



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

Like most of our readers, I was shocked when I got my recent power bill. My power was out for 15 percent of the month, and I used 60 percent more electricity. "It was colder," said Pacific Power.

Well, according to my bill, the monthly average was only 1 degree colder and because we use wood heat, in my opinion, could not be the cause of a 60 percent increase. Yes, there was a price increase, but I was not speaking about the increased price, but strictly the kilowatt-hour (kWh) usage. "It was a longer billing cycle," Pacific Power said next. Again, no it wasn't, it was the same as last year's; 34 days. With everything else going on in the world, I let my electric bill slide out of my mind, until last week. My office bill arrived, showing a 40 percent increase in the kWh usage. With the exception of the heater there shouldn't be a change in my bill. I don't change the settings on my heater, ever. Yet, another unsolved mystery. Our electric bills are one of the things that tie all of us together in this community. Everyone that I have spoken to in the past few weeks has mentioned their bill. We all pay our electric bills, because at the end of the day we need electricity. Yes, we can live without it, but quality of life is

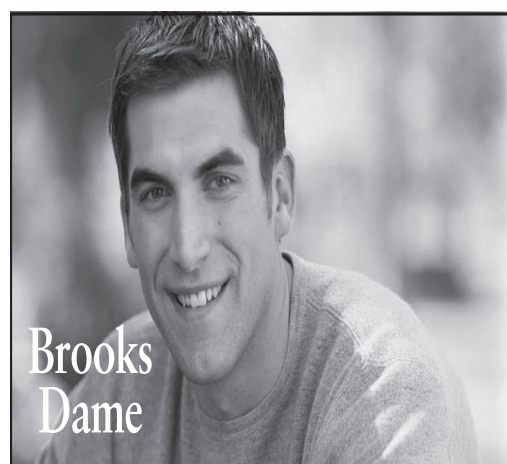
greatly increased when we have it. Certainly, all of you can agree with that?

The same applies to law enforcement. Not many want to pay for police. We really don't want to give the county any more of our hard earned dollars than we have to. But, like electricity, we need it. Yes, we can live without it, but it greatly enhances our lives.

The newest levy brought to us by the sheriff, is the best one yet. It focuses on the jail so we can keep many of the repeat offenders from, well, offending. And if they can reopen the juvenile jail, law enforcement may be able to prevent them from going to the adult jail later in life.

For those of you who think the county has plenty of money, you are wrong. The county doesn't have any money. Please, don't take my word for it, read the budget for yourself.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper. ~ djm

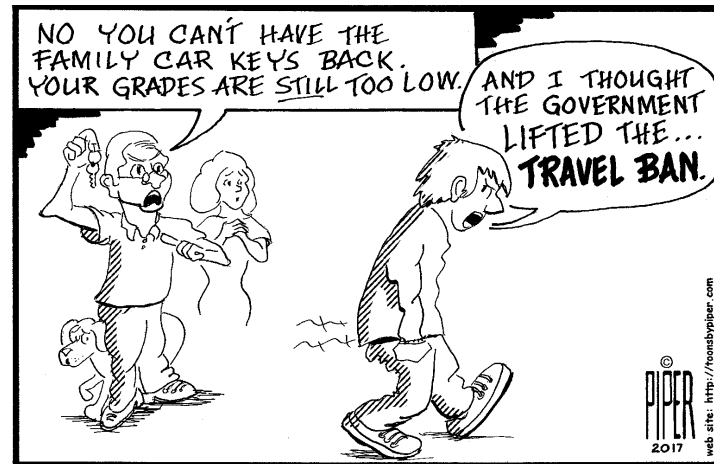


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Obituaries

Roland Dolor Roux, 85, died peacefully Friday morning at his home in O'Brien. Born in Detroit, Mich. July 3, 1931 he retired in O'Brien with his wife Gayle 16 years ago but lived in Calif. for many happy years prior. Roland was a man's man who enjoyed hunting, fishing, wood working, homesteading and most of all, family.

He was self-made. Having learned the art of carpentry as a child from his father, He started Contractors General as a young man and made a successful career for himself.

Roland was extremely loving and proud of family, he was a focused son, brother, uncle, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather and friend.

The family is conducting a rosary on Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral mass in his name at St. Patrick's of the Forest in Cave Junction, 407 West River St. All who would like to celebrate his amazing life are welcome.

Verne McDonald, 71, of O'Brien, died Jan. 23, 2017 at his home.

Verne was born Sept. 10, 1945 in Spokane, Wash. to Sylvester & Melva McDonald. As a young child, he moved with his family to Cave Junction and graduated from Illinois Valley High School. In 1966 he moved to Ashland where he attended what is now Southern Oregon University studying literature and science. In 1966 in Roseburg, he married Sharon Lee Ellis. He moved first to Medford then Phoenix, Oregon where he worked as a shipping and receiving supervisor for Modoc Orchards and Reter Fruit Company, Harry & David and Associated Fruit Company retiring in 2010. He moved from Phoenix to O'Brien six years ago.

Verne enjoyed playing guitar, writing songs, and creative writing.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon McDonald; two daughters, Wendy McDonald and Holli McDonald all of Phoenix, Ore.; a granddaughter, Brittany Blum

and a great-grandson, Zenequious Blum both of Grass Valley, Calif.; and a sister, Glenda Bartlett of Salem, Ore.

Family services will be held. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Please visit the obituary and sign the guest book at www.since1928hull.com.

Bill J. Cooper, 90, died Feb. 6, 2017 at a foster home in Cave Junction. Bill was born in Eastland, Texas Jan. 22, 1927. His family moved to Oilton, Okla. where he attended school. Bill enlisted in the Navy and served on a destroyer in the Pacific in WWII. After the war he lived in Long Beach, Calif. and moved to Cave Junction in 1960. Bill worked as an electrician in the Valley and in Alaska. He was head millwright at Murphy Creek Lumber for over 20 years and retired as the county building inspector in the '90s.

Bill is survived in death by his two sons, Rex Cooper and Danny Cooper; three daughters,

Joy Deckman and husband, Ron, Joanne Hoopengartner and husband, Ed, Renea CooperSmith and husband, David Smith; sister, Lou Fife and husband, Rick; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack and Doyle,

sister, Shirley Saunders; and wife, Marion Cooper.

Bill enjoyed family get-togethers and woodworking.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Illinois Valley Senior Center.



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Save the date

Feb. 16

Rogue Valley Food Systems Network (RVFSV). The new date is Thursday, Feb. 16, from 9:30-noon at the Kerby Belt Building, with additional optional networking from 12-12:30. Lunch will be served, so your RSVP is appreciated, 787-KATE.

This meeting will bring together food farmers, food producers, food access workers, and local providers of services which include meals (such as Head Start and Three Rivers School District.) We will learn what RVFSN has to offer our local food system, hear about recent comprehensive surveys of our farm sector, and share our needs and concerns. Farmers will learn how other regional farmers are using USDA programs to get their local food into school meals, and discuss how to get more access to local foods for local families.

Utilizing the regional knowledge and power of the Rogue Valley Food Systems Network, the organizational strength of the IVDCO, and the framework of the IV 20/20 Strategic Plan, we will create our own innovative solutions to our own challenges. Please join us.

Feb. 18

The I.V. Garden Club will be celebrating it's 90th anniversary on Friday, Feb. 17. We will have a presentation on the garden club's history by local historian Roger Brandt, a special anniversary cake, and a seed sharing. The I.V. Garden Club meets the 3rd Friday of the month at United Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins (across for Shop Smart) in Cave Junction. Social time and finger foods at 12:30 p.m. Meeting at 1 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Feb. 18

Spaghetti Dinner at the I.V. Grange, 3763 Holland Loop Road, Cave Junction, 541-295-7579, \$6, Saturday, Feb. 18 from 1 - 4 p.m.

Feb. 19

Agnes Baker Pilgrim - Takilma Tribe Elder will be joining us for a celebration and book signing at the Takilma Community Building, in Takilma, Feb. 19 from noon to 3 p.m. Her new Book: "Wake Up, World!" will be featured. You can also visit Pinecone Books in Cave Junction for copies. Contact Guenter 541-415-1929.

Feb. 20

A Community and Neighborhood Watch Support Meeting will be held: Monday, Feb. 20, 5 - 6 p.m., at Wild Rivers Pizza, 249 Redwood Hwy., in Cave Junction. This meeting is part of a Support Campaign effort with all Neighborhood Watch Groups, their leadership, and for anyone that wishes to get help with outreach, in your area, to organize a watch effort. Topics include the new Levy. We will have support training on; communications, radios, and Networking. We share information and resources between all groups. Regular weekly meetings will continue on Mondays, at 5 p.m., located at Wild Rivers Pizza, when possible, or at another announced location. Contact Guenter - 541-415-1929 for details.

Feb. 25

Local Master Food Preservers will offer a class Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kerby Belt Bldg. to help you prepare for the fair! Jams/jellies/fruit roll-ups are just a few of the topics. A DIY pizza will be made for lunch. Contact JoCo Ext. Office at 541-476-

6613 or Kimberlie at 541-592-4763 to pre-register by Feb.20, \$5 per registrant.

Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14 and 21

Tuesdays 5 -7 p.m. Parenting tools, Learning Fun Nights at Evergreen Elementary School, 520 w. River St. CJ For sign-up call Erica at 541-592-3136.

March 1 - April 5

Workshop Scheduled for Cave Junction-Living Well with Chronic Pain, March 1 - April 5. Meets once a week on Wednesdays from 2 - 4:30 p.m. Call for more information and registration required. Learn new ways to 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

*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, cjpgatrol.org. Monthly meetings are first Thursday at 6 p.m. at Wild River Pizza, 249 Redwood Hwy.

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