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“Overall I see Dale as a stubborn provocateur and a warrior for government transparency,” Pombo said. “Despite our disagreements, I considered him a friend. I miss his wry sense of humor already. I don’t think there was anyone who had skin that Dale could not crawl under. He knew it, and he reveled in his unique skill. He certainly irked a few close friends, but also kept our political rivals on their toes.”

Indeed Matthews earned the ire and frustration of several sitting county government officials who worked under the glare of Matthews’ ever-present cameras.

Josephine County Commissioner Keith Heck said that Matthews had a “consistently negative response to almost every county board decision causing the waste of a lot of county time and resources.” He added that, “If a person is known by the number of his enemies, he was actually a highly regarded individual. To me, he was an individual who tried to gain acceptance, and he emphasized his points, whatever his points were, but I don’t believe he had many real friends, and that is sad. Hopefully I am completely mistaken.”

“Despite his colorful nature, I personally love the schmuck,” Pombo said. “He mixed up our meetings like no other. But beneath that in-your-face attitude was, actually, a really sweet guy. I’m not sure most people know that about him.”

Matthews was born Oct. 30, 1954, in Van Nuys, California. He spent part of his life in Germantown and Parkton, Maryland before moving to Grants Pass around 2001. Matthews left a brother behind, Konrad Matthews, who lives in Fort Jones, California. He was preceded in death by his father, Dale Lionel Mandall Matthews; and his mother, Helen Adeline Matthews.

Matthews also worked briefly at Grant Pass High School as a visual arts teacher; belonged to the steering committee for the Grants Pass Library; and served in Grants Pass’s Civilian Air Patrol.

Now, some people are asking about the future of the Badcounty.com website. Jones said, “That’s a good question.

Nobody has any rights to it. I have a lot of that stuff archived, but in the interim of who is going to take ownership of it, or do anything about it, that’s up in the air right now.”

Jones added that Matthews’ legacy is that he “forced transparency onto county government” and added that “we also prodded the county’s IT people to move their live streaming services to YouTube, where the quality is much better and it saves the county a lot of money.”

Jones concluded, “I didn’t always agree with what he did, but always admired his tenacity and his total lack of fear, he just didn’t back down. Everybody’s going to miss him. When he stopped doing “Inside News” that was a loss for the community. I hope he inspired people to attend meetings and I hope he inspired somebody to take his place, we need that accountability.”

Funeral arrangements for Matthews are still pending and will be announced at a later date.



(Courtesy photo for the Illinois Valley News)

Dale Matthews and his familiar camera.

CHILD . . .

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This project is a cross-sector partnership. IVCaDO is organizing the Child Care Business Cohort. The Child Care Resource Network, which is part of the Southern Oregon Education Service District, is giving the required classes. The Illinois Valley Business Development Center, (IVBEC) which is part of the Small Business Development Center of Rogue Community College, is offering the business skills enhancement, counseling and loan-readiness.

IVCaDO’s microloan program stands ready to provide affordable funding to qualified applicants. If child care providers need to alter their home to be in compliance with standards, Josephine County Planning has agreed to advise and assist with those efforts.

“We are all working together to solve the I.V.’s child care gap while growing local business success,” said Dwyer. She also explained that this is a pilot program, and IVCaDO plans to use this same model to fill other gaps in local services by offering a Senior Support Business Cohort, and a Small Lodging Business Cohort later in the coming year.

To register for the introductory class Feb. 11, which includes child care for little ones in tow, call IVBEC at 541 956-7400. You can read the Illinois Valley 20/20 Community Vision and Strategic Plan at ivcdo.org.

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