



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

Some of us can remember back in the day when our parks were full at night. Softball games were played and music came from the pavilion. Kids played on the playground. Couples strolled hand in hand.

Many of you have only seen this in movies. But, wouldn't it be great if our own park had the same look and feel?

Well, it does. Over the course of the last few weeks, I have noticed a wonderful vibe at Jubilee Park. The adult softball league is in full swing and I am amazed at how many people are taking part, both as spectators and players.

The number of young parents with their children on the new play-

ground equipment come close to matching the kids in the new skate park. Add in the Chamber of Commerce's Concerts in the Park series, and you have hit the superfecta.

Thursday will be the last concert for the season and it features Ras Cricket and the Cultivators, a Reggae band.

So, if you have some time Thursday night, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., come on down and see what the buzz is all about.

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

Letters to the Editor

Illinois Valley News welcomes Letters to the Editor.

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

Why deface signs?

During the last election cycle I saw many campaign signs defaced, broken or simply disappear. My private property was even entered over a fence to remove a large field sign.

Now this same mentality is back in full swing, including the recently placed sign on my property which was red, spray-painted with "I Love Pee" and a picture sprayed in such a manner as to depict blood streaming down someone's face.

Don't they realize this sophomoric approach to garner votes for their candidate may well work against them? Is this the "democratic" process? Liberals represent themselves as

loving, kind, diverse, progressive and fair, yet their actions show their true colors. I feel pity for those with such small, closed minds whose only recourse is to defile that which they cannot understand.

Is there a chance that the final results with this research may one day save the life of your child?

Lynne Vanderlinden
Cave Junction

A big pesticide free thanks!

The Freedom from Pesticides Alliance would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the

volunteers and supporters throughout our county and beyond who helped us qualify our pesticide initiative for November's ballot.

Now and forever known as Measure 17-63, the citizens of Josephine County will finally have the right to choose; the right to say yes or no to the pesticides we have been forced to live with for far too long.

The opportunity to seek freedom from the toxic chemical cocktails used throughout our county year after year. We Thank You.

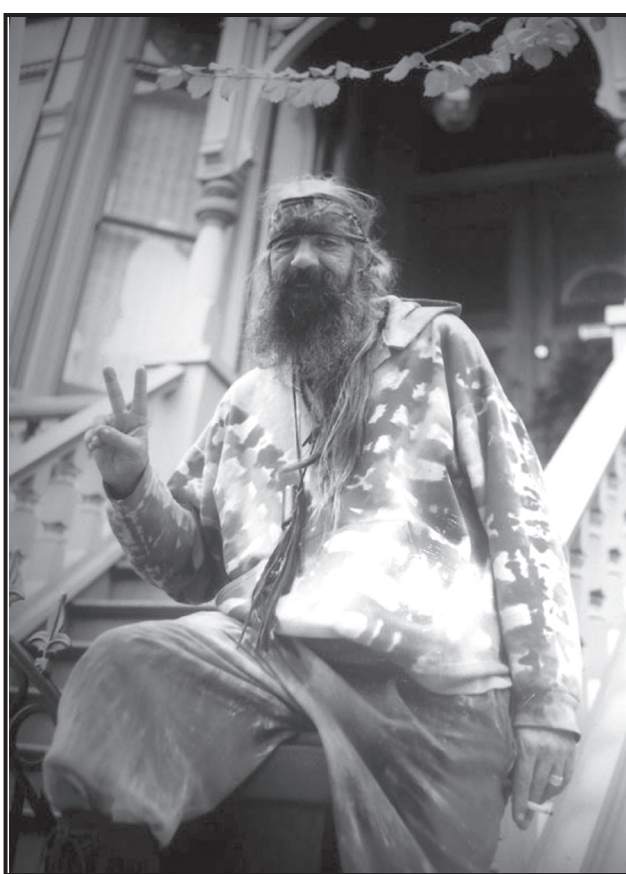
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Audrey Moore
Selma

Obituaries

Edward James Kelley

July 23, 2014 - Fare thee well our Brother ...Rainbow Warrior ...and the true American Hippie Dead Head! Edweiser sailed his wings the eve of July 23, 2014, joining all those who have already made their departure to Terra-pin! Born in Whitehall, New York, he is survived by 9 siblings, one daughter, 6 grandchildren and literally thousands of brothers and sisters coast to coast and beyond. For over thirty years he shined his Lovelight on tour with the Grateful Dead and had an influence that was beyond words. "If we had to explain, you wouldn't understand!" He ran hard and fast with the Crew and was generous to his Family and so many others. He loved music and art and making people "smile". A celebration of life was held, July 29 at HALSTED N. GRAY - CAREW & ENGLISH Funeral Home, in San Francisco. We love you more than words can tell!



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Save The Date

August 7th

The Freedom from Pesticide Alliance invites you to join us as we celebrate our victory; qualifying our pesticide initiative for November's ballot - Now and Forever known as Measure 17-63.

Time to celebrate, gather our efforts and kick off our campaign. Nothing fancy, nothing special other than joining together to toast our future, strategize and share ideas, as we begin to move this train towards its destination - a win in November and finally an End to the Pesticide Poisons.

Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m., The Senior Center, 520 E. River Rd, Cave Junction -Or- Thursday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. The Taprock - Evergreen Room. 971 SE 6th St, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Aug. 9

Kitchen Remedies: Mak-

ing Herbal Tinctures. Saturday, August 9 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.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. 10

Do your kids have those end-of-summer blahs? Take them to the Forks State Park this weekend! On Sunday,

August 10, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a fun workshop for ages 6 to 12 titled: "Tree Identification and Leaf Rubbings." Additional programs for this age group include "Hiking 101" on Saturday, August 23 and "Make your Own Bird Feeders" on Sunday, August 24. Each session lasts about an hour and parents or guardians are welcome to join in. Meet at the park pavilion at 1 p.m. all three days. There's a great swimming hole, shaded picnic tables and easy nature trails for a fun family stay-cation, too! For further information, visit www.oregon.gov/oprd

Aug. 16

Aug. 16, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Grand opening of the Cave Junction Skate Park, free event, demo's music, food, arts and crafts, vendors, skateboard & bike repair.

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

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

Aug. 27

TALENT ALERT!! The 2014 Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival is fast approaching. August 30, through September 1. Jubilee Park in Cave Junction. A TALENT SHOW will again be part of the festivities and AMATEURS of all ages are welcome to participate. The TALENT SHOW will be held on Saturday, Aug. 30, for Juniors. Sunday, Aug. 31, for Intermediates and Monday, Sept. 1, for Adults. Winners of each age group will take home attractive cash prizes. The deadline to enter is August 27. For information and/or to sign up, please call Donna, (541) 596-2719 or Sue, (541) 592-2252.

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- Check the system air filter regularly and change it when it looks dirty. A dirty filter makes the system work less efficiently and reduces air flow.
- Have your cooling equipment serviced each year to keep it running efficiently.

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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

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