

Letters to the editor

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Reader questions candidates climate change support

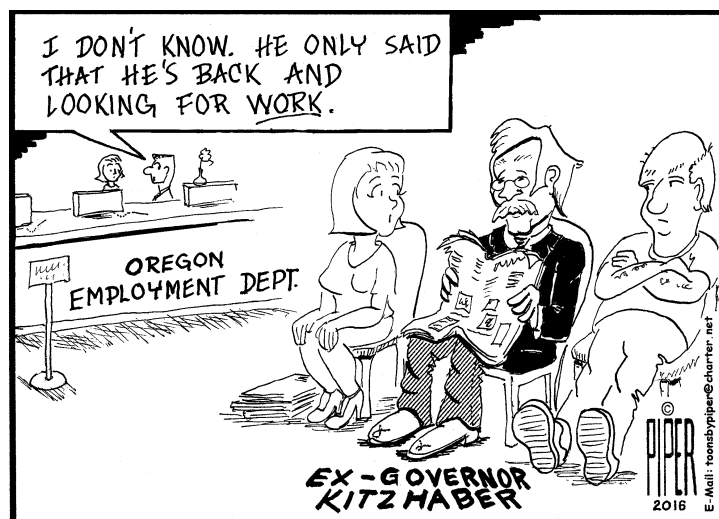
Despite the fact that public opinion on climate science has undergone a considerable shift over the last year, the leading candidates for the Republican Presidential nomination

remain entrenched in their commitment to reject science and Americans and represent fossil fuel corporations. According to a March Gallup Poll, fully 60 percent of Americans acknowledge most scientists concur with the opinion that global warming is happening. Meanwhile, the same Poll reveals that 57 percent of Americans also concur with the scientific consensus that humans are causing the warming. Paradoxically,

however, non-scientific public respondents, who claim they understand the science very well, are the least likely to accept the scientific consensus. As Mark Twain reportedly stated: "It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so." Presumably, the frightening leading contenders for the Republican Presidential nomination won't support simple and rational steps

necessary to protect our planet for future generations – their grandchildren as well as ours – even when these steps promote economic growth. They would rather see the planet destroyed just so long as fossil fuel corporations can continue to control our destiny and make obscene profits. They deserve no support from sane voters.

**Alan Journet
Jacksonville**



Obituaries

Ira Eugene "Butch" Wilson, 66, of Cave Junction, passed peacefully on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Three Rivers Hospital in Grants Pass.

Butch was born second of three siblings (his sisters Ethna Mae Stauffer and Lura Earleene Breitbart) April 3, 1949 in Murphy, Ore. to his loving parents Harold and Boots Wilson, and spent his life as an avid

outdoorsman, auto enthusiast and eventually devoted husband, father and family man. Butch was a hard working heavy machinery driver by trade and took every opportunity to pilot anything from eighteen-wheel tractor trailers and logging trucks to classic and antique cars. A love of nature and the outdoors led Butch to spend much of his free time hunting and fishing the forests and rivers of Southern Oregon.

Butch is survived by his

faithful and loving partner, Linda Davis of Cave Junction; his daughters, Shelli Hart of Harrison, Ark. and Lois Salinas of Nampa, Idaho; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of loving nieces, nephews and cousins. The light he brought into their lives will be greatly missed.

Carolyn Henricks was

born on Feb. 14, 1951. She departed this life on Friday, March 18, 2016 at the Norris Adult Foster Care in Grants Pass of pancreatic cancer. Carolyn was born in Whittier, Calif. She was a dedicated nurse to the Cave Junction community for 10 years and 30 years in California. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Gary and Betty Williams and her Siskiyou Health

Center family. We wish to thank Norris Adult Foster Care for their dedicated care of Carolyn. In lieu of cards or flowers, please send any donations to a cancer research association. Don't be sad, I am in a snowflake, I am in the rays of the sun, I am in the sparkling of the stars...Carolyn you will be missed.

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Save The Date

March 30

The Lorna Byrne Music Department will present the Festival Concert on March 30 at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

March 30

Away- 4 p.m. Girls Varsity Softball vs. Glendale
 Away- 4:30 p.m. Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Glendale

March 31

"Butterflies, Gardens and Climate Change in YOUR Backyard" free annual presentation by Rusk Ranch Nature Center. Donations appreciated.

March 31, 2016, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by tour of Bear Hotel at 2101 NE Spaulding, Grants Pass. Call 541-287-0172 for information or visit www.ruskranchnaturecenter.org.

March 31

Illinois Valley 20/20 Visioning is calling for a focus group of residents ages 18-35 to meet Thursday March 31, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Healthy U, 535 E. River St., Cave Junction. Entrance at rear of I.V. Family Coalition building. The free event includes discussion of top 10 community priorities, the process and implementation. Call 541-592-4888 to RSVP or for more information.

April 2

I.V. Little League will hold it's opening day ceremony on this Saturday, April 2 at 10 a.m. (fingers crossed that uniforms make it) The Masonic Lodge will be serving the teams hotdogs and apple pie after ceremony.

A junior softball game in the afternoon against GP.

April 2

IVHS Track: Varsity Invitational vs. Douglas - Away at 11 a.m.
 IVHS Boys Varsity Baseball vs.

Brookings Harbor - Home- 12 p.m.
 IVHS Girls Varsity Softball vs. Brookings Harbor - Home 12 p.m.
 IVHS Girls Varsity Softball vs. Brookings Harbor - Home 2 p.m.
 IVHS Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Brookings Harbor - Home 2 p.m.

April 2

I.V. Senior Center will be serving "All you can eat breakfast for \$6!" We serve from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, biscuits, chicken fried steak, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice and a lot of fun! The center is located at 520 E. River Street and this breakfast is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Grab the family, friends, neighbors and come on down for the best breakfast deal in town!

April 4

IVHS Music Department Spring Concert is Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. in the IV High School cafeteria. The public is invited to hear the Concert Band, and Concert and Chamber Choirs celebrate youth, music and Spring! Free admission.

April 5

Neighborhood Watch Forum with Retired Sheriff Gil Gilbertson - 6 p.m., Selma Community Center, Selma /5 p.m. Potluck / Commissioner Candidates invited to attend. Past Sheriff 'Gil Gilbertson' a review presentation on the 2014 "Community Watch Program (with Emergency Preparedness)", includes discussion on Law Enforcement District, citizen arrest, civil liability, interfacing citizen crime watch with LEOs, and the Historic Role of the Sheriff. Contact: Guenter Ambron, 541-592-4124 or email cmec@cavenet.com, for a program and to RSVP.

April 7

"Why Aren't There More Black People in Oregon? A Hidden History," will be

presented free of charge at Healthy U, 535 E. River St., Cave Junction April 7 at 6:30 p.m. Entrance at rear of I.V. Family Coalition building. Donations will be accepted.

April 9

Rough & Ready Botanical Wayside Wildflower Hike Saturday, April 9, 2016 10 a.m.

Meet at the parking area at Rough & Ready Botanical Wayside south of Cave Junction on Hwy. 199 at mile marker 34.

The walk through the Rough and Ready Wayside is geared for plant enthusiasts and novices alike. This is a great opportunity for folks to come out and enjoy the spring wildflowers no matter what your skill level on plant identification might be.

This is a short hike on rocky, but relatively level ground, with lots of beautiful wildflowers to see, many of them are rare or of limited range.

A portion of the hike will be along a wheel-chair accessible path so folks of limited mobility can come out and enjoy the wildflowers too.

Be prepared: bring water, dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes. Bring lunch if you like, there's a picnic table overlooking Rough & Ready Creek. For more information call Suzanne at 541-291- 8860.

Sponsored by: Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network (CEEN) and the Native Plant Society.

April 9

The 10th annual Soup for the Souls, April 9, 2016, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Illinois Valley High School, 625 East River Street, Cave Junction.

April 10

GMO Free Josephine County will be showing a free film to the public called, "Synthetic Forests: The Dangers of Genetically Engineered Trees."

Contact person: Carol Valentine (541) 761-4746, or email carol@gmofreejosephinecounty.org.

April 22

Earth Day Clean Up at Reeves Creek, Proposed Area of Critical Environmental Concern ACEC.

This high-priority location is habitat for the federally endangered Cook's Lomatium, but unfortunately has become a favorite dump site. Working with the Medford BLM, we will clean up this location before they close the road to prevent further access. - Gloves and trash bags provided. Please wear sturdy shoes, - Meeting (and carpool) in Cave Junction at Coffee Heaven 9 a.m.

Continuing

Fire & Emergency Services Career Exploring is open to young men and women from our local schools with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of fire or emergency services. Fire & EMS Exploring is a hand-on program that exposes young people to fire and emergency services. The most popular career exploring includes firefighter, EMT, paramedic and nursing. Career exploring combines some classroom training with hands-on lessons and you will learn first aid, fire safety, emergency medicine, leadership methods, teamwork and much more. You will develop emergency management skills and physical fitness and have the opportunity to participate in local and national competitions, community events and real firefighting scenarios in a training setting. Call 541-592-2225 to benefit from this college and career readiness program.

*The C.J. Substation is now open as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The phone number at the Sub is 541-592-5151. We are looking for more volunteers to expand the hours; applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at the Sub Station.

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