

What readers think:

Will you shop local for the holidays?



Guenter Ambron

"Always, unless I need a special item and can't be made or found here."



Kathy Jett

"Absolutely, I like all our shops and it keeps getting better."



Brian Holsclaw

"Yes, but not after 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and not at all on Christmas because employees should be home with their families."



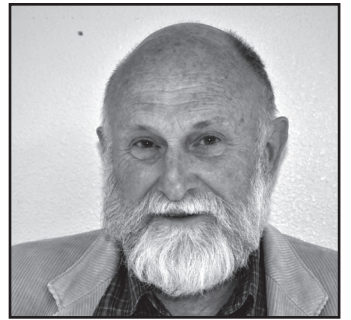
Lance Hearn

"Yes, I always try to shop local. I don't like to leave the Valley."



Michelle LeComte

"Yes I will! There are several different church bazaars, and many different shops in town. Why would I go anywhere else and deal with all those crowds?"



John Gardiner

"We ALWAYS buy locally whenever possible, and spend most of our money at Diggin' Livin'! We wish everyone would do the same, to make CJ a better place for business!"

Obituaries

Louis Trujillo, 82, of Cave Junction, passed peacefully away on Nov. 28, 2016 at his home with loving family by his side.

Louis was born Oct. 12, 1934 in Socorro, N.M. the second oldest of four children. The family moved to Los Angeles and then to Alameda, Calif. He was a member of Teamster Local '70' and Local '315' Contra Costa, Calif. before moving to Cave Junction in 1979.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Nora E. Trujillo; son, Louis A. Trujillo (Tamera); granddaughter,

Alexandria Trujillo; grandson, Louis P. "Beau" Trujillo; brother, Mike T. Montoya (Diana); sister, Ramona Ortega; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Emma and brother, Serito Montoya.

Hull & Hull Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Tribute to Lee Allen Martinho

Lee Allen Martinho, born Sept. 21, 1956, disappeared from his home on Dec. 10, 2015.

This memory letter is created by Lee's family, one in which we are grateful to those who encouraged us and prayed after Lee went missing. As we grieve, we'll remember fond events, the moments etched in our souls and hearts.

Lee had a way of saying my name, "Jeannie!" which made me feel special as his big sister. After we grew up, we made our mom's blackberry cobbler stew on a campsite fire. I was about to add water to the

pot, because I wasn't sure if I had enough blackberry stew for our large crowd. Lee reached his hand to stop me. "No, no, don't add water you'll ruin it." And so I didn't add the water and ruin it. ~ Jean Ann Williams

My favorite memories are the gold mining trips and picking mushrooms together every season. ~Manuel Martinho

A favorite memory of Lee is the wrestling match we got into at Eric's party before Eric was sent away for the Army. And our camping trips during the summer. We will always remember those times! ~Rhonda Martinho

Lee was not just my brother, but my best friend. He was my protector in high school. I could always go to him with any problem, and he would help me if he could. Not being able to put him to rest properly, this is the hardest

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.)

Did you find a Community First envelope with cash in it?

Lost between

the bank along Caves Ave. and Watkins.

Elderly couple would be greatly appreciative.

Handsome reward to person that returns envelope to Community First Bank.

Thank you for your honesty.

thing. I pray every day someone will come forward anonymously and tell where Lee is at. Leebee, we love you very much. ~Cindy, Denton, and Rebeka.

My favorite memory of Lee would be playing poker with him. He was fun. ~A Niece

Uncle Lee called me his angel. He was usually smiling and always happy to see us! He was a great dance partner. He was always available to help out if we needed him . . . so generous and kind. He will always be deeply missed, until we see him again! ~A Niece

This letter wouldn't be complete without mentioning Lee's gift to take rough-cut burls of wood and create table tops, canes, and still-life art.

As our family looks to the future, we

have a blessing due in January. A baby will bear the name Lee in honor of our beloved brother, daddy, granddaddy, uncle, and friend.



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Add the Guild's festive open house to your Dec. 10 holiday shopping tour

Sweet treats, 2016's Grand Raffle prize, silent auction results, and creative holiday joy await visitors to the Southern Oregon Guild's Holiday Open House at the Guild Gallery in the RCC Kerby Belt Building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10.

Warm your body and heart with mulled cider and other traditional treats as you investigate creative

gift possibilities. Discover elegant fiber art wear to keep you warm, unusual glass and ceramic ware and jewelry to surprise a loved one, and a wide selection of wall art to delight the eye and trigger dreams and memories throughout the year.

Discover books for both children and adults by local authors, and find a special hand made ornament or small painting to give as

a gift or add to your family holiday heirloom collection. Gift wrapping is available.

The Guild's 2016 Grand Raffle prize is a tall up-cycled chair, perfect for placing at a bar or against a narrow wall space for perching and kibitzing. The chair is embellished with elegant copper bas relief work and a rich, red seat cover. Tickets can be purchased at the Guild

Gallery for \$1 (or 6 for \$5) until drawing time on Saturday, Dec. 10. The drawing will take place at 3 p.m.

The Holiday Silent Auction, which began Nov. 20 at the Guild's opening celebration of their new holiday show, will also close at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10. A brand new scrabble game with a revolving board and teddy bear companions are just a couple of the items offered.

Bids can be made at the Guild Gallery from now through 2:59 p.m., Dec. 10. The Guild is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

More information available at 541-592-5019, 541-659-3858, or guild@southernorenguild.org.

Save the date

Dec. 7

3rd annual I.V. Local Author Holiday Book Reading & Sales.

Authors/artists will have the opportunity to read their work or explain their process, while guests enjoy free refreshments (baked goods, coffee & tea, etc.). Following the reading, visit with authors and pick up a book signed especially for that certain someone on your holiday list. Featuring books from Michael Spring, Sarah Bohker, Desmond Serratore, Alan Laurie, Rachel Goodman, and Ryan Forsythe at 6 p.m. Free to attend.

Dec. 10

RiverStars Performing Arts presents: The Heart Of Winter, an original dance and theatre performance written by Illinois Valley youth and community artists. Showtimes are Dec. 10 and 11 at 5 p.m. at Lorna Byrne Middle School in Cave Junction. All performances are Pay-What-You-Can one half hour before showtime. The Saturday night show will be followed by a \$5-\$15 sliding scale bottomless bowl soup dinner. Stay for Dell'Arte's Alice in Wonderland. For more information visit facebook.com/ivriverstars or call Nick at

541-649-2333.

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.

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Christmas Bazaar Sat., Dec. 10, 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Hand Crafted Items ~ Great Gift Selection ~ Stocking Stuffers ~ Decorations Complimentary Refreshments Available Location: 319 S. Redwood Hwy, Cave Junction (across from Shop Smart; next to Napa Auto) For information call 541-592-6058.

Dec. 25

Traditional Christmas Day Dinner Free to everyone, Noon - 3 p.m. Christmas Day (December 25th) Come for the sing-a-long. Co-hosted by Illinois Valley Baptist Church & Master Food Preserver Volunteers at the County Building (102 S. Redwood Hwy). Desserts and volunteers still needed. Please call 541-592-9268.

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.

*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.

*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.

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