

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 concerned about eagles

After reading the article in last week's I.V. News (July 6) about the bald eagle, I thought you might be interested in this recent article by Mathew Daley of The Associated Press entitled 'New rule would

permit thousands of eagle deaths.' Washington equals the Obama administration is revising a federal rule that allows wind-energy companies to operate high speed turbines for up to 30 years even if it means killing or injuring thousands of federally protected bald and golden eagles.

Under the plan announced Wednesday, wind companies and other power providers could kill or injure up to 4,200 bald eagles a year without penalty (nearly four times the current limit). Golden eagles could only be killed if companies take steps to minimize the losses, for instance, by retrofitting power poles to reduce the risk of electrocution.

There is more to the article, but I think you get the point.

These monstrosity turbines are erected in areas where they can get the optimum winds. Guess where eagles and other migratory birds fly?

One really sad thing about this situation is that there are in use and designs for vertical wind turbines that

are just as efficient, take up much less space, require less maintenance and are a minimal threat to migrating birds.

The reality that I see is that somebody knows someone in high places and or paid big bucks to get the contracts for their company to build these turbines, and screw the bald eagle who is our national symbol. What does that tell you about the state of this nation?

Steven A. Meyer
Cave Junction

Reader shows appreciation for community

The employees of Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve want to thank the communities of the Illinois Valley for their support of the park. Over the past number of months, we have received two awards recognizing our participation with our neighbors and with our community. The Illinois Valley Community Development Organization bestowed upon the park their Partnership Award

for consistent contribution to the local economy. Shortly thereafter, the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce named Oregon Caves Monument and Preserve the "Best Large Business of the Year."

We are honored to receive these accolades and express our gratitude to the members of these organizations for their support of our efforts. We plan to do our best to deserve such recognition and to continue to our efforts to be a valuable member of this community.

Sincerely,
Vicki J. Snitzler
Superintendent

Reader thankful for vet

We would like to say something about our local veterinarian here in CJ, Zachary Robinson. Last weekend we had a very sick goat and tried everything we could to help her. Zachary was not on call but we left him a distressed message anyway. We

called Pacific Vet in Grants Pass as we have used them for veterinarian services in the past. They gave us a couple ideas but said it would be \$600 just for them to come out here. (We don't know about the rest of you but that is definitely out of our budget.)

Zachary got back to us and said he was out of town but would stop by on the way back in the early evening. Our goat had a tear in her uterus after a delivery of twins 12 hours earlier and he did not know if she would pull through. He would come by in the morning and check.

Daisy died about four hours later, but we are so thankful for Dr. Robinson and his family, even if there is nothing he can do he does his best and never makes us feel like we did not do enough. He is a man of faith and we appreciate his humble and honest manner when working with us. God bless you and your family Zachary, we love you.

Mark and Carol Atwood
Cave Junction

IVHS Alumni and Friends

An Association of IVHS & KUHS Alumni and Their Friends:

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Thank You:

To the generous silent auction donors and bidders. To the reunion classes for the terrific

gift baskets. To the IVFD cooks for the yummy breakfast. To the following businesses for your donations and the kind courtesies extended to us. You made Reunion 2016 great fun and a huge success. We are most grateful!

Carlos Restaurante, Cascade Auto, CJ Coffee, Crystal Kaleidoscope, Dairy Queen, Dr. Joe's Pet Hospital, Foris Vineyard, Great Cats of

the World Park, Illinois Valley News, I.V. Golf Association, Junction Inn, Kerbyville Museum, McGrew's Restaurant and Lounge NAPA Auto Parts, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Perfect Pizza, Plaisance Ranch, Shop Smart Food Warehouse, Taylor's Sausage & Taylor's Country Store, Treehouse Florist & Gifts, Valley Girls Quilts, Wild Life Land

Trust, Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co.

Congratulations to our IVHS Class of 2016 Scholarship Recipients: Alia Parker, Academic Scholarship, \$4,000 and Greg Kligbell, Vocational Scholarship, \$4,000.

Letter of thanks

Obituaries

Stephanie Hooker DeGraaf, 56, passed away June 20, 2016, at UCSF, San Francisco after a long extended illness. She was a part-time resident of Cave Junction. She was born Dec. 28, 1959, in Glendale, Calif. Stephanie is survived by her mother, Sylvianne Irons; step-father, Vern Cleveland; sister Deborah Hiscott and her family of Rescue, Calif.; brother, Dennis Hooker and his family of Simi Valley, Calif.; step-sister, Annie Norton of Cave Junction; relatives in Las Vegas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salinas, Calif., Salem, Ore., Denmark, Netherlands and her ex-husband's family in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Stephanie lived life fully. She started out in cosmetology and going to community college at the same time. She finished her studies in anthropology and Italian with a B.A. from the University of Oregon. Stephanie had traveled to Japan, Hawaii, Australia, England and Wales, Italy and France. She like to do embroidery work, beaded jewelry boxes and

paint her own greeting cards. She also enjoyed fencing which she did in college.

There will be a memorial service at the Immanuel Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins St. in Cave Junction July 23, 2016, at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow.

Ruth Agnes "Ruthie" Boucher, 82

, passed away May 7, 2016, while under Hospice care at Countryside Living in Redmond, Ore.

Ruthie was born in Grants Pass Jan. 24, 1934 to John and Frances (Morris) Smith, she was raised in Illinois Valley and graduated from Illinois Valley High School in 1951. She attended Lewis and Clark College in Portland for 1 1/2 years before marrying Al Boucher in 1953. Al was a U.S. Forest Service Smokejumper and Ruthie became a licensed parachute rigger and worked several fire seasons at the Smokejumper Base in Cave

Junction.

She was proud of her pioneer roots. Her father was born in Waldo and her ancestors settled in the Valley in the mid-1800s.

During their 62 years of marriage Ruthie and Al moved several times with the Forest Service. Stops included Redmond, Ore., Roy, Utah and Gresham, Ore. They retired and moved back to Redmond.

Ruthie had many interests including bowling, golf, knitting, and she was a very good bridge player.

She is survived by her husband Al; sons, Don (Cindi), Randy (Sue); grandchildren, Sara Heil (Jeff), Eric (Sara), John (fiancé Emily), Mark; and great-grandchildren, Olivia and Aiden Heil.

Service were held in Redmond May 21, 2016 and she will be buried at the Eagle Point National Cemetery.



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Save the date

July 14

Forest and Watershed Health Workshop, Thursday, July 14, 6 to 9 p.m., Selma Community and Education Center, Community based collaborative efforts and solutions, study of local forest ecology, fire, wet forest areas, watersheds, protection for rural homes, working with BLM and Forest Service, ODF, IVFire. Biologist Rich Nawa, Mary Camp - Natural Selection Alternatives, and fire safety. Guenter Ambron, 541-415-1929, or cmec@cavenet.com.

July 16

Saturday, July 16, the I.V. Senior Center will be hosting a Bingo Fundraiser for our new Thrift Store building fund. Doors open at 3 p.m. along with the kitchen. We will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs and other snacks. Bingo will start at 4 p.m. and will be 50 cent cards along with a 50/50 raffle, a Bake Auction as well as other raffles. Come in and join the fun meet your neighbors and win something. Help us help our community with a new Thrift Store. This event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

July 18

Meeting of the "Committee of Safety (COS), Monday, July 18, 5 p.m., Wild Rivers Brewing & Pizza. We are forming a COS to review and implement a Rural Law Enforcement District, deadline for August.

Representatives are needed from all Neighborhoods. Help your

community avoid more cutbacks on law enforcement. We can do this, together. Contact Guenter Ambron, 541-415-1929 or cmec@cavenet.com.

July 19

Illinois Valley Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting: Meets every 3rd Tuesday, 3 - 4 p.m. at 209 Junction Ave. any people willing to help on this committee please feel free to attend.

Preparedness-Prudent Living Training: Meeting every 3rd Tuesday, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at 209 Junction Ave. Have had classes where to find water, sanitation after a disaster, building emergency shelters, among other classes. Tuesday, July 19 will be on First Aid & Medical Aid. Open to all citizens of Cave Junction all are welcome. For more information call Bob Bell at 541-415-1222.

July 19

Come join the nightly fun!! Bring family and friends. FREE for ages 3 and up. Vacation Bible School July 19-July 22 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Armour of God is sponsored by Illinois Valley Baptist Church, located at 102 S. Redwood Hwy (in the County Building). A snack will be provided.

July 21

Thursday, July 21, 6:30 - 10 p.m. join us for I.V. by Candlelight at Jubilee Park. Kelly Thibodeaux is playing at 6:30 for the Chamber's

Concert in the Park series. This is a special fundraiser for CJ Patrols. After the concert candles will be provided for a candlelight walk through the park and downtown. After the walk Dutch Bros. is providing drinks and also S'mores by campfire will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Ford Family Institute.

July 25

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners will be hosting a Town Hall Community meeting in the Illinois Valley

The meeting is scheduled for Monday July 25, 2016 6:30 p.m. Cave Junction County Building 102 South Redwood Hwy. Cave Junction, Oregon,

All County residents are invited to attend

July 29

4-7 p.m. at the Historical Schmidt House Barn Corner of 5th and J Streets We will have a pie baking contest. Sign up at the Research Library 512 SW 5th Street Call 541-479-7827 for details. Food, Fun and Entertainment Any questions please call Josephine County Historical Society 541-479-7827 or Christina Carver Publicity Director 541-507-7618 tchilimom@yahoo.com.

July 30

Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association is holding a one-day Beginning Beekeeping class on Saturday

July 30, 2016 in the Medford area. Anyone who would like to attend can get more information at: <http://www.southernoregonbeekeepers.org/news-and-events/fall-bee-school>. Cost: \$35. Registration deadline is July 29, 2016 and is limited to the first 100 people. Register by mail (before July 23)

Aug. 6

Saturday, Aug. 6, the I.V. Senior Center will be serving up its monthly Country Breakfast. Starting at 8 a.m. for \$6 the Center will be serving eggs, bacon, hash browns, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, chicken-fried steak, biscuits 'n gravy, coffee and juice. This is all you can eat and is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Aug. 13 & 14

Pressure canner testing at the 'Croons, Nelson Family Farm, Redwood Highway, Cave Junction 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Aug. 20

Pressure canner testing at the "It's The Berries" 8 a.m.- 3 p.m., Inside the building, RCC Learning Center/Belt Building, Redwood Highway, Kerby

Sept. 11

Pressure canner testing at the Illinois Valley Grange, Holland Loop Rd, Cave Junction, 8-11 a.m., Sunday

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 hands-on program that exposes young people to fire and emergency services. The most popular career exploring includes fire-fighter, 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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