



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

Fall is in the air. It's not just the colors of the trees and grapevines, it's also in the scent of the air. As many of you have noticed, the annual influx of "trim-igrants" has arrived, which means Oregon State Police saturation patrols will be starting

soon.

Cannabis has been a sticky subject in political conversations this year with cities and counties being forced to deal with the dispensary issues. Sadly, most have just punted and done nothing to prepare for the upcoming May 1, 2015, deadline for municipalities to allow medical dispensaries.

Cave Junction took the route of suing the state and the hearing was held Sept. 30 where Judge Pat Wolke said he needed more time. So, at this point, we have no idea which direction this will go.

To complicate matters even further, we have Measure 91 on the ballot this November. Measure 91 allows recreational cannabis and municipalities will not have the option of banning it.

The reality of the cannabis issue is this: It's here and it's not going anywhere. Our community profits greatly from the cannabis industry. People argue that cannabis is bad for us. Others argue

that it's a miracle drug. Back in the day, alcohol was illegal. All that did was make many families extremely wealthy.

Keeping cannabis illegal is only doing the same thing. Those employed in the industry do not pay taxes. Many receive benefits from the state such as food stamps and free health care. Yes, they make cash, pay zero taxes and get money back from the government. Legalize it now and then dispensaries will issue tax forms to growers. In turn, it would be wise for them to do the same for their trimmers and garden gnomes. People will have to pay into the system, thus lightening the load of the welfare system.

For those of you against the plant, I hope this little tidbit resonates with you.

In Josephine County we have few options for economic prosperity. Don't let your generational bias be the spotted owl of the cannabis industry.

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
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'Illinois Valley News' encourages letters to the editor provided they are legible and not libelous or scurrilous. All letters must be signed, including name, address and telephone number. The latter need not be published, but will be used to verify authenticity. The "News" reserves the right to edit letters. Letters are used at the discretion of the publisher.

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

As Chief Petitioner of Measure 17-63, I would like to extend a personal invitation to all who may question the validity of Measure 17-63.

In particular, our County Commissioners, Public Works, ODOT, Jim Frick, Carl Wilson and all who publically or privately believe Measure 17-63 is somehow unwarranted or in terms, we've seen of late; "over reaching, extreme, or radical."

Join us, Wednesday, October 8 at the Grants Pass High School Performing Arts Center

for the debut of "The Human Experiment", a documentary that reveals the extent of the toxic chemicals in our lives.

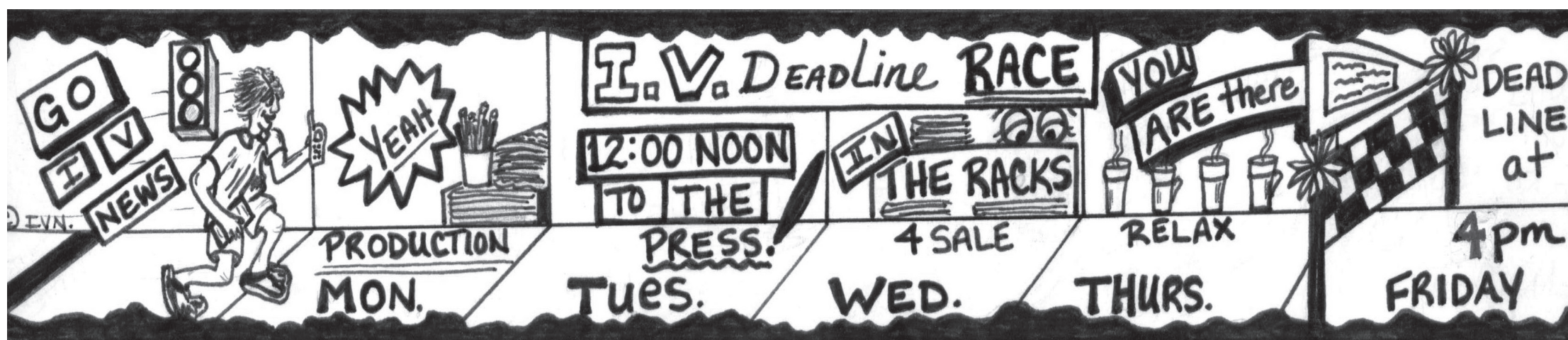
Following this film will be a Panel Q & A session featuring our special guest E. G. Valliantos, author of six books, his most recent "Poison Spring- The Secret History of Pollution and the EPA". Bringing 25 years of EPA experience to Southern Oregon. The panel should be able to address and answer your questions and/or concerns as to why we should ban corporate and governmental pesticide practices requiring an applicators license.

Our goal is for Josephine County to be a

model for healthy air, water, soil and bodies for Oregon. To help put an end to the illnesses and cancer cluster noted throughout our region. To offer Josephine County the peace, safety and happiness afforded us in Oregon's Constitution. More importantly: our right to say NO to toxic poisons and our right to a healthy and safe future, currently not afforded us.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. - Film at 7 p.m. - Panel following a short recess.

Joel Moore
Chief Petitioner
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Securing Josephine County

Please join us at Bridgeview Vineyard and Winery located in the beautiful Illinois Valley to help support Gil in his election for Josephine County Sheriff

Sunday, October 12th 3:00-7:00
\$50.00 per Person

Taylors Famous Dogs and Old Fashion BBQ
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Local Brew's

Please RSVP at gilbertsonforsheriff.com
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Obituaries

Former Cave Junction resident, **Dorothy Marie Geib, age 92**, of Grants Pass, died Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Countryside Village.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Jerry West, age 72, of Cave Junction, died September 12, 2014 at his home.

A celebration of life will be at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Jerry's residence. Southern Oregon Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Please sign the family guest book at

www.since1928hull.com.

Jerry was born July 12, 1942 in Millington, Illinois. In 1960 he graduated from Sandwich High School in Sandwich, Illinois. For 30 years while living in Alaska, Jerry logged, worked on the Alaska pipeline and helped clean up the Valdez oil spill. He also logged in Washington and Oregon. Some said he was the

hardest worker. In 1982 he moved from Powers, Oregon to Cave Junction.

Jerry was a member of a labor union.

Jerry enjoyed collecting stamps and coins as well as unique quality items. He took a lot of pride in his belongings (neat freak). He restored vintage cars, built hot rods, and enjoyed listening to 70s and 80s music.

Survivors include four children, Dwayne Adams of Key Biscayne, Florida, Dawn Denvir of Laurie, Missouri, Deirdre West of Coos Bay, Oregon, and Blaine West of Powers, Oregon; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald West and his partner, Dixie Canfield.

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Save The Date

Oct. 6,
IVHS Soccer, Boys JV Game, Away vs. Milo Academy, US Cellular Field at 3 p.m.

IVHS Volleyball Girls JV Game, Cascade Christian at IVHS at 5 p.m.

IVHS Volleyball, Girls Varsity Game, Cascade Christian at I.V.H.S

Oct. 7
IVHS Volleyball Girls Freshman Game, Away vs. Lakeview High School at 4 p.m.

IVHS Volleyball Girls, JV Game Away vs. Lakeview High School at 5 p.m.

IVHS Volleyball Girls Varsity Game, Away vs. Lakeview High School at 6:15 p.m.

Oct. 8
IVHS Cross Country Varsity Invitational, Away vs. Grants Pass, Dutcher Creek Golf Course, 4 p.m.

Oct. 8
"The Human Experiment," a documentary pro-

duced and narrated by Sean Penn, will be presented free of charge at the Grants Pass H.S. Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The film will screen at 7 p.m. and an expert panel will offer a Q & A session at 8:30 p.m. Guest Evan G. Valliantos, author of *Poison Spring - The Secret History of Pollution and the EPA* will discuss the "...thousands of untested chemicals in our everyday products, our homes and inside of us." Valliantos states, "The EPA, an agency Americans have naively trusted, has betrayed its mission." The evening will also feature music by Carol Valentine and is sponsored by the Freedom from Pesticide Alliance and the Siskiyou FilmFest. Donations welcomed. Call 541-592-2693 for carpooling or further information.

Oct. 9
IVHS Football Boys

JV Game, Thurston at IVHS at 5 p.m.

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

Oct. 10
IVHS Speech/Debate Varsity Tournament, Away vs. Marshfield High School

Oct. 11
IVHS Cross Country Invitational, Away vs. South Umpqua High School

IVHS Volleyball Girls Varsity Tournament, Away vs. North Valley High School

IVHS Soccer Girls Varsity Game, Lakeview at IVHS at 3 p.m.

Oct. 11
Harvest Moon Hoedown, Barn Dance & Variety Show presented by IRVAC at the Selma Community & Education Center, 18255 Redwood Hwy., Selma, 5-10

p.m. Admission \$10, \$5 for ages 8-18, 3-5 p.m. Outdoor Jam session, 5 p.m. Doors open, 5:30 p.m. I.V. String Band, 6:30 p.m. The Antonucci Collective, 7:30 p.m. Square dancing with John Luna (will teach dances), Quilt Show, 50/50 raffle & Pie Auction.

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. 15
FREE Health Talk: AllCare Health Plan, a local Coordinated Care Organization, invites you to a talk about Health and Wellness.

Learn about Free Health and Wellness programs for AllCare members, Tobacco Cessation, and 10 steps towards improving your health. 6:30 PM at Healthy U. 535 E. River St., Cave Junction. Call 541-592-4888 with questions.

Oct. 15
The Illinois Valley News and the Illinois Valley Chamber will host a candidate forum on Thursday the 16th. Starting at 5 30 p.m. City Council. 6 p.m. Sheriff and from 7 p.m. County Commissioners. The event will be held at the Josephine County Building in Cave Junction.

Oct. 20
Monday, 4:30 - 8:30 pm a Town Hall Meeting/Potluck will be hosted at the County Building in Cave Junction. Topics: Neighborhood Watch, Drought, County Measures 1762 (Library) and 1763 (Pesticide Ban), State Measures 91(pot) and

92 (GMO). Candidates are Welcome to Join. email cmecc@cavenet.com for agenda / inclusions.

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.

Ongoing
Cub Scouting, Pack 880, Grades 1-5, Call Larry Hammersmith, 541-592-3919 or George Nadow, 541-592-6771

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