

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.)

Reader will miss Harry

I will greatly miss Harry Johnson's bird articles - they were informative, personal, warm, humorous,

and I felt as though a friend was talking to me. Made me remember when I was a small child and my father would take me and my sister on walks to watch birds. I wish I had read every single one carefully and saved all my issues of *I.V. News*. Best wishes to Harry and Cheryl in their move. If all of Harry's articles could be compiled into a small book - I'd buy a copy! Think of it, please.

**P.Kisiela
Cave Junction**

Fake news

This age of misinformation and fake news makes it difficult to discover what is really happening. For reality we have to seek credible informed sources. For information about climate trends, NASA and the World Meteorological Union are

credible.

Contrary to claims that have been floating around the fake news circuit to please science deniers, the global temperature has not been holding steady or declining. Indeed, since 2011, the global temperature has been climbing at an alarming rate, with the last two completed years each clocking in as the hottest on record up until that time. This year is on track to break the 2015 record.

The recent trend has even eclipsed the apparent (though actually unreal) slowdown since the turn of the century such that we are globally back on the steep trajectory established since the 1970s.

Anyone doubting that this trend is alarming should explore how temperature and water availability determine the survival of our natural

systems (forests, grasslands, etc.), our agriculture, and our forestry. Absent substantial reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, by the end of the century these natural systems, along with our agriculture, and forests, will likely be devastated.

Whether conservative or liberal, we shouldn't risk it.

**Alan Journet Ph.D.
Jacksonville**

One time, one day, one year

Howdy my name is Gary Sauer Sr. I was born in Kerby, Oregon on Aug. 31, 1953, my reason for writing is why does the City Council keep the same ole twilight attitude on the pot issues. Get with it, times are changing. It's time to look out of the box, because you're going to make matters worse by not involving the grow-

ers and wannabes. If you look at the big picture, Cave Junction could evolve into a new Amsterdam the Valley of Gold. Keep it in our state and let Sheriff Daniel build his force up. Our Valley has been very much ignored, so, hey you really want a Valley of fear and pain or "peace." Make sense folks? I'm rambling because I feel anyone on this earth can choose for the betterment of Josephine County. There's Williams, Applegate, Sunny Valley, Sons Valley. It doesn't matter if you really want improvement, figure it out. For a little note I remember in 1971 seeing my first Sensei on Takilma Road, so Vern was the thing, straight out of UC Berserkers showed me how to grow a real garden. And it's damn more mental and physically hard than most people imagine. Stay on a mountain for the whole

season, full of frustration, hunger and worries someone might come sneaking or grabbing. So City Council, what's the problem? As of now the growers are being ripped off by the dispensaries, get the colleges involved and revenue. It's not too late to see, the Feds are waiting to let the state of Oregon get its affairs in form. Quit the little arguments. We're all old school Valley folk. I hope you all can understand you build a foundation to raise your citizens hopes and dreams, by the time the Valley will rebuild into a community of fair and honest people living there own American Dream. Thank you. Going to roll a fattie. Peace.

Sincerely,
**Gary Sauer Sr.,
Semper Fi
Kerby**

Obituaries

Patsy Ruth Peden died Dec. 5, 2016 at the home of her sister, Jean Berg, in Cave Junction. Patsy was born Oct. 27, 1931 to Thomas and Norma McCants in Los Angeles.

After graduating from George Washington High School in Los Angeles she went to business school for two years then worked for the local gas company and as a bank teller.

On Nov. 16, 1952 she married Thomas Henry Peden at Messiah Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. They lived in Los Angeles, N.M., Guinda, Calif. and Sacramento, Calif., she worked as an account clerk for the state of California Department of Human Services until she had a stroke and retired.

When in Colorado she and Tommy became parents of David and Iris. Patsy became a widow in 1994. In 2001 she moved to Cave Junction to be closer to her sister, Jean and brother-in-law, Eldon Berg.

Patsy loved her Savior, her church, people, singing, acting, dancing, her piano and embroidery, but arthritis and COPD finally curtailed her activities.

She volunteered with the Smart Reading program at Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction and Harvest Kitchen food program for years and was active in many church projects.

Patsy leaves behind her daughter, Iris Miller; three grandsons, Shane, Milton and Allen Levings all of Las Vegas, Nev.; 10 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Jean Berg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tommy, a son, David; and brother-in-law, Eldon Berg.

A Memorial Service will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cave Junction in April of 2017.



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Save the date

Jan. 2

Neighborhood Watch Leadership and Training Meeting, Monday - Jan. 2, 5 - 6 p.m. at Wild Rivers Pizza. To all leadership in the Illinois Valley and neighborhood watch groups, and to anyone that wish to support a neighborhood watch in your area are invited. We are sharing information and doing training on communications, radios, networking and surveillance skills to protect from theft and criminal activity. A multilevel approach is developing with the means to share information and resources between all groups. We will be organize ourselves, our information, and for delivery to appropriate authorities. Please help us to help you by attending and or spread the word of these meetings. They will be conducted weekly, on Mondays at 5 p.m., at Wild Rivers Pizza in Cave Junction. As expressed at the Dec. 8 I.V. Public Safety Task

Force Meeting: "We need to find ways to strengthen partnerships in the community." Contact Guenter - 541-415-1929 / cmec@cavenet.com, or Dennis Hoke at 541-287-0021.

Jan. 13

Illinois Valley Community Development Organization hosts Rogue Valley Food Systems Network Friday, Jan. 13 9:30 a.m. - noon at the Kerby Belt Building. Food will be served.

Learn what RVFSN is doing, and share our valley needs. Discuss how farmers can supply schools through a USDA program. Talk about our food pantries, farmers markets, farm-direct businesses, and more. Please attend if you produce food for income or if you are interested in food access or food equity.

For more information call Kate Dwyer at 541-787-5283.

Feb. 11

Child Care Business Class - a FREE introductory class Feb. 11 from 10 a.m.-Noon

Illinois Valley Library: 209 Palmer St., Cave Junction, call to register: 541-956-7400. Become a paid child care provider. Learn the legal rules, listen to successful care providers, get business skills and low interest loans. This introductory class is free. Some of the next-step classes such as infant CPR, have fees. Help with costs is available.

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.

IV WRESTLING SPAGHETTI DINNER AUCTION

Come Support the IV Wrestling Club. All proceeds go to the club. We will have a yummy dinner to eat and a fun auction afterwards. Many of our community businesses donated lots of cool things/gift certificates. Please come and enjoy dinner and see what cool auction items we have. Thank you.



Adult plate: \$10.00
Child plate: \$6.00
Dinner time:
6pm-7:30pm

Auction time: 7:30pm
*Dinner will include the following: Spaghetti, salad and garlic bread with water/soda.

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