

Letters to the editor

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Reader gives kudos

Many thanks to the following individuals and businesses that made the IVHS Grad Night Golf Tournament happen! Thank you to the wife - Becky Patton - who did... Well, pretty much everything. To Barbara Lane and Nathan Pierce and all the employees and volunteers at the I.V. Golf Course, who somehow manage to keep our little slice of heaven open every day. To our sponsors - Lee and Echo Miller of Sacred Flower Medicinals in Selma (and Kelly and friend) for their eagerness to help in any way they could while making the largest donation to the tournament. To (always) the man of the hour) Mike Trinity of Cascade Auto, Jeff and Karen Stiles of Caves Chevron, Traveler Hawk and the Great Cats World Park, Roy Leon at the Good Earth Organics, Lynn Willmillson! at It's a Burl, Dan Mancuso at the I.V. News, Donnie Shaw at Flying Carpet, and

Ted Crocker at H&R Block. And I have to mention Neil Dierkes at the Ace Hardware store because he said yes first and because he (in my haste to do everything at once with insufficient time and come out looking foolish) found me almost a week after the tournament and handed me his sponsorship check, after I forgot to pick it up. Pretty cool - Neil you made my day. Thanks to seniors and IVHS Lady Golf fashionistas Kynan Nordal and Skyla Patton for your help and presence, and to all the golfers who showed up despite the gloomy weather. You know who you are - and so do I. And finally to our prize sponsors - CJ Municipal Court Judge Jack Davis for his stained glass artwork, Chuck at the Applegate Golf Club, our brothers and sisters at Del Norte Golf Course, and to the nice folks at Salmon Run Golf Course in Brookings... Great people, gorgeous golf course - go see them just a couple miles up the Chetco - right before you get to town. Even if you don't golf I would recommend renting a cart and driving the course, it's beautiful.

Thanks everyone,
**Andrew Patton
O'Brien**

Reader says privatize TSA

There is a term that can solve the perpetual lines at our airports. It is "free enterprise." There is a reason unions are a small part of our private economy and that is called "competition." Public employee unions, be they teachers or TSA, always need more workers. To them, it is a matter of math. More union workers = more dues = more money for Democrats

campaigns. "Efficiency" is not a term found in the union lexicon. In fact, uncontrolled costs is a hallmark of public sector unions.

When a private sector business (with unions) have uncontrolled costs they either negotiate with the union or they go out of business. How many government entities have you heard of going out of business? There is not effective management in the TSA because there is no way they can close. Either they must let a contract to a private company that must control costs or it will continue to operate inefficiently. Expecting bureaucrats to seriously protect the taxpayer is like expecting your pit bull to only eat half his breakfast.

Bernie and Hillary keep out promising each other to buy votes because they know many voters are only after more free stuff. Unable to see beyond their nose resulting from never being taught Socialism has never been successful in any country they are sold the "pipe dream" utopia. Cuba and Venezuela have Socialism. Only bureaucrats live large in these countries.

Our Nation cannot survive if the White House occupant believes he or she knows more about war than the generals, more about illegal immigration than the Border Patrol or more about business than those that have actually been in business. Most of us have learned an ideologue in the White House cannot micro manage the country even if that person has been a gangbuster Community Organizer, whatever that is!

**Gregory Anderson
Cave Junction**

Reader gives tips to conserve

How can we live sustainably? The answer is by being efficient in our use of materials and substituting/replacing unsustainable ways of doing things. The first step is picking the low hanging fruit.

For example: each day we consume 3.5 gallons of petroleum, a major contributor to global warming. The obvious petroleum products are gasoline (47%), diesel-oil, heating oil, ship fuels (22%), liquefied petroleum gases (23%), and jet fuel (8%). Less obvious are petrochemical feedstock, rubbers, plastics (1%), and other -lubricants, aromatic extracts, tars, absorption oils, ram-jet fuel, rocket fuels, synthetic natural gas feedstocks, thinners, cleaners, and solvents, kerosene, waxes (3%).

Five other petroleum-containing products used consistently are: asphalt

and roofing, medicines and antiseptics, lubricating oils, agricultural pesticides, synthetic rubber tires and shoe soles.

Petroleum products we could live without are: food coloring, waxes, artificial fragrances, body care products (including some toothpastes), fleece, nylon and vinyl textiles, and single use plastic.

Looking at our bills, we'll see ways to reduce our monthly expenses. We can take one step to reduce usage in one or each of the following categories: water, electricity, gasoline, and solid waste production. With effort, in two months our expenses and trash should be reduced.

**Louise D Shawkat
Ashland**

Reader hopes animals get justice

When is Kandi Crow going to receive the punishment she deserves for her cruel, repre-

hensible behavior? This woman has continued to thumb her nose at the justice system for over 10 years, acting like Oregon's laws don't apply to her! She ought to be ashamed of herself!

Kandi Crow has inflicted terrible pain and suffering on too many animals, yet she shows no remorse over her actions. Where is the justice for these innocent creatures? How about we fit the punishment to the crime and lock Ms. Crow in a cold, dark, small space chained to the floor with no water or food for a few months and see how she likes her own treatment?

Judge Hull, I pray you will do the right thing and give Kandi Crow the maximum sentence available per law! She is a serial law-breaking offender who negligently inflicts anguish and fear on innocent, vulnerable animals.

**Glenda Graham
Cave Junction**



Obituaries

Ron Clinton, 1958 – 2016

My name was Ron Clinton. I died of hepatitis C related liver cancer. I am survived by my 17-year-old daughter Gwendlyn Clinton and our cat Sparkles. I liked cooking, gardening, woodworking, cars, guns, mountain biking, disc golf and growing medical marijuana. I was a "Juggalo" (a fan of the music group "The Insane Clown Posse"). I'd like to say, "Much Clown Love" to all the Juggalos and Jaggalettes across the planet. See you all in Shangra La. I'm outta here.

Peggy June Eberlein, 81, of Cave Junction, died Thursday, May 19, 2016 at Highland House Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Mary Ann White Bird Stafford, age 70, of Selma, died Saturday, May 14, 2016 at her home.

Arrangements are pending with Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

Marion June (McBriety) Webb

July 2, 1921 to May 7, 2016

Marion Webb passed away peacefully at Applegate Manor in Grants Pass leaving behind many friends and relatives who admired her warm and loving personality.

Marion was the youngest daughter of an Irish immigrant's son, Michael John McBriety and his wife Mary Valen McBriety, born in Sweden. She was born in Takilma, Ore. She had two older sisters (Anna Owen and Margaret "Babe" Gates). Two older brothers

(Raymond, who died as a toddler and Carl "Stub" McBriety), and one younger brother (Michael D. "Bud" McBriety)

She lived in the Illinois Valley as a young girl and used to play at the store in Waldo, Ore. She married John (Jack) Wendell Webb and moved to Sedro Woolley, Washington where they lived for many years. They moved back to Grants Pass, Ore. about 40 years ago.

Marion was the last living member of her generation in the family. She is survived by her only son Monty W. Webb and his wife Sherry of Washington state; her grandson, James W. Webb as well as eight nieces and nephews from her side of the family and many more grand nieces and nephews. Marion was also a stepmother to her husband's two children, Nolan and

Jean, a special life long relationship with Nolan, as well as acting mother/grandmother to Jack's grandson David L. Webb, now deceased.

One of Marion's first loves was that of animals. She had owned horses for many years both in Oregon and Washington. There were always dogs in her home and a cat or two, as well as an occasional duck or goat vying for her attention. She would take in animals when they needed TLC or had nowhere else to go.

She had a special love for country music and taught herself to play the piano, organ, guitar, and accordion.

Marion was fiercely independent and preferred to do everything in her own way. Oh, by the way you didn't want to try and take advantage of this "Red Headed Irishman", she had little

patience with shady people.

She was adventuresome enough even at 80+ years of age to voluntarily ride in the back of a pickup with her legs dangling from the tailgate on the way up a driveways, that required 4-wheel drive, on the way to Waldo Cemetery and to St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in what used to be Althouse Creek.

She was a woman who would give you a great smile, big hugs, and make sure your belly was full and you were happy around her.

Her cremated remains will be placed in a crypt, next to her husband, at Hawthorne Memorial Gardens in Grants Pass.

There will be no service, any donations should be made to your favorite charity.

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Save the date

May 26

Lovejoy Hospice will be starting a monthly Grief Support group starting on Thursday, May 26 and meeting the last Thursday of each month.

This will be held at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition, 535 E. River St., CJ from noon to 1:30 p.m. Individuals who are interested need to contact our group facilitator for an orientation appointment prior to attending. Call 541-474-1193. This is free to the community.

June 3

GMO Free Josephine County and Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families will host a community meeting to discuss the recent court ruling on the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance and next steps. The meeting will take place Friday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m., at the Cave Junction Farmers' Market site at Jubilee Park. A few chairs will be available; bring one if you can. In case of rain, meet at the shelter. For more information call Mary (541) 660-6204.

June 6

Neighborhood Watch Leadership Meeting, Wild Rivers Brewing & Pizza - CJ, Monday at 5 p.m. A rally effort by all Neighborhood Watch Groups. Agenda:

Fire Season prep., formulate a "Committee of Safety", discuss a Rural Law Enforcement District for the I.V., Posse Program, and visit with prior Sheriff Gil Gilbertson. Contact Guenter Ambron 541-415-1929 / cmec@cavenet.com for more details.

June 7

IVHS Graduation at the football stadium, weather permitting at 7 p.m.

June 20

Compassionate friends meeting - Monday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m., Asante Three Rivers Hospital - Cascade Room #2, "Providing grief support after the death of a child," meets every third Monday of the month. Open to parents, grandparents and other adult family members. Toni 541-597-2812.

Continuing

*Cave Junction Farmers' Market happens every Friday from 4 - 7 p.m. all summer through Friday, Sept. 23, 2016. All are invited to this open air market displaying the works of local farmers and artists. Available for sale are fruits and veggies; plant starts; homemade canned and baked foods; fresh eggs; local medicinal, handmade health products; and beautiful local crafts. You might find a freshly made meal or treat, listen to music, catch a dance performance, get you bike tuned up, visit with friends and more. The Market is located in the parking lot of Jubilee Park. The Market can accept Debit cards and Oregon Trail SNAP cards. Every week the Market can double up to \$10 of SNAP credits for the purchase of fresh, frozen or dried whole or cut fruits and vegetable. For information about the Market or the Double UP Food Bucks program, please visit the Farmers' Market Information Booth at each Market or call Sarah Kuhn 541-415-4419 and Nick Reynolds 541-637-9044 or email cjfarmersmarketinfo@gmail.com.

*Fire & Emergency Services Career Exploring is open to young men and women from our lo-

cal 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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