



(Photo by Laura Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Curtis Beck (right) receives the Community Spirit award on behalf of CJ Patrols from Chamber President Sonny Moore Friday, May 20, at the Chateau Chamber of Commerce mixer.

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One aspect that the deputy will be focusing on is parking along Illinois River Road. At the more popular swimming holes, nearby

parking is limited which leads to people parking illegally, and unsafely, along the side of the narrow road. This has caused serious issues in the past when emergency vehicles have been unable to get past illegally parked cars to render medical aid to those in need. In

many cases, the problem could be solved by people parking in appropriate spaces, which may be farther away, and then walking to their desired swimming hole.

Both Sheriff Daniel and Ranger Paciorek emphasized that their agencies are focused

on cracking down on what they called “lawlessness” on this stretch of the river this summer and making it a place that locals are comfortable bringing their families. As Paciorek said, “It’s such a beautiful place; we want people to be able to enjoy it.”

Leisure and hospitality gains boost job totals

Payroll employment rose by 380 jobs in April. Just over one-half of the increase was due to a seasonally typical increase in leisure and hospitality jobs. Construction is also emerging from its winter and early spring doldrums, with 70 jobs added in April. Small employment increases were estimated in numerous industries. Twenty jobs were added in wholesale trade, retail trade, and professional and business services. Government employment also gained 20 jobs, all in local government education.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment rose by 2.8 percent,

adding 700 jobs. Industries accounting for the most new jobs included retail trade (+240) and private educational and health services (+160). Smaller increases were also estimated in numerous other industries including manufacturing (+20), construction (+40), professional and business services (+60), financial activities (+70), and leisure and hospitality (+80). Government employment rose by 10 jobs, with gains split between state (+10) and local government (+30). Federal government employment decreased by 30 jobs over the year.

The unemployment rate remains near series lows in Josephine County and in Oregon. April’s rate was slightly above the lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate estimate since comparable data are available back to 1990.

These preliminary estimates of jobs and other labor force data are produced in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, are based largely on a survey of businesses and a survey of households, and are subject to later revision.

10th annual Drink One for Dane Day a success

In a release from Dutch Bros. Friday, May 6, marked Dutch Bros. annual Drink One for Dane Day. On this day, Dutch Bros. celebrated 10 years of fighting Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, (ALS) and, with the help of the community, raised a record breaking \$758,500 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

All 263 Dutch Bros. locations in seven states donate proceeds from their day’s sales to MDA in support of ALS research and family services. This record breaking year surpassed last year’s donation by nearly 50 percent – bringing the company’s

total donation over the past 10 years to over \$2.53 million. Funds will benefit MDA in hopes of finding a cause and a cure for ALS.

“The impact that is made by our community is beyond what I could have ever imagined,” said Travis Boersma, Dutch Bros. co-founder. “My mind is blown every year by the generosity of our customers, franchisees and broistas. Thank you.”

Drink One for Dane Day will always be a way the Dutch Bros. family can honor its late co-founder, Dane Boersma, who passed away from this disease in 2009. Dutch Bros, as a company,

is still influenced by Dane’s inspiration, love and passion for music, a compelling future for all and good vibes.

ALS is a disease that impacts so many lives within Dutch Bros. and its communities. It is an incurable disease that affects the parts in the nervous system that control muscle movement. Most people who are diagnosed with this fatal disease usually lose their battle within three to five years.

“The results from this year’s Drink One for Dane Day and the outpouring of support from the Dutch Bros. community on this

10th anniversary of the event is nothing short of astonishing. The MDA is incredibly grateful for Dutch Bros.’ continued support and partnership in the fight against ALS,” said MDA Senior Vice President & Scientific Program Director, Grace Pavlath. “This investment will help MDA make enormous strides in developing treatments and, ultimately, a cure for ALS.”

Together, we are making a difference to end ALS. Dutch Bros. will continue to rally for those affected with this disease until a cause and a cure are discovered.

RACE ...

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“I attended a recent Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce mixer and Dan Mancuso challenged me to ride along with CJ Patrols,” Morgan said. “I’ll be doing that soon. I’ll spend the night in the Illinois Valley and it will be interesting to see how things are now.”

“I’ve been invited to speak at informal meetings in peoples’ homes,” Morgan added, “and the first thing people say is ‘How are you’re going to make me feel safe? How are you going to make our community safe?’ This is the biggest issue. And, over these next few months I look forward to meeting even more people in our outlying areas. I really want to hear what is on peoples’ minds. Whether it’s Selma, O’Brien or Wolf Creek, every person in the county has an important voice.”

Explaining her sense of commitment to JoCo, Morgan said: “It’s kind of like with my home. I really care about how it looks and I take care of it. I do the projects for upkeep - and I feel the same way about our county. I was born

and raised here and I feel responsible for our county. And I love that we have so many people coming here from all over, it’s like welcoming them into my home and that brings a responsibility to increase safety and bring more jobs into the area.”

The percentage of votes earned by the other five Position 3 candidates includes: Mark Seligman, with 7.90 percent; Raymond Smith, 5.67; David Martin, 3.92; Bill Ertel, 3.60 and Shayne Christen, 2.09.

The race for Position 2 could be a nail bitter, with the top two candidates headed for the November general election essentially tied.

“I’m thankful that I got the votes that I did,” said incumbent Keith Heck, who came out slightly on top with 19.49 percent of the vote. “With this many candidates [there were nine], it’s really hard to focus on one. Now, we’re trying to get everybody aligned with other candidates to get on board with my campaign, so we can move forward together for a good result in November.”

Chasing Heck’s heels with 19.21 percent of the vote, Dan DeYoung said, “I’m looking forward to the rest of

this campaign. Keith and I were within 70 votes of each other - and I thought Keith would have more votes than that. I respect the gentleman, there’s no mud to sling there, we just have different philosophies.”

“There’s a whole bunch of things going on with public safety and none of them very promising,” DeYoung said. “All the O&C counties are grouping together to sue the federal government, but it’s going to be pretty tough to win that one. A lot of people say it’s got to be timber or nothing, but I think it’s going to have to be a whole host of things to solve the public safety problem. We need to think outside the box. I am going to bring a business man’s approach to this problem. There is more than one way to skin that cat. I want this job. I think we can make this situation a lot better.”

The percent of votes received by the other seven candidates for Position 2 was Toni Webb, 9.89; Nathaniel Duarte, 9.87; Joseph Rice, 9.45; Harriet Harris, 9.35; Sandi Cassanelli, 7.82; Dale Matthews, 7.06 and Paul Walter, 5.16.

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