.m. Herbal Elixirs and Medicinal Meads: Learn out to brew fun and delicious herbal honey wines! We will sample a few elixirs while discussing the history and mystery of this ancient craft, and then demonstrate how simply mixing honey water and herbs for flavoring or medicinal purposes can create exciting and exotic, Magical Meads! \$15 - 20 Sliding Scale for the Kraut and Kimchee class, \$30 - 35 for the

For more listings go to www.ivcalendar.org

Medicinal Mead class or \$45 for the whole afternoon. Located at 9044 Takilma Rd., Cave Junction. Call 541-592-3642 for more information.

July 30

Wednesday, July 30 at 6 p.m. Presentation by Greg Walter @ IV Library, Early History of Caves City, Tourism and the Oregon Caves National Monument.

The fascinating history of Cave Junction and the junction that occurred upon the building of the Oregon Caves Hwy. (SR46) and the newly built Redwood Hwy.

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

Aug. 2

Summer Reading Wrap-up Saturday, August 2 @ 12 noon.

Barb from IRVAC will be making steam-punk art, IV Library team will be awarding prizes to all summer reading participants and free refreshments will be supplied during story time!

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Aug. 2 & 3

Illinois Valley Little League is hosting the annual Blackberry Festival on Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. & Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Great food, Music and Vendors-Activities for the kids!!

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" at the RCC/Belt Building, 24353 Redwood Hwy Kerby, OR

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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 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*

