



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

This past Sunday the kids wanted to go a river spot on Illinois River Rd. I hate going there but with Dan Klapheke, our intern new to town, I wanted him to see our beautiful river. We arrived early enough to find suitable parking and found a great spot. Then things went south. A steady stream of young adults stated to pour in, coolers and beer bongs in tow. Everything that I saw Sunday is exactly why the U.S. Forest Service is banning alcohol on the road. They stayed away from us and had no impact on our day; actually I was entertained slightly with their antics. When we were leaving I realized that I did not recognize anyone there. Every person there was from somewhere outside of the Valley. The up side to that is hopefully they spent some

money. As the people were filing in I was wondering where everybody parked, well I found out. Cars were parked everywhere. The white line rule was not even close to being followed. People were standing around their cars not in any hurry to move out of the way so others could pass. At one point a truck passed us with so little regard that he hit our side view mirror. I don't know what the unintended consequences will be with the ban when it does take effect but it has to make things better than they are now. Stay cool, keep hydrated and thank you for picking up this week's paper., enjoy! ~ djm

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

Interested in a rewarding experience? Try volunteering at the Cave Junction Sheriff's Substation. That's where I volunteer every Friday, and not a single shift goes by that I'm not able to help someone in an important way.

Recently, a family came in to report a series of frightening threats they had received. They were quite tentative, explaining they hadn't been sure what to do, and had hesitated going to the police. I was able to immediately connect them with the dispatch operator, who took all the information

from them for follow-up by a deputy within a couple of days. I also gave them instructions on how to obtain an anti-stalking order. I am certain this family would not have received the help they needed if the substation had not been open.

That same day a woman came in. She appeared to have some dementia going on, as she was very confused about whether or not she had made a payment for a certain service and to which company she had made it. I attempted to help her sort things out in her mind, and she left, thanking me. (Hopefully her confusion did not return later.)

Sometimes funny things happen as well. Unfortunately, confidentiality prevents me from being more specific. But just take my word for it. You will be laughing sometimes.

But the problem is, right now the substation is open only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We want to extend to Tuesdays and Thursdays, but don't have the volunteers. So if you'd like to participate in a great experience, come down to the substation and ask for a volunteer application.

Anita Savio, Cave Junction

Obituaries

The family of **Lee Martinho, 59**, will hold a Celebration of Life for all friends and family Saturday, June 25 starting at 11 a.m. at 283 S. Old Stage Rd. (behind Seventh Day Adventist Church). It will be a potluck barbeque (bring a side dish or extra meat is welcomed). There will be live music and donations are welcomed for the band.

Tammy Blind, 51, of O'Brien, died Friday, May 20, 2016 as a result of an automobile accident in O'Brien. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements. Tammy was born Nov. 9,

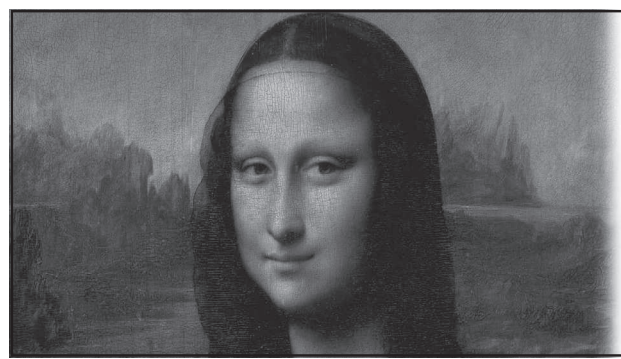
1964 in Cave Junction. She is survived by two daughters, three sons, two grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers. Please visit the obituary and sign Tammy's tribute wall at www.since1928hull.com.

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Save the date

June 8
The LBMS Music Department will present the final concert of the season, "Coda," on Wednesday, June 8 at 7 p.m. The concert takes place in the gym and admission is free.

June 11
Illinois Valley Little League will be holding their end of the season, Closing Ceremony Saturday, June 11 at 11 a.m. We would like to invite the community, sponsors and all who have participated in the season to come our and enjoy the ceremony support the players as they receive awards and celebrate the All-Star teams announcements

June 11
Hathkpasuta River Celebration Illinois River Forks State Park, June 11. 10 a.m. - Gates open; 11:30-Poem of the Illinois Valley-Noon-Giant Puppet Parade -Everyone welcome to join in! 12:30-Native Elder Speakers

& Guests 1:15 - KSWild Puppet Skit Music 1:30-Only Natural 3:00-Bob Luna & the Lunatics 4:30 -Frankie Hernandez Band

June 17-19
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June 19
Jazz pianist/composer Beverly Ritz, whose music is heard on NPR, will be playing jazz classics and original elegant jazz & blues for the Father's Day Brunch at Patrick Creek Lodge. The cost is \$30/person. Call for reservations: 707-457-3323.

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,

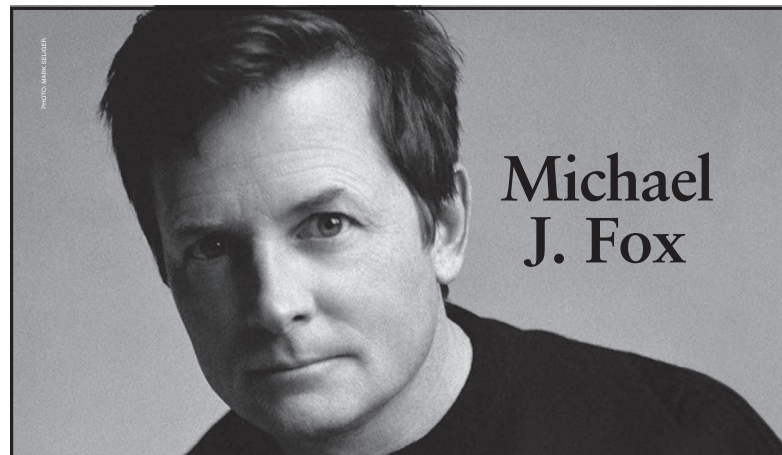
grandparents and other adult family members. Toni 541-597-2812.

June 28
Commissioner Cheryl Walker will be hosting Town Hall Community meetings on Marijuana - Planning Ahead Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Cave Junction County Building 102 South Redwood Hwy. Cave Junction, Oregon All County residents are invited to attend.

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 com-

bines 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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