

Letters to the editor

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

Reader applauds the children

I want to praise the Lorna Byrne Middle School music department for inviting me and the rest of the community to their Festival Concert presentation, on Wednesday, March 30. These youth gave an outstanding performance that made for such an enjoyable evening: Literature of the Ages from around the world orchestrated and taught by Director Sean McKee. I was so impressed: Mozart's 9th symphony, songs of the Spanish, Latin, Russian cultures and more. I look forward to their future performances. McKee obviously influences the youth's love for music. I envision a music hall for their performances, perhaps as a separate structure on the property.

My own children were very active in the music and drama activities during their school years so I understand the importance of family and community support in helping youth develop human pride (the opposite of self-destructive behaviors). My understanding

is that one of these groups of performers is going to Portland to a state competition and I am indeed excited for them: way to go Illinois Valley youth representing Three Rivers School District - Wooahoo Lorna Byrne!

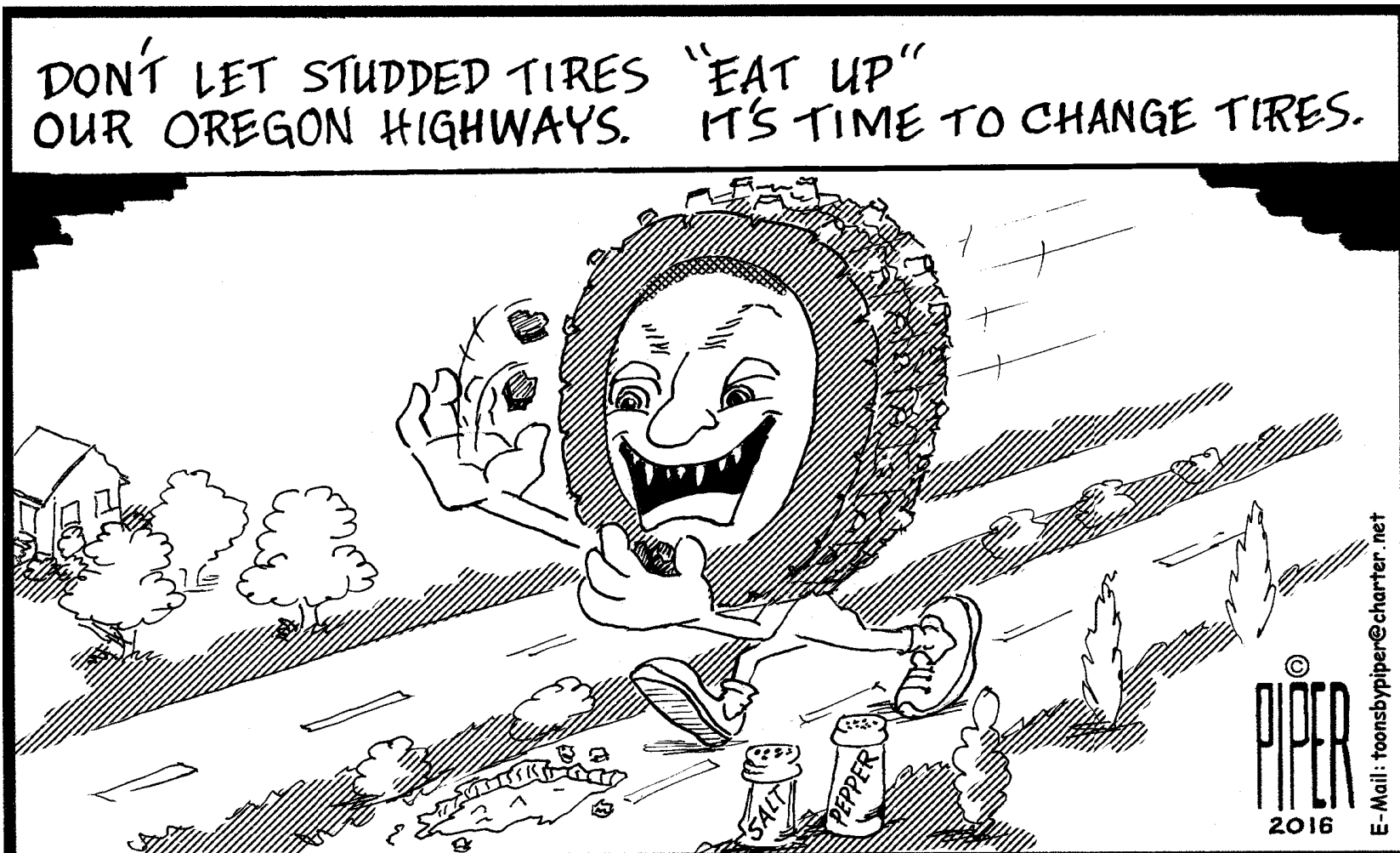
For those who didn't attend: stop thinking of yourself. These are tomorrow's civic leaders. We help create stronger more self-assured community members by our supportive presence in their activities. Why is

it so difficult to understand that we each one create reality for what it is by the lens that we see through? Adjust the lens! Remember this teaching: we have to give to receive. That is my People's way to build strong and self-governing communities.

We of rural America have some broken cogs in the wheels and we've got to stop and make a new wheel or get left behind as evolution begins to accelerate. We must make

wise choices of actions for the youth and young adults of our Illinois Valley. Nothing less will do. It takes an entire community to raise a child and we lead by our examples.

Sarah NightBear, Elder
Illinois Valley 20/20 Community Action
Visionary member
O'Brien



Obituaries

Jack D.

Richardson, 74, died March 25, 2016. Jack was born in Lafayette, Ind. Jan. 31, 1942 and lived in Cave Junction for the last 16 years. Jack requested no services.

Dorothy Mae

Young, 92, of Kerby died March 25, 2016, in Grants Pass.

She was born Nov. 30, 1923, in Edinburg, Ohio, the third child of William J. and Edna McLean. The family moved west when Dorothy was seven, settling in the

Illinois Valley where Dorothy lived most of her life.

In 1939, she married Glenn Young and they had three children.

Dorothy worked for the U.S. Postal Service, beginning her career in Kerby, then transferring to Cave Junction where she became Assistant

Post Master. She retired in 1981 after 30 years of service.

Survivors include one brother, Walter McLean; one sister, Kathy Dean; two daughters, Glenda Jeanne Pickle and Joanne Young; one son, Bill Young; numerous loving grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-

great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Glenn; her parents; three brothers; one sister; and one great-grandchild.

A service was held April 2, 2016 with burial in Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction.



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Save The Date

April 5

6 p.m. Selma Community Center 18255 Redwood Hwy. Selma -Potluck 5 p.m.-Neighborhood watch forum with former Sheriff Gil Gilbertson.

TOPICS: Community Watch / Patrols / Citizens Arrest / Civil Liability / Historic & Lawful Role of the Sheriff / State Intervention / Criminal Justice System / Prosecution & Sentencing / 2-way Radio Program / Grow Community Watch

Neighborhood Watch Forum with retired Sheriff Gil Gilbertson - 6 p.m., Selma Community Center, Selma / 5 p.m. Potluck / Commissioner Candidates invited to attend. Former 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 a citizen crime watch activities with LEOs - investigations, and the Historic / Lawful Role and Oath of the Sheriff.

April 6

IVHS boys' baseball JV game: away vs. Sheldon High School at 5 p.m.

April 7

IVHS boys' varsity golf invitational: away vs. Eagle Point at Eagle Point Golf Course at 12 p.m.

IVHS boys' varsity baseball game: home vs. North Valley High School at 4:30 p.m.

IVHS girls' varsity softball game: home vs. North Valley High School at 5 p.m.

"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 8

IVHS boys' JV baseball game: away vs. Ashland High School at 5 p.m.

IVHS equestrian varsity district regionals: away at Jackson County Fairgrounds time to be announced.

IVHS track varsity invitational: away vs. Brookings Harbor High School at 10 a.m.

IVHS girls' varsity softball game: away vs. Ashland High School at 12 p.m.

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.

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."

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

April 14

Want to learn the ins and outs of dehydrating veggies, fruits, meats and tofu? Leathers and jerky will be emphasized. Master Food Preservers of the Valley will conduct a dehydration class on April 14, 2016; 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Cost: \$5.00 per person; Location: RCC/Belt Building IN THE KITCHEN, 24353 Redwood Highway, Kerby. Donation of a canned/boxed food item for local food bank is greatly appreciated. Pre-register at: Josephine County Extension Office 215 Ringuette, Grants Pass or call 541-476-6613 or email Josephine.extension@oregonstate.edu; or for local registration: 541-592-4763, kimberlielehman@yahoo.com

Selma Center, Thursday, 6 - 9 p.m., a Community Forum will host Commissioner Candidates, and Neighborhood Watch / Cave Junction Citizens Patrol on the Topic of Law Enforcement and the Criminal Justice System. Contact Guenter 541-592-4124 / cmec@cavenet.com.

April 16

Open House April 16, Friends and family are invited to help celebrate **Bud Winter's 102nd Birthday**. Visiting anytime. A barbeque will be served from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. followed by birthday cake and ice cream. 5138 Holland Loop Road, Cave Junction 541-592-2743, hosted by Waunetta Theresa Smith and Alice Marler.

April 17

Madrone Adventist School, Multi-family biannual yard sale, 4300 Holland Loop Rd.

Sunday, April 17 at 9 a.m. If rain - Sunday, April 24 at 9 a.m.

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.

April 23-24

Jo. Co. Master Gardeners™ 2016 Annual Spring Garden Fair. Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plants, trees, shrubs and vendors. Free admission. No animals, please. www.jocomastergardeners.com OSU Ext. Office: 215 Ringuette St.

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.

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