

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.)

Oregon Caves Expansion a Good Idea
I write this letter to the editor in support of the proposed Oregon Caves National Monument Expansion. Over 50 Illinois Valley businesses support this proposal and I was hopeful that the city which proudly proclaims itself “Cave Junction, Home of the Oregon Caves” would happily support at no cost to them this simple transfer of federal property from one federal agency to another. The basic premise of my presentation to civic and governmental organizations is to illustrate historical precedence. Cave Junction was built as a direct result of the need to provide goods and services for visitors to the caves. City and businesses leaders of the past did not turn their backs on the thousands of visitors to the caves, but worked with various levels of government to actively attract more visitors for the obvious mutual benefits they provided. We now have the opportunity to expand protection for the Monument’s watershed, which will protect the cave system itself; and to renovate the 80 year old Chateau, to improve energy efficiency and upgrade its plumbing and electrical systems. To address one of the concerns on lodging in town is that no one will build additional lodging in Cave Junction, before there was an increased demand for it. That’s not how the world works and if it did, it would already have been built or renovated.

Obituaries

Louis Franklin “Lou” Chauvin, age 73, of Cave Junction, died Wednesday, September 10, 2014 of complications from Parkinson’s Disease. He was a resident of the Illinois Valley for over 40 years.

A memorial service to celebrate his life was held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at his home, Doo-Dah Farm in Takilma, Oregon. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

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

Lou was born on December 19, 1940 to Helen & Louis Chauvin and spent his childhood in Orange County. He served honorable in the United States Navy and then graduated from Cal State Fullerton and, finally, UC Santa Barbara, where he studied Philosophy. In 1972 he and his family moved to the Illinois Valley along with four other families, and together they created an alternative living community affectionately called Doo-Dah.

As a long time Valley resident, he was engaged in many local projects, such as tree planting, the Dome School, the I.V. Medical Center, and the County Planning Commission. In the 1980’s he worked at Mountain Energy where he was involved in siting alternative energy projects among

other responsibilities. In later years, he was a realtor at Junction Realty.

Lou will be remembered as a kind and loving father and a generous friend. Ever the philosopher, he was known for having a wise word or curious fact to suit most any topic.

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa Pennings, his son, Pablo Chauvin, his three grandsons, Jasper, Finn and Cato Pennings, and his extended family of loving friends.

In Memory
Wow, how time flies by, September 28, three (3) years ago my father passed away here in Cave Junction. His name was Robert (Bob) Braden. You might have known him playing country music, as a ham radio operator (W7LEV), selling /buying many cars, having lunch at the senior meal site, at the local American Legion Post # 70 or at the IV Senior Center.

The list could go on and on, as he lived in this valley over 46 years! Of course I knew him for over 65 years and loved every minute of it. Even when he was “correcting” me with the belt for doing something wrong. Dad, we (Pat, Heather, Bob & I) do miss, love and think about you all the time. This once great country will never see a better father, husband, veteran or friend.

In remembrance,
Larry & Pat Braden,
Cave Junction



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Save The Date

Sept. 19
Friday, September 19 the I.V. Garden Club will have the first meeting of the season at Immanuel Methodist Church 200 W. Watkins, Cave Junction. Social time is 12:30 p.m.; Call to Order is 1:00 p.m. Dr. Christine Peralta Gardiner, a native Oregonian, will present a talk on Genus lili-um with an overview of the classification of true lilies for garden cultivation with emphasis on our local wild species. There will be interesting items for sale in The Country Store, and informative discussions on current gardening problems. Come enjoy!

Sept. 20
Takilma Folk Fair-Bluegrass and Folk Music Featuring: Patrick Dodd,

Wompus Cat, The Brothers Reed, and The IV String Band, Lonesome Road, The Tin Man Project, and Joanne Rand.
Artisan Crafters and Farmers Market, Local Food and Drink.
A Community Sustainability Faire fostering Local Art, Agriculture, and Community Connection.
This is a FREE event. No entrance fee. Vehicle Parking - \$5 For Information Contact Stephanie: foxonrocks@gmail.com or call 541-592-9748 Saturday, September 20 • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sept. 27
Heirloom Ornaments Class Is Back Again September 27 at the Guild Gallery in Kerby
The class that earned

rave reviews last year, Making Heirloom Ornaments, is back again this year -- September 27 from 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. in the Southern Oregon Guild’s Gallery at the RCC Kerby Campus (the Belt Building) in Kerby.
The Heirloom Ornaments class, presented by Lea Berleau, who has been building her own amazing collection of holiday ornaments since she was eight years old, last year yielded multiples of gorgeous ornaments for all participants.
Lea and sister, Jean Robertson, collect materials all year so there’s a multitude of different shiny and colorful objects with which to decorate a small styro-foam globe. Lea shares the techniques she has developed over the years and

both sisters offer design ideas and help, if needed.
Class fee is \$30 per adult; \$50 for one adult and a child (preferably 10 or older); \$60 for one adult and two children. Materials are included. Class size is limited and it’s already almost half full, so early registration and payment is recommended.
Pay by cash, check or credit card at the Guild in the Belt Building in Kerby or by credit card online at <http://southernoregonguild.org>. You can also call the Guild at 541-592-5019 to get you name on the list or mail a check payable to Southern Oregon Guild to P.O. Box 1596, Cave Junction, OR 97523.
Oct. 28
Rogue Community College,

in partnership with College Dreams, are excited to announce the 7th annual “College Night in Oregon” (CNO) events on Tuesday, October 28th, 2014. CNO presents a unique opportunity for us as educators to promote post-high school attendance at any college, to Rogue Valley high school seniors and juniors. Attendees will learn much needed information about admissions, financial aid, and scholarships to assist them (and their parents) in making that all-important transition to higher education.
This year, we are offering THREE locations; RCC’s Redwood Campus in Grants Pass, RCC’s Riverside Campus in Medford, and Illinois Valley High School in Cave Junction. Free pizza and soda will

be provided to those who register on-site from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. At the close of the evening, there will be a drawing for at least two \$500 dollar scholarships at each location! Scholarship recipients can use this scholarship toward future expenses at any college or university of their choosing
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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