

## Letters to the Editor

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

### Reader thinks its a Clear-cut deception

This letter is in reference to the March 4th issue of the *Illinois Valley News* article "Experts weigh in on Herbicides" by Anita R. Savio. In the article David Stone, Pesticide Toxicologist from OSU and Tom Hayes, Head Forester with Indian Hill LLC were interviewed to discuss the safety of aerial application of pesticides on agricultural forest land.

On the front page of the IV news article, Professor David Stone admitted that "The incident in Curry County [in October 2013] was a pretty rare event that

had some serious misapplications from the actual operator himself." The supposed rarity of these events is due to the lack of interest by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to actively monitor and enforce the regulations in place to protect neighboring lands and shared resources. Forestry in Oregon has increased clear cutting in private timber land operations, which often border residential areas, and the rural residents are forced to take on the monitoring responsibilities that should be shouldered by ODF.

I pay a fee to receive notification from ODF when any forestry activity will be taking place within the watershed in which I inhabit. The notice that I received identified the applicator contracted to spray over 300 acres of Indian Hill forest land here in the Illinois Valley as Pacific Air Research of White City. This is the same applicator, Steve Owen, who was given the largest fine in ODA history for "gross negligence and willful misconduct" in the recent Curry County misapplication of pesticides that sickened local residents and animals in 2013. This is not media hearsay, and can be verified online by searching the National Asso-

ciation of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) website under the key words "Curry County Pesticide Misapplication". Please take the time to investigate it for yourselves.

This same operator and company, Pacific Air Research, will be employed by our "friendly and caring neighbors", giving him the opportunity to apply toxic chemicals "within 60 feet of Wood Creek, Kelly Creek, and other sensitive wildlife habitats." ODA stated to our state legislators that they had revoked this applicator's license for 1 year. However, Mr. Owen filed an appeal, and as a result, the Department of Agriculture is allowing this operator to continue to operate until the conclusion of the appellate hearing, a full year after his license was reported to be revoked.

On page A-10 Tom Hayes was asked "What precautions he takes to prevent toxic contamination of neighbors and their animals." He painted a pretty picture of all the precautions that should be followed if there is to be compliance with the Oregon Forest Practices Act, but failed to touch on the most important precaution to take when toxic chemicals are being applied from a helicopter. This pre-

caution would be to hire an applicator that has integrity and a history of safely applying aerial herbicides.

Please don't be fooled by the white washed statements of our local timber barons or those proclamations of the Oregon State University professors whose research projects are funded by the petrochemical industry. Open your eyes and see through the "Clear-Cut Deception".

### Sunrise Ocean Cave Junction

### Reader concerned about safety

Letters opposing the Public Safety Measure have one thing in common: they don't address the issue of safety.

In a true emergency where our safety or the safety of a loved one is in imminent danger and we call 911, will we be wishing the Federal government was paying for our public safety? Will we be wondering about the fairness of a flat tax versus a property tax? Will we be thinking that jails across the U.S. should be re-vamped? Of course not. Nonetheless, those are some of the "reasons" given for opposing the measure that have nothing to do with the issue of safety.

The Public Safety Mea-

sure is all about safety; the safety of our families, our property, our businesses, our entire community, whether we live in the cities or the county. After all, criminals don't discriminate. They create mayhem with no regard to city/county boundaries.

Measure 17-66 will give us the safety we need, with additional Sheriff's deputies providing emergency response, with additional jail capacity to house dangerous felons, and with the re-opening of the Juvenile Justice Center to shelter abused children.

The alternative, the further crumbling of our public safety system due to dwindling funding, is not a safe alternative. Please vote YES for Public Safety Measure 17-66.

### Linda Scott Grants Pass

### Reader questions public interest

In assessing of the Jordan Cove / Pacific Connector Natural Gas Projects, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission failed to perform its duty. At the end of Chapter 4 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, FERC accepted the responsibility of assessing the incremental cumulative

impact of this project and associated past, present and future reasonably foreseeable actions. This means assessing the global warming implications of greenhouse gas emissions from fracking shale, transporting the natural gas to Coos Bay, exporting it, and its final combustion in Asia. However, in Chapter 1 of the DEIS, FERC denied this jurisdiction.

I used the data in the DEIS to calculate the overall impact of the project and associated actions. Assuming the average rate of leakage of methane from shale fracked natural gas, I conservatively estimate that emissions from the project will be equivalent to 57 million tons of carbon dioxide. This represents about 75% of Oregon's total greenhouse gas emissions footprint for 2010.

Using the Environmental Protection Agency estimate of the social cost of carbon emissions, the annual cost of the project range from \$700 million to nearly \$7 billion. Any economic benefit pales into insignificance compared to this. Does this serve the public interest?

Sincerely,  
**Alan Journet  
Jacksonville**

predeceased her. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Verne W. Prior. Clare and Verne retired from Redding, California and moved to Cave Junction in 1995.

Clare was a homemaker, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, who loved her friends and family, and enjoyed cooking, entertaining, and life itself.

In addition to her husband Verne, she is survived by her sister Nancy (husband George), brother Wally Bouchard (wife Sue). She is also survived by daughters, Kelly Caulfield, Kathy Gooden (husband Dave) and sons Glenn Clark, Gary Clark and Norm Prior. She is also survived by granddaughters Sara Rogers, Emalee Rogers, Haylee Peralta (husband Carlos), Kari Wurch-Goldenson (husband Richard), Kayla Prior and grandsons Joe Wurch, Gregg Gooden, Matt Gooden, Joshua Veach, and Brandon Veach in addition to 10 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister Muriel Wren and sons Cris Bures and David Prior.

In honor of Clare's request, there will be no public services.

Please sign the family guest book at [www.since1928hull.com](http://www.since1928hull.com).

## Obituaries

**Michael S. Harris, 50**, of Cave Junction, died March 2, 2015.

Celebration of Life service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Community Bible Church, 113 S. Caves Ave. Cave Junction, OR.

**Mary Lou "Irmadean" Moore, 70**,



passed away Nov. 17, 2014 surrounded by family at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

Mary was born in Waleetka, OK on April 5, 1944. She moved from Oklahoma to Arizona when she was a child, and then from there moved to

South San Francisco, California. She attended South San Francisco High School. She was previously married to Billy Ray Patton and had 2 children from that union. She married Raphael Moore in 1972 and had one child. The family moved from the Bay area to Southern Oregon in 1979. She moved to Alaska in 1993 with her husband Raphael Moore. She worked as a housekeeper at Central Peninsula General Hospital until she retired.

She was a loving wife, mother, and an amazing grandmother. She was a devoted stay at home mom. She enjoyed crocheting, embroidery, word search puzzles, and games. She had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to laugh. She loved watching musicals.

Preceded in death by parents Luther Lolis and Mildred Leona Duncan; siblings, Ernest, Ellis, and Carol Ray Duncan, Mildred Louise Hoke, and Marilyn Sue "Imogene" Boyd; and husband, Raphael Lloyd Moore

She is survived by brother, Billy Duncan; children, Glenn Patton, Vivian Patton, and Raylene Kaczmarek; step daughters Sylvia Stuart and Deanna Moore; grand Children Hayleigh and Mariah Patton, Xena Kaczmarek, Lorasu and Kaylee Stuart, Kelsey, Avery and Trey Hightower.

A celebration of our mother's life will be held at 1383 Livingston Avenue, Pacifica, California on March 7, 2015 at 1 p.m., to include honoring our fathers Billy Ray Patton and Raphael Moore. Our mother would want nothing more for us than to play games, share our favorite memories of her, and her favorite foods.

Arrangements by Cremation Society of Alaska. A guestbook can be signed at [www.alaskacremation.com](http://www.alaskacremation.com).

**Jessie Wayne Mulch, 55**, of Selma, Oregon, died in his home on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015. He was the son of George and Vivian Mulch also of Selma, Oregon.

Jessie is survived by his three children. Carrie Mulch of Moberly Missouri; Jessica Umstatt and husband Kyle Umstatt of Fayette Missouri; and Jessie Overfelt of Moberly, Missouri. He is also survived by two sisters Tronda Gentleman of Oregon, and Georgia Mulch of Idaho. And one brother Dip Mulch of Oregon. He was the proud Grandpa of five grandchildren; Aaron Davidson, Codi Umstatt, Jessie Umstatt, Ethan Umstatt, and Jordan Overfelt. He is also survived by his close and dear friend Beverly Babb.

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### March 12

How corny are you? Want to learn how to prepare your own corned beef using a brine and dry method? OSU's Master Food Preservers will conduct a class at the Kerby Belt Bldg Thursday, March 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$5, must pre-register by March 10 contact Kimberlie at 541-592-4763.

### March 14

Ham Bingo at Cave Junction Senior Center, doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo starts at 6 p.m. .50 3 on papers, .50 Daubers, snack bar, sponsored by Glenn Morrison American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 70.

### March 19

Community Meeting for Rouge Valley Property Rights.org, NO NEW TAXES! All are welcome at 7 -9 p.m., County Building in Cave Junction, Contact Ron Smith at 541-660-4185 or [luckprospect@gmail.com](mailto:luckprospect@gmail.com)

### March 21

Illinois Valley Little League, Chili Feed & Cook-off at the County Building in Downtown CJ from 4:30 - 8 p.m., Entertainment by Jay Barley Band, Guppy, Duo Paul & Maureen as well as other surprise guests, Live/Silent Auction, Fun evening for whole family.

### May 19

The C.J. Lions are bringing the Circus to C.J. Mark your calendars!

### Continuing

\*Nomination Forms for Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, Citizen of the Year are available at the Visitor Center. Please contact Dulcie Moore at 541-592-3326 for more information.

\*The CJ Substation is now open as follows: Mon., Wed. & Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number at the Sub is 592-5151. We are looking for more volunteers

to expand the hours and applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at the sub.

\*Banana Belt Photography Club of the Illinois Valley meets the FIRST Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Southern Oregon Guild and Friends in Kerby. (Kerby Belt Building on the Art Guild side.)

First two meetings are free to guests.

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