



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

My first job ever was as a paper boy. I delivered the total market coverage (TMC) product, otherwise known as that "ad paper" left on your front porch each week for the *Rochelle News-Leader* in Rochelle, Illinois. I was paid one cent per paper and I had 99 on my route.

My family got the *News-Leader*, **Rockford Register Star**, *Chicago Sun-Times* and the weekend *Chicago Tribune*. As a child, my sister and I would fight over who got the comics first. But as time went on I looked forward to reading Bob Green and as I got older, Mike Royko.

I grew up reading the great reporters, columnists and cartoonists in the *Sun-Times* and *Tribune*. Why would a child read the news? We lived in the far western suburbs of Chicago and politics were like contact sports that rivaled the Blackhawks hockey team. The antics of the Daley family and the ghost payroll schemes were like a weekly soap opera. I remember when Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne moved into the notorious housing project "Cabrini Green," to bring awareness to the 11 murders and 37 other injuries that had happened in three months from gang activity.

In my early teens we moved to the Washington D.C. suburbs. Needless to say politics were king. My father worked on K Street which is the epicenter of lobbyists. And with D.C. comes *The Washington Post*.

Oddly, in *The Post* my favorite section was the Sunday book review section. *The Post* is also where I first came across Gwen Ifill; I also enjoyed Charles Krauthammer.

My father, a news junkie, made us watch the news every night as children. I remember Cronkite giving nightly body counts during the Vietnam War. "60 Minutes" was mandatory viewing in our house. Old timers like Walter Cronkite, Dan Rather, Morley Safer, Charles Kuralt and Mike Wallace, and let's not forget Andy Rooney.

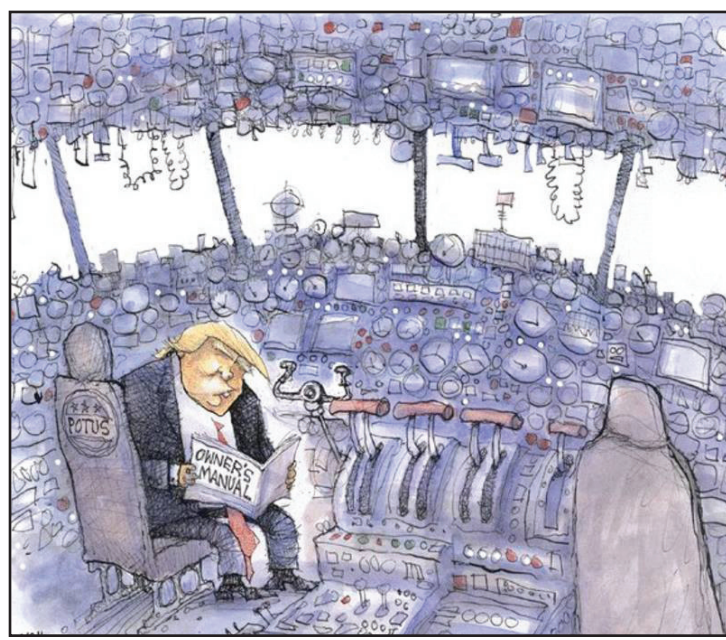
I used to stay up late to watch the "Charlie Rose Show" and I was a huge fan of John McLaughlin and his show "The McLaughlin Group." I remember when Tom Brokaw was a local news anchor with NBC in Chicago, I grew up with Brokaw, Lester Holt and Connie Chug.

Where the heck is Mancuso going with all this you ask? Well, because of the death of Gwen Ifill, I started thinking about news media and how important it is. I started to think about all the "newsies" that I grew up with.

Today the "Media" gets blamed for everything. Sure, some outlets heavily slant things, but are they really news media? A blog on the internet is not news media. As a small town paper, I don't view myself as "News Media" in the sense that most view news media. I report on what the city council did last night or in most cases last week. I report on your neighbor's house burning down and how the community came together to help; what's going on in the schools; or what's happening on Redwood Hwy.; most of it is not that contentious.

While I know I will never be a Carl Bernstein, a Gwen Ifill or even a Mike Royko, I am proud of my profession. And someday maybe, just maybe, if I "raise enough hell," I might be a Warren Hinckle.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper, enjoy! ~ djm



Letter of Thanks

We are all grateful to the wonderful firemen that saved my house from the flume fire early Nov. 8. Amazing to watch their expertise and precise way of making sure that all was under control. Thank you all for your warming calm demeanor and expertise. We can't thank you enough.

Blessings to you all,
Jorgie, Jen and Pete
Selma

Jack L. Sauer,
age 87, of Kerby,

A celebration of life service will be at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016 at Illinois Valley High School gym with Pastor Monty Pope officiating. Please join the family for a potluck immediately following the service and bring your favorite dish.

Henry J. Ramer,

88, of Rochelle, Illinois, formerly of DeKalb, died Friday, November 11, 2016, at Rochelle Rehab and Healthcare Center in Rochelle.

He was born August 25, 1928, in DeKalb, Illinois the son of Henry L. and Mary (Dodson) Ramer.

Henry was a veteran

of the US Army, having served during the Korean Conflict. He was employed by Del Monte in DeKalb and Rochelle. He was a member of the Rochelle VFW and was a wonderful supporter of his family, helping his nieces and nephews with college expenses. Henry was best known as the "Mayor of Second Street" because he

mowed lawns and shoveled sidewalks for his neighbors.

He is survived by his brother, George (Jean) Ramer of DeKalb, Ill; his sister, Mary Jane (John) Mancuso of Conway, Ark.; three nieces, Karen (Ted) Wally of Loveland, Co., Deb (Jeff) Robertson of Laramie Wyo., Patti (Jim) Welander of Gibson City, Ill.; one nephew,

Daniel (Laura) Mancuso of Cave Junction, Ore.; several great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, June; and nephew, David Ramer.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Anderson Funeral Home,

2011 South 4th St., in DeKalb. Burial of cremated remains will be at Fairview Park Cemetery, in DeKalb, with full military honors by DeKalb American Legion Post 66.

Henry's family asks that those who wish to honor Henry do so by performing a random act of kindness for a neighbor.

The Archive Zone: by Hillary Mohr from the Illinois Valley News archives

This week we take a nostalgic journey back to Nov. 14, 1957. A time when \$4,700 would buy you a hide-away on 55 acres, with running stream, guest house and modern house. Grab a warm beverage and get ready for lumber, libraries and licenses in this week's Archive Zone.

State treasurer and congressman move to bolster timber industry. Two developments this week are aimed at getting the lumber business of Oregon off dead center. State Treasurer Sig Unander has announced that "after knocking on doors of high Eisenhower administration people in Washington" a decision has been reached to spend \$375,000 to open for public bids 400,000,000 board feet of Federal timber in Washington and Oregon between now and June 30, next year, and an additional 400,000,000 in the

latter part of the summer next year.

Bids called for library building here, open Dec. 2. Bids have been called for on the building of the Josephine County branch library building in Cave Junction. They are to be opened in the office of the county court, at the court house in Grants Pass, Dec. 2. The legal notice first appeared early this week in the *Journal of Commerce* in Portland, and Tuesday evening in the *Grants Pass Courier*. The notice states that the plans and specifications are available to qualified contractors at the office of the county court, where a deposit of \$25 is required for each set of blue prints. At the meeting of the city council in Cave Junction Tuesday evening the members voted to instruct recorder Paul Glines to protest the failure of the county to advertise for bids in the *Illinois Valley News*.

Radio license asked by city. The city of Cave Junction is taking formal steps to apply to the Federal Communications Commission for a short wave radio license. It is possible that arrangements may be made to have the city's police car equipped with radio on the same wave length as that used by the sheriff's office of Josephine County, which also has on the circuit the police department of the city of Grants Pass. Police Chief Ross Turpin has recommended, however, that the application be made immediately. He said he also hoped that not only the police department here would have radio equipment, but that the service could also be extended to the Illinois Valley Rural Fire District, so that the fire trucks could carry sets for on the spot communication.

The Illinois Valley, Naturally!

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Save the date

Nov. 21

Mindfulness Meditation Classes to be held at Healthy U, 535 E. River St, 541-592-4888, Mon., Nov. 21, soften the holidays, reduce stress and develop conscious relaxation. Classes by donation.

Dec. 5

Neighborhood Watch Leadership Meeting, Monday - Dec. 5, 6 p.m. at Wild Rivers Pizza. I am reaching out to all the leadership in the Illinois Valley neighborhood watch groups, and to those that wish to help form their Watch.

We need to have a means to share information and resources between all groups. I am hosting a communications meeting to address our concerns, organize ourselves, our infor-

mation, and to get it to the appropriate authorities. Can you please help us by spreading the word of this meeting. Contact me, Dennis Hoke, at 541-287-0021

Dec. 10

The Dell'Arte Company's annual holiday show tour returns for its 36th year with an adaptation of Alice in Wonderland, re-imagined for the unique struggles of growing up in Northern California. A nimble new piece from the Dell'Arte Company featuring original music and athletic acting, this isn't your everyday Alice! Lorna Byrne Middle School Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

Continuing

*The I.V. Senior Thrift Store is under NEW MANAGEMENT and is looking for

new volunteers. Join the crew and make new friends. You don't need to be a senior citizen to join the store. Call us at 541-592-6630. Open Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*The C.J. Substation hours are changed. We are now open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays (closed Wednesdays) from 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.

*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. Call 541-592-9665, cjpatrol.org. Monthly meetings are first Thursday at 6 p.m. at Wild River Pizza, 249 Redwood Hwy.

*The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program will be offering free assistance with Medicare Open Enrollment at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition every Monday from Nov. 7 to Dec. 5. You can add, drop or change how you receive your Medicare benefits. Call 541-956-4472. Be sure to specify that you are calling for an appointment in Cave Junction.

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