

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.)

What are we doing to our community?

I am an avid bicyclist. I recently had the opportunity to ride the Willamette Scenic Bikeway. What a great area of orchards, vineyards, and pasture lands. I saw a beautiful wedding at the Wilmes Hops Farm and people waving as I rode by. You know what I didn't see? Wooden fences, cannabis grows, tweakers, yards full of trash and homeless people on the street.

Our community has by far more natural beauty than the northern part of the state. Riding a bicycle is a great way to see our community at a much slower pace. It saddens me to see what is happening to our valley. Have we, as a community, accepted this as the new norm? Is crime, no law enforcement, drugs,

trash, derelict properties and squatters our future?

I ask you, what we are doing to our community? The silent majority needs to take a stand and be heard before it's too late.

**Dennis Hoke
Cave Junction**

Dear Editor,

A local Illinois Valley organization's newsletter is asking for volunteers to toss candy to the children from their float in the upcoming Labor Day Parade. They mean well but do not realize the negativity it causes. A bit of danger, yes, but it is a distraction for the kids and their parents watching them. The parades are an entertainment like no other.

Their actors are just plain folks who have spent many hours and dollars to entertain you, and yes to show off a bit too. They expect you to look at their colorful floats, fancy clothes and uniforms, polished old cars and tractors, maybe a marching band and a silly thing or two. They want you and your children to watch them go by.

All of this is wasted if kids are running around finding candy.

Parades are not only fun but can also be a source of knowledge for those young ones if parents do their part.

For example: "Look kids here comes our flag. You already know what the stars and stripes stand for this is called the presentation of colors and those people

in that first row are called Color Guards. When you see our flag coming put your hand over your heart, stand up straight and proud and keep your eyes on the flag until it passes." Or you could say, "That man in the convertible car is called the Grand Marshal because he is very important. This man is our mayor. These men are called veterans because they were in the army, navy, coast guard or pilots in the air force that protect our country from bad people. That car is called a model A Ford. Your great grandpa had one; I'll show you his picture." "Aren't those ribbons and flowers nice? Do you suppose those ladies made their own dresses?" "These are the boy-girl scout troop. They learn how to be

honest and always tell the truth. They go camping and cook over a camp fire. They learn how to tie knots and other fun stuff." "That man is our sheriff and those with him are called deputies. They are all police men and women." "That sign says it's the (name) church." "Boy that siren sure is loud. Those are our firemen. Most of them work for free because they want to help their community."

With your narration of every entry that goes by the kids can learn things that they won't find elsewhere.

Thank you Lions for our parades,

**Rocky Jones
Cave Junction**

Letter of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone at St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church for all your help in the passing of my sister and the beautiful services you had there.

Thank you again,

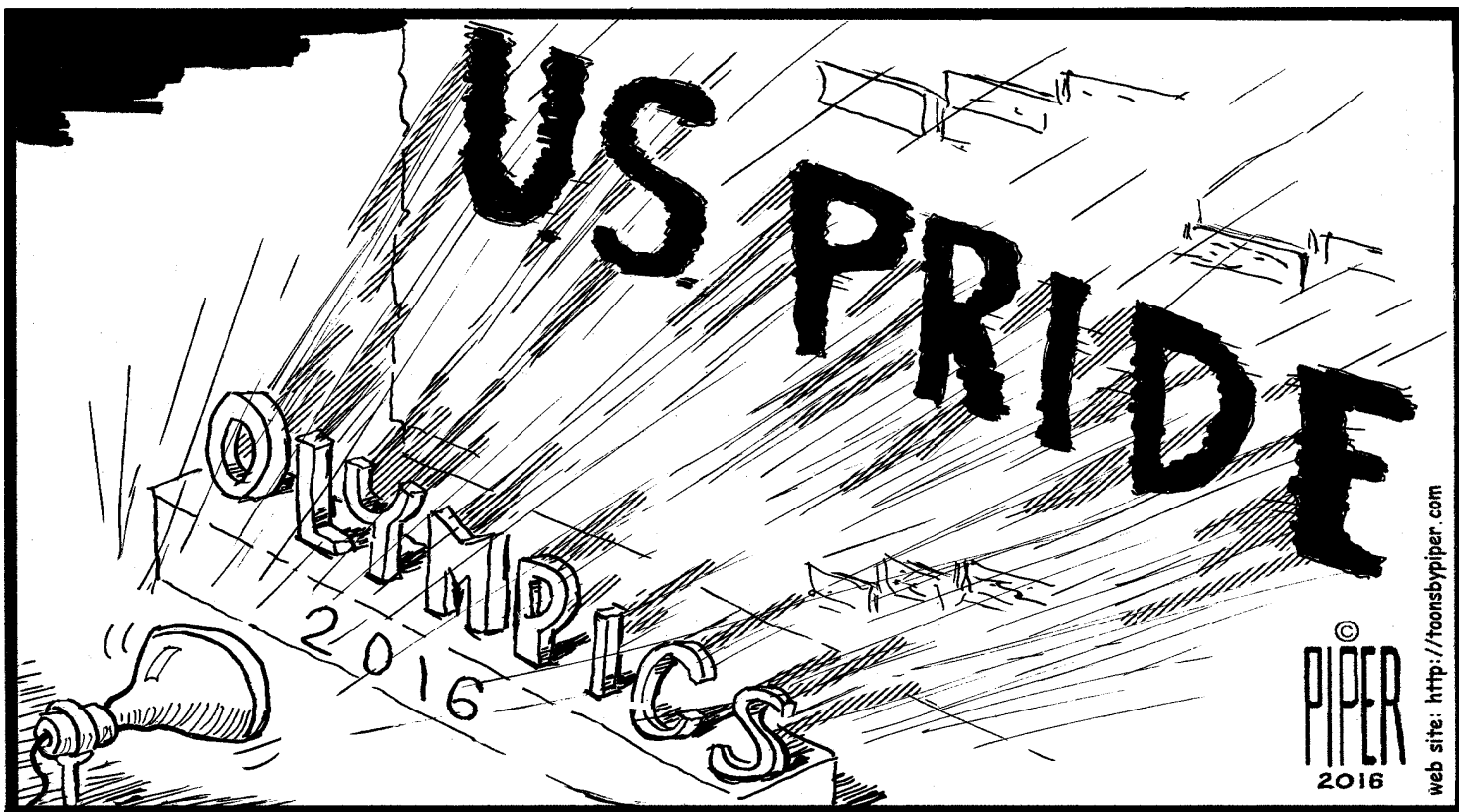
The Melton and Noble families

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Obituaries

Virginia Faye Tyler, 72, of Kerby passed away Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016 as a result of a motor vehicle accident near Wonder, Oregon.

A visitation will be held Friday, Aug. 19, 2016 from 1 – 5 p.m. at Stephens Family Chapel in Grants Pass.

Russel Kauffman, 54, of Branchburg, NJ, passed away at his home Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016.

Born in Newport Beach, Calif. he was the son of Delbert and Helen Kauffman of Oregon.

Coming from Delaware, Russel

had lived in Branchburg for the past four years.

He worked as a Senior Engineer for VENCORE in King of Prussia, Pa. Russel was an Aerospace Physicist. He earned a Bachelor's in physics from Reed College, Portland, in 1984 and a doctorate from Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., in 1989. He was an assistant professor of physics at Muhlenberg College for 6 years and had done undergraduate physics teaching, with research in computational chemistry. Russel had simulated electronic structure of metals to tune catalytic properties and had results published in a leading journal. He developed and taught computer

simulation course; differential equations, nonlinear systems, random process, and Monte Carlo methods. He also taught a full physics curriculum; electrodynamics, nuclear/particle physics, electronics, optics, and thermal physics. He computed rates for Higgs boson production in proton collisions. He researched interaction of literature and science and spoke at five national conferences and one international conference. He was also a visiting assistant professor of physics at Franklin and Marshall College for 2 years and had done a broad range of undergraduate physics teaching with research in elementary particle theory, including supervision of stu-

dent projects.

He and his wife, Jade Fantasy shared a passion for Argentine Tango. They loved dancing and performing at Le Paris Dance Center in Fanwood and Joy 2 Dance in Hillsborough. They enjoyed many hours of dance lessons and Milonga social dances at Nash Studio at Randolph, the Art of Tango in East Brunswick, and Dance Manhattan in New York City.

Along with his parents, he is survived by his loving wife, Jade Fantasy; his son, Felix of Boston; his step-sons, Jonathan and Jason MacDuffie of Branchburg; his brothers, Zachary and Marcus Kauffman of Oregon and Matthew Kauffman of

Wyoming; his sisters, Matina Kauffmann and Angelique Kauffman Rodriguez of Oregon and many nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016 from 1 – 3 p.m. A memorial service will follow the visitation at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478 Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123 or at <http://www.cancer.org>.

For more information or to send condolences please visit <http://www.kearnsfuneralhome.com>.

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Save the date

Aug. 19

You are invited: celebrate five years of Healthy U and our mission promoting health for the minds, bodies, and hearts of Illinois Valley residents. Join us Friday, Aug. 19 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Healthy U (535 E. River St. Cave Junction, in the back of the Family Coalition Building). Light snacks provided. Learn more about us at www.healthyucenter.org.

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

Aug. 20

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES! AUGUST 20, Saturday 11am-1pm ~ FREE :) @ Rusk Ranch Nature Center 27746 Redwood Hwy, Cave Junction, OR

Aug. 20

Enrollment for IVHS starts Monday Aug. 22 thru Friday Aug. 26, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.. We will have one late night for enrollment, Aug. 31., 8 a.m. - 7 p.m..

Aug. 22

Community Town Hall Meeting from Department of Veterans Affairs. American Legion Glen Morrison Post #70, 2110 Caves Hwy, Cave Junction. The Town Hall meetings are designed to allow feedback from veterans, family members and other beneficiaries. The VA SORCC also welcomes input from Congressional stakeholders, Veteran Service Organizations, nongovernmental organizations and other community partners.

Aug. 27

IVHS football fundraiser Touchdown Auction at the Siskiyou Smokejumper Base Museum.

Sept. 3 - 5

I.V. Lions 44th annual Labor Day Festival at Jubilee Park.

Sept. 6

IVHS Open House from 5-7 p.m.

Sept. 6

IVHS freshman first day of school 7:55 a.m.

Sept. 6

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

Sept. 7

All IVHS students first day of school 7:55 a.m.

Sept. 7

Gatekeeper training at the I.V. Family Coalition Sept. 7 at 10 a.m., River Room. The Gatekeeper program is a new program of the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC) that teaches employees at your business how to recognize warning signs and red flags that indicate an older adult or adult with disabilities may need some help. Contact Connie at 541-423-1383 to schedule a training or presentation.

Continuing

Cave Junction Patrol, LLC is looking for volunteers. CJ Patrol is a private citizen volunteer organization dedicated to effectively addressing heretofore-unchecked property crime in our city and neighborhoods. The primary mission of CJ Patrol is to prevent, interrupt, report, and decrease property crime in the city of Cave Junction. Contact: Phone: 541-592-9665 / Facebook: Cave Junction

Patrol Public / Website: cjpatrol.org / Monthly CJP Meetings: first Thursday, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Wild River Pizza Deli, 249 Redwood Hwy.

Have some spare time? The Illinois Valley Senior Thrift Store is looking for volunteers. If sorting, cleaning, staging is what you do, we could use your skills. Earn a free breakfast and a store gift card while you volunteer. Join the crew, make new friends, need not to be a member or a senior citizen to volunteer. Call the store at 541-592-6630 or visit us during store hours.

*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 Substation.

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