

# Letters to the Editor

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## Reader asks when criminals work

Often elections are decided by voters that do not follow the news everyday & frequently depend on sources such as Bill Maher, David Letterman, & other dedicated liberal/progressives in the major media. It's ironic that many of the "finer" universities where a free exchange of ideas, views, & experiences have leftist student groups and instructors that demonstrate if a speaker is a conservative. Perhaps the left are afraid of open minded students being drawn from their sphere of influence toward the conservative principles of free speech, competition and debate. Haven't we been told over and over that Democrats/liberals/progressives are the "Party of tolerance"?

These low information voters & shallow thinkers are further handicapped in their decision making in the voting booth by the major media, which the past couple of decades or so act as a megaphone to carry far left messages from their liberal/progressive friends. Of course if the news is unfavorable to Obama or other leftists, they simply don't cover it in their news because they don't want people voting against their favored ones. Lately we have seen a few journalists slip into objectivity and honesty.

Examples: 1. When Mitt Rom-

ney debated Obama and said in answer to a moderators question that a major geopolitical problem in the future would be with Russia. Obama scoffed at that answer saying the Cold War was over years ago. Of course today one of our major geopolitical problem is Russia, demonstrating a good executive is way ahead of most of us in their analysis rather than "leading from behind". 2. Fast & Furious is the name of a failed program under cry baby AG Holder which allowed a couple thousand weapons to be smuggled to the cartels in Mexico which resulted in the killing of a U.S. agent, Brian Terry. Several hundred Mexicans have been killed by these weapons as well. Obama declared "executive privilege" to prevent investigation into this terrible idea, and our major media says nothing. 3. Benghazi is the name of a city in Libya where we lost Ambassador Stevens and three other Americans in an attack on our consulate even though Stevens had for months requested more security. Our Secretary of State failed to respond, resulting in the deaths. 4. The ongoing VA corruption is being addressed by the Obama administration by the routine like moving the deck chairs on the Titanic. The "no fire" policy of this regime continues to protect unions and bureaucrats while veterans continue to suffer and die. Finally, Obama's failure to leave a small force in Iraq had resulted in the hoards of ISIS (ISIL) overrunning much of Iraq while our ditherer in chief responds with a timid air strike approach as if he wants another Viet Nam type result. Again the major media is largely absent.

Incompetence is the word to describe the Obama Administration and most of the major media.

**Greg Anderson**  
Cave Junction

## Reader questions credentials

At today's neighborhood watch meeting in the Illinois Valley, the

frustration level was palatable. It seems after the big splash in the paper about the Sheriff training citizens to process burglary scenes, the Sheriff informed them that he can't use them. He didn't reach out to any of our I.V. neighborhood watch programs until this ELECTION year and has botched that. Citizens spoke of numerous promises made by Gilbertson with no follow through. Enough election year antics - EIGHT years of inept leadership has got to end! Recently on the news Sheriff Gilbertson said it was imperative that his office have a good working relationship with other local law enforcement agencies, specifically Jackson County. So why does he throw Oregon State Police under the bus every chance he gets? Why do a majority of members of our local law enforcement community, who work with him on a daily basis, not support him? Maybe it's because he doesn't know what he is doing? He publicly stated he wasn't familiar with Oregon law when he botched an alcohol related fatality and turned it over to Oregon State Police to fix. Instead of protecting us from the Feds who MAY take our guns, how about the Sheriff protect us from the meth/heroin dealers who ARE taking our guns? Maybe because criminals don't work M-F, 9:00 to 5:00 pm.

**Carol Dickson**  
Cave Junction

## Reader has a rock in his shoe

Good citizenship is taught to all of us when we are in grade school.

Apparently a few guys named Andreas Blech of Sunny Valley Sand and Gravel (formerly Havilah Resources), Simon Hare and Keith Heck, Josephine County Commissioners have decided to not be good citizens with their recent application and approval of a proposed aggregate quarry near the corner of Daisy Mine Road and Placer Road in Sunny Val-

ley. The proposed quarry is a threat to domestic water wells of people living in Sunny Valley despite the information presented by Andreas Blech and his hired staff that presented their application.

Good citizenship by a person does not include threatening peoples' domestic water supply among other examples.

From articles presented in the Grants Pass *Daily Courier* it is stated that Keith Heck is a former U.S. Marine. A true U.S. Marine is required to be a good citizen and not threaten innocent civilians' domestic water supply.

The decision by Andreas Blech, Simon Hare and Keith Heck to apply for and to approve the proposed aggregate quarry of Sunny Valley Sand and Gravel (formerly Havilah Resources) is wrong. It is not good citizenship.

**Bill Lorch**  
Sunny Valley, Oregon

## Reader thinks thieves will like 17-63

To the people thinking of voting yes on 17-63. You must read the 3rd and 4th paragraph of 17-63, it allows any person or groups to enter your and my property to look for pesticides without any permission or warrant. "It would allow enforcement by either court action or 'direct action' by a resident or group of residents, and would prohibit actions against those participating in 'direct action.'" (Measure 17-63) It overrides local and state laws and by doing so it could allow every lowlife the excuse to trespass and steal property without the threat of prosecution of the law. With the law enforcement at the lowest levels this is not the time to allow this to happen. It could allow us to go back to the Wild West - this would be a vote for no law and order.

**Robert Kerivan**  
Cave Junction

## Reader says donating is the answer

Measure 17.62, the proposed permanent Library Tax District, will increase taxes 39 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. This would raise property taxes more than \$2,600,000 based on the 2013-2014 tax base. Taxpayers would have to pay this in addition to the current tax of \$3,900,000 now collected at the 58 cents per \$1,000, a whopping 67% increase beginning in 2015!!

And, the new Library Board could raise your taxes every year thereafter. But, if you can't pay this new Library tax as well as the current tax, a lien on your property could result in forfeiture!

On the other hand, this same \$2,600,000, if instead was dedicated to battling rampant crime in Josephine County, would provide funding for 24/7 Sheriff's road patrol, Juvenile Justice Center, District Attorney, jail, and maybe a rainy day fund!

I have a better idea.

Assuming there are 10,000 voters who want to pass Measure 17.62, who would become tax donors and voluntarily give their own money in lieu of the proposed new library property tax to cover the \$2,600,000 each would share the cost of \$260, and there would be no additional property tax for those who can't afford higher taxes!!

Other voluntary ways to supplement current grants and donations for the current non-profit library system, might include such as business donations, duck derby, charging for books at checked out, and donation jars?

Voluntary library funding is covered by those who want it, and, no new taxes are needed.

Guess we really don't need the proposed Library taxing district.

Everybody is happy!

Let's keep our taxes low!! It's time to Vote No...on Measure 17.62!

**Robert Thomas**  
Cave Junction

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# Obituaries

**Helen Lilian Bauch, 94**, of Cave Junction, passed away on Saturday, October 4 at Three Rivers Hospital in Grants Pass, OR. Helen was born February 19, 1920 in Bristol, England. As a telephone/switchboard operator for the Royal Air Force during WWII she met her husband, Myron L. Bauch, who was stationed in Bristol at the time. They married in England in 1945. After the war, Myron brought Helen back to the states to Wisconsin. From there they moved to Sunland, California where they began and raised their family. During 1974 they moved to Cave Junction, Oregon.

Together, Helen and Myron had four children: Karen Anctil of Ventura, CA; Mike Bauch of Redding, CA; Cathy Horne of Spring, TX; and Sue Boucher of Cave Junction, OR. Family includes ten grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and numerous extended family members. Helen also leaves behind loved ones in England and Australia.

Helen (Nana) embraced her family with

admirable strength and love. Her compassion for family and the things she loved was ap-



Nana

parent to all who knew her. Nana's kind heart, quick wit and contagious giggle will live on in the memories kept within so many hearts.

With good fortune and a caring husband she was able to be a homemaker throughout her life. Her home reflected her warm and caring heart which shined through with open arms to all those who knew her. Known by many names, Helen, Mother, Me Mum, Nana, and Nan, she will be forever missed by family, friends and people whom she has touched.

In the words of Robert N. Test, "If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever."

Helen was preceded in death by her husband Myron in 1992 and a grandson Nick in 2013. Family in England that have passed before her are her parents, Henry and Lilian Harris, two brothers, Harry and George, and her sister Val.

Private Memorial Services will be held.



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# Save The Date

## Oct. 22

IVHS Girls Varsity Soccer at Home vs. Rogue River High School at 5:30 p.m.

## Oct. 23

IVHS Cross Country Varsity District Regionals, Away vs. Rogue River at Valley of the Rogue State Park.

## Oct. 24

"Cultural Trails: Restoring the Condor to Yurok Country" on October 24 6:30 p.m., Deer Creek Center, Selma

Free refreshments.

## Oct. 25

IVHS Girls Varsity Soccer, Away vs. St. Mary's

High School at US Cellular Field at 10 a.m.

IVHS Varsity Football Game, Away vs. St. Mary's High School at 5:30 p.m.

## Oct. 25

Illinois Valley Garden Club Fall Plant Sale & Country Store. Saturday, October 25, 2014, County Building, 9:00 a.m. until Sold Out. Last chance to add a variety of veggie, floral and other plants to your winter gardens or green houses for next year. Proceeds benefit IV High School Scholarship Program.

## Oct. 25

7th Annual Acorn Festival on Sat., Oct. 25 at Selma Community Center, 18255 Redwood Hwy., Selma, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., workshops on processing acorns, cooking with Lena Hurt, fun and educational activities for kids, Scarecrow Contest: free entry with \$100 prize,. Around-the-world potluck at 5 p.m, hosted by the Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network. For more information contact Suzanne Vautier at 541-291-8860.

\*Scarecrow Contest on Oct. 25 at the Selma Community Center, 18255 Red-

wood Hwy., Selma, during the Acorn Festival, free entry, scarecrows should be "life-sized", entries must be completed and signed in the Selma Center by 11 a.m. on Oct. 25, the public can vote on their favorite scarecrows until 4 p.m., winner to be announced at 4:30 p.m., \$100 prize. For more information call Suzanne Vautier at 541-291-8860.

## 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.

## Nov. 7 & 8

Illinois Valley Senior Center Christmas Bazaar 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; set-up on Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. - ?A few tables still available for \$20, size 3'x8', first come, first

served, reserve soon, Call Rich at 541-592-6888, or come in to sign-up, 520 E. River St.

## Dec. 5

IV Chamber Mixer/Auction at Wild River Brewery Friday, Dec. 5 from 5-9 p.m.. This will be a no host pizza with beer and wine tasting donated by Wild River and Bridgeview Winery.

## Ongoing

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

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