



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

Usually Monday nights are pretty quiet as I put the paper together. This past Monday, though, was a little different.

At around 7 p.m. the scanner went crazy with the Reeves Creek Fire. The speed of the responders was pretty amazing. One ODF truck went out to take a look and the next thing you know they had choppers in the air and were looking for tankers.

One home was in danger and a fire truck happened to be in their driveway to hold the flames at bay. Fortunately, the winds changed direction, taking the fire away from the home. Before 9 p.m. the air support was grounded until the morning, leaving hand crews to contain the fire until morning.

Social media lit up with firsthand photos and it seemed everyone was listening to the scanner and posting updates. Josephine County Emergency Manager Jessica Schwarz sent out a

notice shortly before 8:30 p.m. filling in the folks on her list. At that time there were no evacuation orders, but people were told to prepare. The people on Facebook were offering pasture space and Chevy Suburbans with trailers to relocate the animals. It was pretty neat to see the people normally arguing about nonsense drop their opinions and offer help.

These are the reasons I like to live in small towns. Don't remember what you did last night? No problem, someone will tell you. Did something stupid? Someone else will do something and your incident will fall down the list of things to talk about. There is also a flip side. If you are sick, hurt or in need, everyone will know and the out pouring of help will amaze you.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper. Enjoy and be safe. ~ 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 response to July 2nd Dysfunctional Board

I made a bare start writing this letter about the Three River's School

District (TRSD) a few weeks ago after reading Kate Dwyer's LTE titled "Dysfunctional Boards" in the July 2nd, I.V. News issue, then more information followed, in the Daily Courier - dated July 16th, titled "New Superintendent Lands amid dust-up". Now to follow through.

My heart, as I'm sure with many of us, goes out to Kate, her courage, her message, and especially our children - for their health and welfare. What an example of leadership?? The mention of the TRSD going into the sewage treatment business, for profit, or opting that the County or State take charge of it, well, for years they all have been thoroughly backed up with private Corporate interests. The big business of housing and the education of our children, by a 'corporate state' fostering sociological dependency on these dysfunctional institutions. I'm talking, specifically, of the non-ac-

countability to the parents, citizens and the community. TRSD could step up to be an NBC virtual reality show line - after the popular "Shark Tank". (Look at the new superintendent David Holmes "Three Rivers Financial Group"? let's just follow the money here, but perhaps I could be wrong?) The way that they treat each other, or we treat each other - as in the business world, with infighting, disrespect, competitiveness, and heralding the broad cast of dominator personalities is a wide spread symptom of the problem. They/We are corporate actors and for the most part we are complicit with this system, at a deep level, even though we don't like it. We are hooked in, from birth. Every institution has a Corporate frame work. Prior to the 1920s counties and states had their own Grand Juries that would investigate inconsistencies and constructive trust fraud matters, and the violations to

the fiduciary obligations of public servants. These checks and balances have been striped from the public domain and local governments by State and mostly Federal agencies via the Corporate and Banking lobbyists. We need to learn the real history of the Banking Industry, the rise of Corporate Rule and its claim to our constitutional rights which dominate our public institutions - beginning with our system of justice. Life is not a commodity.

The essence of any government that belongs to the people must lie in the biblical injunction, "No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate one and love the other, or else he will hold to one and despise the other." All America seeks a government in which no man holds to his own interest and despises the public interest, and where all men (and women) serve only the public and love that master well... And ... No

responsibility of government is more fundamental than the responsibility of maintaining the highest standards of ethical behavior by those who conduct the public business. There can be no dissent from the principle that all officials must act with unwavering integrity, absolute impartiality, and complete devotion to the public interest. For the basis of effective government is the public confidence. (excerpts from speeches by John F. Kennedy, 1960 & 1961).

Perhaps this or something like it can be read before each meeting. Concerned citizens should also investigate Constructive Trust Fraud and send Courtesy Notices to officials informing them of the fact of the liability they face.

We are living in the times...

Guenter Ambron
CJ

Obituaries

Helen B. Desaulniers, age 68, of Cave Junction, died Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at Rogue Regional Medical Center.

A private service will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Helen was born June 18, 1946 in Baltimore, Maryland to Louis & Katherine Meyers one of 12 children.

Survivors include three sons, Raymond Jarrett of Medford, James Jarrett of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania and Khayyam Waller of Medford, Oregon.

OSU Extension seed crop class offered

Saturday, August 16 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Seeds of the Future an introduction to Seed Breeding and Production in the Rogue Valley, a Specialty Crop.

Seeds are as old as civilization itself, perhaps even the cause of it. The sowing of seeds is the most human of acts and skills. The Rogue

Valley is wonderfully suited to seed growing. Specialty Seed Crops represent a great niche market to small, sustainable farms. This program guides you on an exploration of the subject.

The day begins with a tour of two family farms currently working on innovative seed breeding projects

and cooperative seed marketing. For those interested in growing specialty seed crops, attend an afternoon class for Beginning Seed Growers with Don Tipping, Siskiyou Seed's owner and long-time seed grower.

Tour at 10 a.m.; lunch at 12:30; class at 1:30 p.m. Program is limited to 30

people.

Visit our website to register on line at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/so-rec/farms>

To register contact Maud Powell, OSU Small Farms, at 541-776-7371, ext. 208; e-mail: maud.powell@oregonstate.edu

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Save The Date

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. 9

Little League will be holding a fitness, car wash, bake sale extravaganza on Aug. 9. Fitness classes begin at 8 a.m. Car wash and bake sale begins at 10 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. \$10.00 per class or \$25.00 for three or more classes. \$3.00 for car wash or \$5.00

for car wash and vacuum.

Aug. 9

Kitchen Remedies: Making Herbal Tinctures. Saturday, August 9th from 10a.m.-1p.m. Pre-registration is required, class size limited.

Cost \$25-50 (sliding scale), supplies list provided (optional).

Learn to make herbal tinctures in this hands-on class. Tincture math, fresh vs. dry herbs, dosing, resources, maceration vs. percolation and fluid extract, menstrums: alcohol, glycerine, vinegar. We will make macerated and percolated tinctures in this class and discuss fluid extracts. For more information, call Siskiyou Mountain Herbs at (541) 592-3386, email sisqdeb@gmail.com or visit the website: www.siskiyouherbs.com

Aug. 16

It's The Berries: Saturday, Au-

gust 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

Fieldtrip: Identification and Harvesting in the High Siskiyou Saturday, August 16th from 9a.m.-6p.m.

Pre-registration is required, class size limited. Cost \$40-80 (sliding scale) Supply List on registration.

Do you want to get to know some of the medicinal plants that grow here? Join herbalist Debbie Lu-

kas in this exploration of high elevation medicinal plants. Discuss identifying characteristics, habitat, parts used, collection techniques, preparation and uses. We will field prep tinctures and dry herbs for tea. For more information, call Siskiyou Mountain Herbs at (541) 592-3386, email sisqdeb@gmail.com or visit the website: www.siskiyouherbs.com

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 31 • East Fork County Bluegrass

Aug 7 • Ras Cricket and the Cultivators: Reggae

