



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

There are many people in the Valley that believe we don't have a crime problem. Once upon a time I was one of those disbelievers, and then I went on CJ Patrols. Jubilee Park has more activity at 3 a.m. than it does at 3 p.m. I recently asked one of the "No New Taxes" people to come out on patrol with me. He said, "Sure, how about from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.?" And I replied, "How about 11 p.m. to 3 a.m.?" Exasperated, he said, "Well I have to work in the morning," and my reply was, "So do I." Needless to say the conversation ended.

We need to take back our town. I am told there are some that don't like that connotation that the town is not ours. These are the same people that haven't given up a good night's sleep to see that it really is no longer our town.

But, there are a lot of positives in our beautiful Valley. The CJ Patrols group is out there every night; giving up sleep and time with their families. Thank you CJ Patrols, I am very grateful.

Other positive happenings are the 20/20 Vision and the Ford Institute cohorts that are trying to find projects that will aid in the betterment of the community.

On another topic: like pot or not, this town has exploded with it. In the short time I have lived here, this is the first time I have seen stores and restaurants so busy in March and April. The city and county government need to get on board to promote this. Even JoCo Commissioners Hare and Walker are growing weed. But oddly enough the city of Cave Junction's Neanderthal leadership is tripping over its own club to prevent it.

On Monday I read a white paper written by economist Beau Whitney and a cannabis industry consultant Sam Chapman. The paper states, "Data mined from a January 2016 survey of cannabis retailers throughout Oregon, indicates, conservatively, the retail sector of Oregon's cannabis industry

will create: 2,156 jobs, \$46 million in wages, and an initial market of nearly \$300 million (recreational flower sales only, not inclusive of edibles and extracts) in the state." Considering that Josephine County and the Illinois Valley are the leaders of the industry one would think we might want some of that action.

I'll leave you with one last thought from the paper mentioned afore, "Oregon's cannabis industry revenues are currently between \$600 million and \$700 million, illegal markets and legal markets combined," Whitney said. Nationwide it's \$45 billion— bigger than the NFL, distilled spirits and wine."

But it seems that the city does not want living wage jobs. They want folks living in dog houses disguised as little houses. After all, someone will profit from building them and renting space to them. They seem to prefer vagrants urinating on our sidewalks so that folks passing through town can spread tales about how horrible CJ is.

From where I stand the Valley is as close to heaven as you will ever find. Oh wait, I get it, the city is just trying to keep our beautiful valley, our little secret.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper. djm

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 ponders poker

I was having my usual brat w/kraut at Taylor's the other day and I mentioned to the table that the latest Hillary/Bernie debate sounded like a poker game: She said she'd bet \$250 on repairing America's crumbling infrastructure and Bernie said something like "I'll see your \$250 and raise it to 1 trillion!" At the time,

I thought, Wow! That's real dough! We could fix every aging water system, sewer system and bridge in the country, help our lagging industries retool for the 21st Century, and still have enough left over to provide border to border high-speed Internet to everybody. I couldn't begin to fathom the demand for AMERICAN labor \$1t would

create.

Well, as you can imagine, my friends at the table let out a "collective" harrumph, and reminded me of the already significant national debt (which, at just under \$20t and as a percentage of what we produce, is only topped by the historic highs during WWII). One of my pals whipped out his calculator app and figured

that Bernie's plan would cost each and every American \$3,000 in added debt. We all tried that. By now, my liberal-self was feeling pretty disheartened with the Ol' Bern — or any mention of public works on any scale, though, goodness knows, we need it. I wondered who I could get behind for Prez.

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Happy Birthday Bud!

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.

Obituaries

Neil Roy Freitas Sr., 87 died Monday, March 21, 2016 from heart failure in Newtown, Pa. Neil was born in Mt. Shasta May 15, 1929 to Martha Arta (Thomblinsom) Freitas and Frank Perry Freitas and lived in High Pines Campground in Kerby for 30 years. Neil graduated from Kerby Union School Class of '47. He enlisted in the Army in August 1960 and was in the USAREUR Quartermaster School in Lenggries, Germany in 1952. He was ranked Corporal and

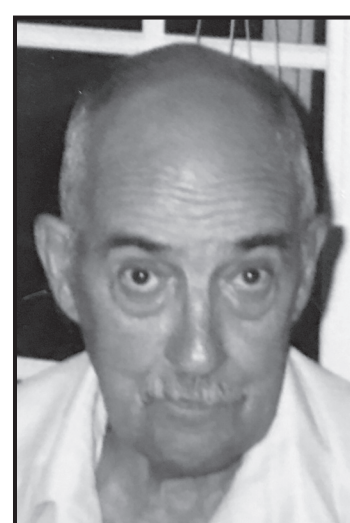
had an Honorable Discharge in January 1954. Neil was a logger from 1946 to 1948 and was also a butcher, as well as a chef at the Junction Inn when it first opened and a chef for Diamond Lake Resorts.

Neil loved to hunt, fish and cook. He smoked his own jerky plus skinned, cut and cooked his own game. He was also a farmer; it was a gift, living off the land. Neil loved the Illinois Valley and he lived here most of his life.

Neil is survived by his

brother, Clint Freitas and his family living in Grants Pass; his niece, Lavina Fonseca of Cave Junction; children from his first marriage; daughter Randy; his two sons, Roy and Roger of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and children from his second marriage, Kathy, Barbie, Nancy and Beth.

There will be a memorial arranged by Barbara and Tom Cummings at Wild River Pizza, 249 Redwood Hwy, Cave Junction on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m.



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Save The Date

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 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

April 14

IVHS equestrian district regionals: away at Jackson County Fairgrounds time to be announced
IVHS softball game: away versus Prospect High School at 4:30 p.m.
IVHS baseball game: away versus Prospect High School at 4:30 p.m.

April 15

The violence and beauty of Pacific Northwest geology, the role of science in society, and guidebook author William Sullivan's bucket list of Oregon coastal hikes will highlight Siskiyou Field Institute's Friday Free Learning series this spring. "Beauty from the Beasts: Plate Tectonics in the Pacific Northwest" is scheduled for Friday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. William Sullivan's coastal hikes

program is slated for Saturday, May 7, at 3 p.m. "In Science We Trust?" an Oregon Humanities Conversation Project, takes place Friday, May 13. All programs are at Siskiyou Field Institute, 1241 Illinois River Road, in Selma.

April 15

The I.V. Garden Club's meeting on Friday April 15 will have Glenda Boothman leading a group discussion on recycling and garden tips. The I.V. Garden Club meets the 3rd Friday of the month at United Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins (across from Shop Smart) in Cave Junction. Social time and finger foods at 12:30 p.m.. Meeting at 1 p.m. Visitors welcome.

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IVHS varsity track invitationals: away at PI Philomath High School at 4 p.m.
IVHS baseball game: home versus Roseburg at 4:30 p.m.

April 15, 22, 29

Rogue Community College offers "RCC Preview Days" 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 15, 22 and 29. Students are invited to tour campus, attend a financial aid registration lab, and meet members of student government. Visit recruitment@rogucecc.edu for more information.

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April 16 & 17

Riverstars Performing Arts present: Cavetown's play at 7 p.m. and April 17 at 5 p.m. at the Lorna Byrne Middle School Cafeteria Theatre. Pay what you can at the door. Doors open 30 minutes before the show. See Facebook.com/ivriverstars for more information.

April 16

IVHS equestrian district regionals: away at Jackson County Fairgrounds time to be announced
IVHS varsity track meet: away versus Crater High School at 10 a.m.
IVHS softball game: home versus Klamath at 12 p.m.
IVHS softball game: home versus Klamath at 2 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A Public Assembly and Meeting of Record will be held at the Selma Community & Education Center, 18255 Redwood Hwy, Selma. The main topic is public safety and law enforcement. Criminal activity, demonstrated by our County Commissioners, has not been a priority matter within our JoCo. government. It is up to the people, the citizens, to adopt and apply corrective measures and send the commissioners a clear message. This is a calling to all citizens of the Illinois Valley, representatives, neighborhood watch, patrols, businesses and land owners to assemble. This is your matter. Contact Guenter Ambron at 541-592-4124 or cmec@cavenet.com on further details.

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.

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