

Letters to the editor

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discretion of the publisher.

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Reader takes issue

I wish to take issue with Dennis Hoke's letter to the editor published on August 17, 2016. In it Mr. Hoke expresses his negative attitude towards the cannabis industry by including it in the same category as "tweakers, yards

full of trash, and homeless people on the street" and compares our valley with the bucolic beauty of the hops farms and vineyards up in the Willamette Valley where he recently rode his bicycle.

Both hops and vineyard grapes are major ingredients in the familiar alcoholic beverages of beer and wine. People can get high on these beverages as they can on pot, and, yes Dennis, they are all legal so get used to it. The

citizens of the United States made beer and wine legal in 1933 and the citizens of Oregon legalized pot in 2014. His statement that the "silent majority" should take a stand is totally incorrect unless he and these illusionary people didn't vote on the measure. This is a democracy and his opinion was not the majority.

I agree that "no law enforcement, drugs [like meth], trash, derelict properties and

squatters" should not be the community's future but uninformed prejudiced attitudes should not be either. Is it the effects of marijuana that Mr. Hoke is opposed to or the people who use and cultivate it? We can only guess as to what "need to take a stand before it's too late" means; is he advocating for some new law and order hysteria against cannabis farmers? All too often in the past law enforcement has

concentrated on harassment of pot cultivation at the expense of confronting real crimes with real victims. Many of us remember those days and Mr. Hoke's attitudes and, as an expression coming from an influential citizen, make us think twice about voting for a massive law enforcement levy.

**Robert C. Hirning
Takilma**

What readers think:

How do you feel about a law enforcement levy?



Louise Hunter

"I'm against a levy because they have tried four years in a row. Instead they should use taxes that will be coming forth from our numerous marijuana growers."



Randy Kreifels

"It would be nice if they passed it. We have a bad reputation. My parents don't feel safe here."



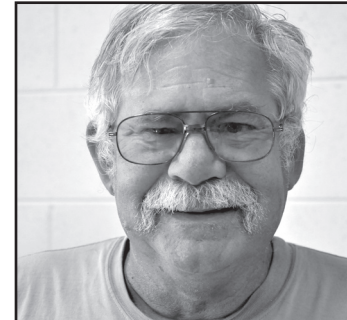
Daniel Dalegowski

"I'm into a levy because it appears it would maintain basic services. Without it the sheriff won't be able to do anything for us."



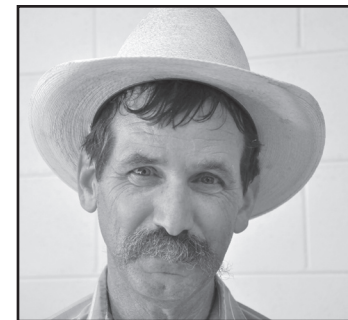
Tom Pappas

"I'm going to vote for it, but I feel it won't pass because the same active group keeps fighting it. What we need is a county sales tax."



David Longman

"Yes, I think they should do a levy, we need more deputies here. The sheriff needs help."



Mike Arnett

"I am for the levy because we need cops."

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

A memorial service will be held in Brachburg, NJ. 3 p.m. Aug. 27, Not at his parents home in Takilma.

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>.

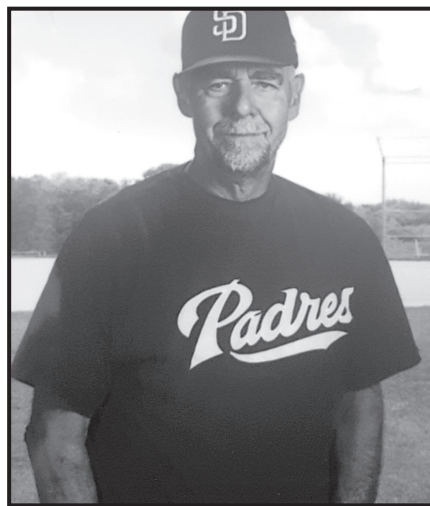
For more information or to send condolences please visit <http://www.kearnsfuneralhome.com>.

Mikel "Mike" Dugas, July 17, 1956, to Aug. 17, 2016

Mike was born in Fremont Nebraska July 17, 1956. His family moved to San Diego California when he was two months old. He grew up in a home with two sisters and one brother. Mike is the second oldest child, and the oldest son of Delma and Normand Dugas. He grew up enjoying the beach, music, baseball, football, camping, concerts, motorcycles and anything that challenged him physically or mentally. He moved to June Lake California a couple of years after graduating from Kearny High School. While at

June Lake, he met the love of his life Theresa, or "Tink" as he called her. They had their oldest son Jesse in 1980 and moved back to San Diego in 1981. Mike was a gifted carpenter, and developed into a very gifted leader. Mike quickly rose through the ranks and became one of the lead carpenters. Mikel and Theresa had their second son Jeremy in 1985. In 1992, Mike and Theresa moved to Selma where he continued his career as a general contractor, owning his own business Dugas Construction. They continued to raise their family until both boys were out of high school. In the early 2000s, Mike and Theresa started a German Shepherd Kennel, and began showing dogs on the show circuit. Mike Retired in 2008, and Theresa and Mike moved into Cave Junction. Mike spent the last few years volunteering for the Josephine County Sheriff's Department and coaching one of his grandsons Little League Baseball teams. Mike is survived by his wife of 35 years, Theresa; his two children, Jesse and Jeremy; his mother, Deanie Dugas; his three siblings, Denise Mawson, Daniel Dugas and Terri Dugas Zucconi; grandchildren; and so many more who have called him dad or

grandpa over the years. Mikel was a mentor and hero to many. A potluck Celebration of Life will be held at Lake Selmac Saturday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. If you are interested in attending or making a donation, please contact Jesse at 541-761-5017.



Mikel "Mike" Dugas

Robert E. Adams, 79, of O'Brien, died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016 at his home.

Robert was born June 15, 1937 in Chicago, Ill. to Robert & Mildred Adams. He was raised in Arlington, Mass. From 1956 to 1960 he served

in the United States Air Force and the Air Force Reserves until 1963. In 1959 in Arizona he married Virginia Sue Zulager. He moved to Luke Air Force Base in Arizona and enjoyed work as a cowboy on a ranch. He later worked in construction, as a machinist in Costa Mesa, Calif. and operated his own business. In the mid-1990s he retired and moved to Cave Junction.

Robert enjoyed spending time with his friends.

Survivors include two sons, Edward S. Adams of Largo, Fla. and D. Lawrence Adams of Laguna Niguel, Calif.

No services are planned. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Please visit the obituary and sign the tribute wall at www.since-1928hull.com.

Former Cave Junction resident,

Maciej Lesiecki, 96, of Leaburg, Ore. died Aug. 1, 2016, at Sacred Heart Medical Center - River-Bend in Springfield.

He was born Dec. 5, 1919, in Zawiercie, Poland. He was a World War II veteran, fighting in the British Eighth Army, Free Polish 11 Corps

at Monte Cassino under General Anders. On Jan. 16, 1950, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada he married Patricia Barry. They lived in Cave Junction for 37 years. He and his wife owned and operated Illinois Valley Dry Cleaners for years and House of Pendleton fabric store for many more. Mr. and Mrs. Lesiecki founded the Illinois Valley Wild Blackberry Festival

Survivors include his children, Konrad Lesiecki of Glendora, Calif., Maria Hawk of Idaho, Charles Lesiecki of Ore., Noel Lesiecki and Jeanette Montgomery both of Cave Junction; a brother, Stanislaw Lesiecki of Gdansk-Otomin, Poland; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia and a son, Mark.

A funeral mass was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016, at St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church with Father William Holtzinger officiating. Interment will follow at Deer Creek Cemetery. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

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Save the date

Aug. 25

Thursday, Aug. 25 guitarist Craig Chaquico will play inside the Oregon Caves to celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service. The press is invited, but space is limited. We can accommodate up to 12 media staff on a first come, first serve basis only. If you wish to attend, RSVP with Park Ranger George Herring by 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23: (541) 592-2100 x 2225.

Aug. 27

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

Sept. 3 - 5

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

Sept. 6

Lorna Byrne First Day of School (5th Graders only) 6-8 new to LBMS come for orientation and tour

Sept. 6

IVHS Open House from 5-7 p.m.

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

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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

Lorna Byrne First Day of classes for 6-8

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.

Sept. 12

Workshop Scheduled for Cave Junction-Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Sept. 12-Oct. 17. Meets once a week on Mondays from 2:30 - 5 p.m.. Call for more information and registration required. Learn new ways to manage stress and improve the ability to relax; fight fatigue and frustration; eat better and exercise safely; control pain and improve activity; learn better ways to talk to your doctor and family about your health; solve problems and get the support you need. Sign up Now: Call Living Well Southern Oregon 541-864-9611 or Pre-Register online at www.sohealthyoregon.org.

Continuing

Cave Junction Patrol, LLC is looking for volunteers. CJ Patrol is a private citizen volunteer organiza-

tion 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.

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