

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.)

Reader disappointed with thieves

I would like to express my total disappointment and disbelief at the idiot that took the firefighter’s war bag out of the fire truck at Shop Smart. Not only did this stupid person take the firefighter’s only clothes, that usually consists of two changes of clothes, personal stuff, possibly a one man tent, sleeping bag, pillow and maybe a little extra cash, wallet and report papers that proves what that person has been doing. Not to say anything about the special clothes they have to wear on the fire line or they can’t work which means they do not get paid which means no pay check for their family to pay bills and buy food.

These guys and gals do a dirty, hot dangerous job that most people can’t or won’t do. They get very little thanks for what they do. So for some fool to do this is so very wrong. I’m pretty sure whoever did this won’t read this and I’m sure if their mom and dad knew what they did, they would be really proud.. This also makes our town look worse to anyone

who comes here. I know about firefighters because I’m a mom to one. Good going jerk!

**Linda K. Hurt
Cave Junction**

Reader gives thanks

Wasn’t it Willy Wonka that said, “We are the music makers and we are the dreamers of the dream”?

On Sept 7, we were the pie makers and the dreamers of the dream.

Thank you, Illinois Valley, for making our 105.7 KXCJ LP FM Community Radio fundraiser at the IV Library a huge success. With Auctioneer Kelly Green’s quick-as-lightening wit and verbiage, the pies were flying off the table at unbelievable prices. Of course, that was with the help of Frog, who sailed gracefully (in heels!) from person to person finding the perfect human-pie match (if the price was right). Our MC, John Gardiner, even managed to say, “croquembouche” without a hitch.

Thank you to the library staff; Roberta, Caroline, Kate, Ryan and Kaci, answering to the unending details in the weeks prior. It was a lovely spot to bring people together, in the shade of the big oak. The tables were set with gorgeous (donated) flowers and plates piled high with delectable food, most of which was donated...and some coming straight from this year’s garden.

Thank you to all the pie makers (there were 23 pies and one croquembouche), it was a delight and an honor to see these edible works of art.

Thank you to Matt Malone and Frog who grilled the grillables.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came and set up tables, served the victuals and acted as willing roustabouts

throughout the day.

Thank you to the musicians; Corvid, Mark and Kent, and Lilyana for the tunes.

Thank you Cabin Chemistry, Taylor’s Sausage, Wild River, Foris Winery, and Shop Smart for your generous donations.

Thank you to all of you who came and participated in creating the ambiance that won the day.

On that day we raised \$4,510!!!! With community support like this, we are much closer to getting KXCJ LP FM on the air! Cheers,

**Carolyn Taormina
KXCJ LP FM Steering Committee**

Reader says, “Don’t be a robot!”

After reading the Arguments Against the far over-reaching pesticide ban, Measure 17-63, in the voter’s pamphlet (online at the Josephine County Clerk’s web-site; click on “voter’s pamphlet), and the initiative itself at freedomfrompesticidesalliance.org, it took me about two minutes to conclude I’d have to be nuts to vote for it. Unfortunately, we seem to be living in a fear-based society these days.

Don’t drink the proponents’ poison by robotically accepting what will undoubtedly be the usual daily letter to the editor written by the usual people trying to convince you that both you and your dog are gonna’ die unless you see it their way. Indeed, you might actually die if you vote for it! They couldn’t even muster up one single Argument in Favor.

Just read the two items mentioned above. It’ll take you about 15 minutes and you will be able to honestly call yourself an informed voter.

Lynne Vanderlinden, Cave Junction

From the Mayor’s desk: by Cave Junction Mayor Carl Jacobson Jr.

In regards to our recent tagging and vandalism in Jubilee Park, we have installed two video cameras that can be viewed live and have a delayed timer (time and date). Maybe with these cameras in place we can put a handle on some of our vandalism. Taking pictures of car tags and those who are driving them will help. We have had a lot of interest in doing something about these ongoing problems, so I had the Parks Department put these issues on the docket for the council to address and

low and behold not one of the people (except two ladies) showed up for the council meeting. Maybe something will come of it, only time will tell. We have seen a rise in littering at the skate park, but it’s not all the skateboarders’ fault, it’s the people that drive in and park and proceed to crank up their boom boxes and stereos. Be aware that the park officially closes at dusk and opens at dawn. There will be pictures taken and tickets issued for littering and after hours use. Please be respectful of the people that live around the park.

I recently attended an Oregon Mayor’s Conference in Pendleton. I met with over 90 other mayors and was honored to represent our town at this conference. By attending this conference, I get valuable information and insight

into how other small cities are handling their problems. I, in turn give information on how we are handling similar circumstances. I am still on the Board of Directors of the OMA and in line for a spot on the LOC (League of Oregon Cities) Board. I love this City and try and represent her to the rest of the state.

I am currently working on the Land Swap with BLM and State Parks. If we can get the right combination, in other words, the right senator to start the ball rolling, we might be able to start cleaning up the area that was burned a few years ago, and develop a campground to draw people to our town and to enjoy our country side.

**Carl Jacobson Jr.
Mayor of Cave Junction**

Obituaries

Walter S. Wandel, age 90, of Cave Junction, died Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at Providence Medford Medical Center.

No services are planned. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Walter was born May 8, 1924 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Walter was a life guard at Cabrillo Beach. He was a paramedic at Harbor UCLA Medical Center until his retirement.

He and his wife, Ellena lived in San Pedro, California until 1977 when they moved to Cave Junction.

Walter loved to go into town and meet friends to talk and have coffee.

Survivors include his wife, Ellena Wandel and family.

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Save The Date

Sept. 24
Girls Varsity Soccer: Cascade Christian vs. Illinois Valley High School, 4:30 p.m. and

Sept. 24
Open House, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at I.V.H.S.

Sept. 25
Open House at Lorna Byrne,

Sept. 25
Volleyball Girls JV and Freshman Game, Away vs. Rogue River High School at 5 p.m. and Volleyball Girls Varsity, Away vs. Rogue River at 6:15 p.m.

Sept. 26
Football Boys, JV game Away vs. Coquille High School at 4 p.m. and Football Boys Varsity Game Away at Coquille High School at 7 p.m.

Sept. 26
The public is invited to participate in a free event at the Oregon Caves National Monument.

On Friday, an interpretive program begins at 8 p.m. in the lower parking

lot, followed by stargazing at 9 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a chair, a blanket and a friend to learn about humanity’s changing perceptions of the stars.

Sept. 27
Volleyball Girls Varsity Tournament Away vs. St. Mary’s School and Volleyball Girls JV Tournament Away vs. St. Mary’s School Times to Be announced, Cross Country Varsity Away vs. TBA at Honeyman State Park.

Sept. 27
The public is invited to participate in a free event at the Oregon Caves National Monument.

Saturday is National Public Lands Day, the nation’s largest single-day volunteer event for public lands. A volunteer clean-up day will take place inside the caves from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. followed by a pizza lunch. Volunteers will remove lint and other small debris using tweezers, brushes and other hand tools. Registration is required. Call 541-592-

2100, ext. 2254. Visit [www. publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org) for information.

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 a.m. 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 your name on the list or mail a check payable to Southern Oregon Guild to P.O. Box 1596, Cave Junction, OR 97523.

Oct. 9
Taco Night, 5-7 p.m. St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ, Donations go to benefit the Harvest Kitchen.

Oct. 13 & 14
Youth Wrestling sign

ups: October 13 & 14 from 5 - 7 p.m. at I.V. High School for ages 5 years and up. Fee: 1 kid-\$100, more than 1 kid - \$75 each. Parent involvement in fundraising is required. We are not a school funded sport. Parents are responsible for getting wrestling shoes. Please bring back any warm-ups, singlets, and donated shoes from last season.

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 28, 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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