



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

Over the past few weeks, we have lost two IV Lions who were active members of our community.

It took some time for me to grow on Lew Lyons. I would see him at Carlos's and his drink would be in the same spot

Letters to the Editor

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Walker Recall Effort Falls Short – Or Does It?

An October 1st article by Annette Rasch "Walker Recall Effort Falls Short", quoted numbers from Josephine County Clerk Art Harvey and gave a lot of weight to Cheryl Walker's point of view. The state required statistical sampling system, mentioned in this article, only looks at a fraction

of the submitted signatures. Ten percent of the total signatures are sampled and verified. The signatures determined to be valid are used in statistical formulas to estimate the total number of valid signatures. If these formulas indicate that there are not enough valid signatures, another 10% plus one signature are sampled and verified. The valid signatures in this sample are combined with the valid signatures of the first sample and, once again, used in statistical formulas to estimate the total number of valid signatures. If this estimate does not contain the required number of valid signatures, and you cannot submit additional signatures before the filing deadline, the petition does not qualify for the ballot.

What does this mean? It means that estimates based on 20% of the total collected signatures can disqualify the petition without validating the remaining 80% of signatures. Conversely, a petition can qualify for the ballot based on

the first 10% sampling, without the validation of the remaining 90%. Like it or not, that's the way the system works.

The bottom line is, Cheryl Walker dodged a recall at this election based on nothing more than a statistically based estimate. According to Art Harvey, the failure was due largely to unregistered voters. It may be unprecedented to have an elected official so unpopular that people unwilling to exercise their right to vote, sign petitions to have her recalled.

Some of the statements that Ms. Rasch quoted from Cheryl Walker are indicative of an individual in a complete state of denial with the all too familiar inability, or refusal, to accept responsibility for one's own actions. Cheryl Walker supported, promoted and voted in favor of the solid waste ordinances. Commissioner Keith Heck also voted in favor of these ordinances. With an administrative action, these two individuals overturned the ordinances pre-

viously adopted by the public. They did not refer these new ordinances to the public. That had to be achieved through the initiative process.

Once guaranteed a spot on the ballot, came the refusal to print a voter's pamphlet. It appeared that they did not want voters to be able to read about the ordinances. Not until former commissioner Sandi Cassanelli publicly offered \$10,000 toward publication of a pamphlet, did the current commissioners begrudgingly decide to (or were shamed into) having a pamphlet printed.

Walker supporters want us to believe that it was all Simon Hare's fault for bringing these ordinances to the table initially. This appears to be an excuse for, or perhaps a denial of, Walker's subsequent actions. In other words, "It's all his fault. He made me do it!" While it is obvious to me that Simon Hare was in favor of the ordinances, it is hard to fault him for the other commissioners' actions.

Cheryl Walker's behavior at public meetings is, well, public - and recorded - as well it should be. It is a matter of record how people that disagree with her, and speak out at public meetings, are labeled as purveyors of misinformation, liars and disruptive influences. At times, they are even silenced by her at these meetings for their opposing view(s).

Any public official, regardless of their job performance, has some loyal supporters. Whether it is a political party or a local official, loyal supporters tend to overlook wrongdoing by their candidate, regardless of how egregious. Yet, they will condemn another for the same actions.

I am certainly not singling out Cheryl Walker. Each of our three commissioners, through their own individual actions, deserves a spot on a recall ballot. Unfortunately, the public will not have that option, at least at this election.

Ray Smith
Cave Junction

Obituaries

Lewis M. Lyons of Cave Junction, passed away at home on October 21, 2014 at the age of 87.

Lew and his wife Bonnie moved to Cave Junction in 1991 after attending numerous "Sub Station North" Reunions with other retired Long Beach Police retirees. At age 16, he started working in the Long Beach Naval Shipyards, then McDonnell Douglas before being hired by the Long Beach Police Department. Lew retired as a Sergeant from the Department after 28 years of service. He served in the Army and Air Force, WW2, and the Korean War. He was also a proud member of the Kerby Belt Masonic Lodge and the IV Lions Club.

His hobbies included camping and dirt bike riding with his son Steve in his earlier years and restoring and building Volkswagens after retirement. He loved to travel and made many trips to Mazatlan Mexico with his daughters and retired LBPD friends. He enjoyed playing poker at the Senior Center and being in the company of his friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife Bonnie of 60 years, who passed in 2012. He is survived by his son Steve (wife Terri), and daughters Laurie and Sally. He also leaves behind three grandsons and five great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on November 9, 2014 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the IV Lions Clubhouse, Airport Drive in Cave Junction. In lieu of flowers, donations to any Animal Rescue Organization is desired.



Lew and Bonnie Lyons

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Save The Date

Nov. 5 & 6

Lorna Byrne Middle School will hold Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 4:15 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please attend to obtain your student's progress report and discuss your child's academic progress. Any questions, phone LBMS at 541-592-2163.

Nov. 5 & 6

IVHS Evening Conferences, Nov. 5, 4 - 8 p.m.

IVHS Conferences Nov. 6, 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. No Classes for students.

Nov. 7

Young Master Gardeners will meet at the C.J. Library this Friday, Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m. to investigate trees and all their uses. Children 5-12 years old are invited to attend this free event, younger siblings are welcome with parental supervision.

Nov. 7 & 8

Illinois Valley Senior Center, Christmas Bazaar 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 520 E. River St., 30 booths, kitchen open, lunch can be purchased and a bake sale available.

Nov. 8

IVHS Mathletes, 7:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m. at N. Medford High School

Nov. 8

Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. is the "Clothes Giveaway" at Takilma Bible Church, 10343 Takilma Rd.

Nov. 9

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Nov. 11 Veteran's Day

Post 70, American Legion, Cave Junction
10 a.m. - City Hall, 222 W. Lister St.; 10:30 a.m. - WWI Flag Pole, 435 Junction Ave.; 11 a.m. - Laurel Cemetery, 1090 Laurel Rd.;

11:30 a.m. - Deer Creek Cemetery, Lakeshore St., Selma and 1 p.m. - Senior Center, 520 E. River St.

Nov. 14

"The Cave Junction Lions Club will be holding their 12th annual, "Turkey Bingo" on Friday, November 14. They will be at the Senior Center on River St. in Cave Junction. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m."

Nov. 15

The Spiral Living Center will present a delicious Local Foods Dinner, a silent auction, music and theatrical entertainment, Saturday, November 15, at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 East River Street. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. Pro-

ceeds from this event will allow Spiral Living Center to continue to offer free and low-cost programs and projects such as the IV Farm and Garden Festival, skill-share events, bicycle repair, and gleaned food donations to people in the Illinois Valley. The dinner feast consists of many courses of locally grown, harvested or gathered food. Advance Tickets are available for \$15 each or 2 for \$25, or you may purchase unsold tickets at the door if available. Contact SLC Director Debbie Lukas (541) 592-3386.

Nov. 20

Taste of the IV/Novemberfest, Hosted by Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., 249 N. Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction, \$35 per per-

son, Includes a fun Novemberfest dinner and drink, this is a fundraiser that benefits the Boys & Girls Clubs. For tickets please contact Cyndi Spencer at 541-337-7949.

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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