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12th grade

Destany Adorno, Paul Binker, Gwendlyn Glinton-Joiner, Amber Everson, Ross Gaynor, Jorge Herrera, Wyly Melton, Raelyn Starkenburg, Jacob Bafia, Megan Blankenship, Lily Cusumano, Delaney Fisk, Kasey Griffin, Heather Kern, Elias Robertson and Raymon Sutherlin

11th grade

Anna Bumke, Cynthia Burns, Vittoria Donini, Taylor Hammers-Whitney, Lauren Karjalahti, Rhianna Sandoval, Amy Burns,

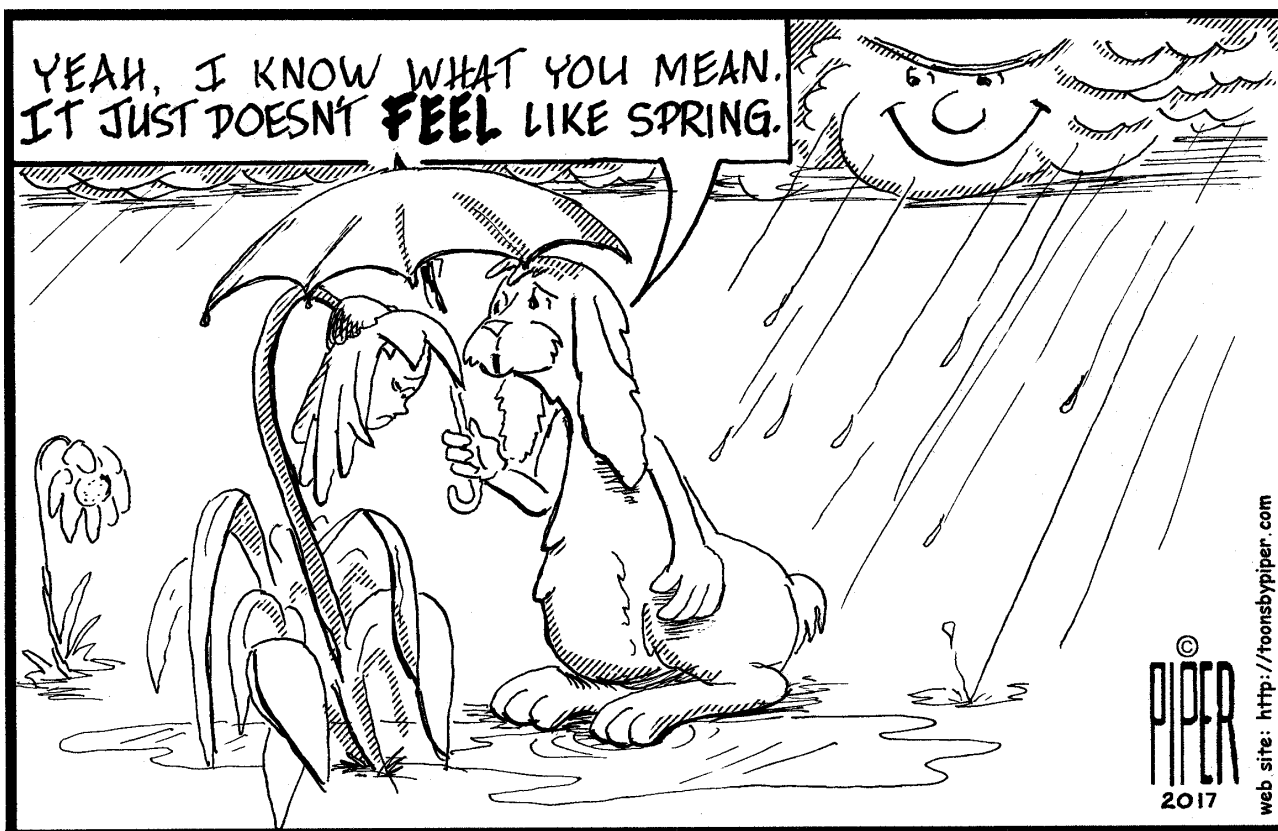
Brennan Connery, Adrianna Ellis, Kassie Hertler, Kassady Martinez and Joshua Wallace

10th grade

Aarika Brooks, Alexis Clark, Margarita Hernandez, Ji Min Park, Christopher Setzer, Bryce Bruner, Adriana Flores, Caleb Hess and Lilly Pyle

Ninth grade

Gabriel Bafia, Zoe Brock, Colby Garman, Jackson Mattock, Georgia Smith, Jordan Barto, Tristen Engel, Alec Hendrix, Sanjuana Mendoza-Saldana and Meaghan Vallot



Letters to the editor

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Reader says slow down

A big thank you to all the community volunteers who came out this past Saturday to clean up along Redwood Hwy. and Caves Hwy. Also a big thank you to the members of our local Garden Club

who regularly clean up Caves Hwy. and despite yet another rainy day, decided to brave the rain and HELP our community look better.

A big BOO to the discourteous drivers along Caves Hwy. who were acting like rude, juveniles instead of showing courtesy and slowing down while passing the trash cleaners. Instead, it was far more rewarding and entertaining to drive fast and spray the ladies with wet road grime. We all know you were taught common courtesy by your parents and teachers, and now as adults it appears you see it as a choice to NOT extend that courtesy to others.

Our community is proud of the volunteers who strive, in so many different ways, to make this a better place to live. Those that are of the mind set that "it's all about me" and courtesy is just

an option, will sooner or later discover there are karmic results to your treatment of others.

**Kimberlie Lehman
Cave Junction**

Reader weighs in on taxes

Promises, Contradictions, Trust and taxes regarding public safety levy measure 17.80.

Just 4 months ago 61% of the electorate rejected the last proposed safety levy.

With approval of measure 17.80, our tax base rate will increase by 160%. Predictably, percentage outcomes will be closer at a primary election.

Those reluctant to vote in favor of previous safety levies, solely based on mistrust of county government, have been given no reason to vote favorably now.

As commissioner candidates, Dan DeYoung and Lily Morgan

stated that they would respect the electorates' wishes and not refer such levies due to the repeated safety levy failures. They also promised to work to restore public trust in county government.

Although no budgetary changes have occurred since the election, the new commissioners have nonetheless referred another public safety levy within weeks of taking office. Excuses given for this change of position included, "I changed my mind."

As a child, I was taught that you were only as good as your word. If you fail to make good on your word, you will never be trusted. Trust must be earned.

Promises or written guarantees of how levy money will be spent are worthless because, upon approval you might change your mind, and you are in charge of the budget.

Not to be outdone by the

commissioners is our Sheriff.

In the March 12, 2017 *Daily Courier* ("Murder, Mayhem and Marijuana: Crime is up Since Pot Became Legal") Sheriff Daniel states, "There's crime associated all around the marijuana industry"; and he, "told legislators that Josephine County would like a bigger share of marijuana tax revenue to pay for marijuana-related enforcement".

Three days later, in the March 15, 2017 *Illinois Valley News* ("Sheriff, CJ Patrol and Business Owners Urge Passage of Crime Levy") Sheriff Daniel states, "So I don't really care about marijuana and its cultivation".

This contradiction could simply be the Sheriff telling his audience what he thinks they want to hear; or maybe, he too, changed his mind.

Sincerely,
**Raymond Smith
Cave Junction**

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Save the date

March 23

Local Legends, Thursday, March 23, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Lorna Byrne Middle School (LBMS), A free community event highlighting: Dinner provided by LBMS, displays by LBMS students about local loved ones who've died, IVHS students and community members and presentation: "Coping with Loss through Support, Education, Music and Movement." Anyone is invited to put together a display honoring his or her lost loved one. Displays will be shown on school cafeteria tables and are limited to the width of a three-fold with a small area in front where a notebook, memory box, and/or some small items can be placed. Contact Nicole at Healthy U to participate at 541-592-4888.

March 24

Hailing from Denver, Colo. Ferdinand the Magnificent, created and performed by Nick Trotter, will be playing at Healthy U in Cave Junction, Friday, March 24, 2017 at 7 p.m. Tickets: Sliding scale, \$8-infinity!

March 25

"Beatles Tribute" is the theme for annual Arts Council fundraiser at Selma Community Center, 18255 Redwood Hwy. Doors open 5:30 p.m. March 25. Dinner, dancing and live music by the Love Band. Silent and live auctions. Cash bar. Tickets: \$27 per person on sale at C.J. Umpqua Bank. Proceeds benefit arts program in public schools. www.irvac.com.

March 27

Anxiety and Depression Program in Fellowship Hall at Seventh-day Adventist Church, 265 Old Stage Rd. in Cave Junction, Mondays at 6 p.m. Call Kathy for

more information at 541-291-7016.

March 29

The Grants Pass Vet Center will be participating in a national celebration to welcome home Vietnam Veterans. The event will be held at the same venue as last year. Riverside Park Trevillian Pavillion 304 SE Park Street, Grants Pass, OR 97527. The event will start at 10 a.m. and conclude around 2 p.m. A BBQ lunch, service providers and guest speakers will be at the event. Please come and show your support. All are welcome!

March 31 & April 1

IVHS 2017 All night safe and sober graduation party fundraising event: Bagging Groceries at Shop Smart from 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 31 and from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1

April 1

Holland Hills BLM Road and Woods Spring Cleanup. Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. Meet at bottom of Trefethen Road. Work day to remove trash from a major dumpsite and an abandoned squatter's camp. BBQ to follow at 5 p.m. Local beef and veggie burgers. Side dishes welcome. If you can bring a pickup or trailer for a dump-run please call. Donations for dump fees and food very welcome. Spearheaded by Talking Woods Family Woodland. Can Jo'el at 541-592-9254 to RSVP or for more information.

April 1

30th Anniversary Celebration Banquet Saturday, April 1, 2017 Illinois Valley High School, Cave Junction. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Dinner served at 6 p.m. Price: \$30 each, includes one raffle ticket Catered by Paisano's Italian Kitchen

Limited seating, get your tickets early. For tickets call 541-761-0063 or 541-415-0770, or you can stop by the Pregnancy Center at 319 S. Redwood Hwy, Cave Junction (across from Shop Smart).

Lots of raffle items available. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$12.

You could win a car, dinners, Family Photo Shoot, New Tires, gift certificates...many items.

All proceeds will go to support the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley.

April 1 & 2

Josephine County Fairgrounds and Event Center Home and Recreation Show for 2017. Spring is here, and that means two things... Home Improvements and Outdoor Recreation! The Home and Recreation Show at the Josephine County Fairgrounds and Event Center in Grants Pass has something for everyone! Products and services for your home, inside and out, plus RVs, boats and more to help you enjoy the great outdoors. Admission is FREE, so bring the whole family and enjoy all the demonstrations. Gates open Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Special demonstrations daily Saturday and Sunday by the Southern Oregon Fly Tiers and other vendors.

April 8

Ready-Set-Go! O'Brien. Be prepared for an emergency by attending one of these free public meetings. O'Brien Fire Station, Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Learn what to have in your "go-bag"; shelter in-place or leave - necessary home supplies; evacuation assembly locations; and more. Meetings conducted by IVFD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members.

April 15

I.V. Emergency Prepare Fair, Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at I.V. High School. Let the experts teach you how to prepare for a disaster. Booths, presentations, planning tools, kids' activities, concession stand open and. First 300 families get a free tote bag full of emergency supplies. Sponsored by I.V. Fire District, IVCDO & CERT. Call 541-294-1598, email IVPrepareFair@yahoo.com or visit Facebook page at IVPrepareFair.

April 29 & 30

The 2017 Spring Fling Art and Garden Show will be held on April 29 & 30 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Josephine County Fairgrounds. Featured are a variety of vendors with plants, art, crafts and food in addition to educational exhibits. Enjoy a fun community event that benefits our Josephine County Fairgrounds. For vendor information, call Event Coordinator Sherry Young 541-778-5186. Admission is free!

April 29

IVHS Safe and Sober Graduation Party Fundraising event: Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fun Run/Walk/Bike To a New Adventure at Lake Selmac

May 12

IVHS Safe and Sober Graduation Party Fundraising event: Friday, May 12, 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. "Show your Spirit; paint the night Red and White" Dinner and Silent and Live Auction at the Selma Center.

May 21

IVHS Safe and Sober Graduation Party Fundraising event: Sunday, May 21 at 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cave Junction Car wash.

Continuing

*The I.V. Senior Thrift Store: Join the crew and make new friends. You don't need to be a senior citizen to volunteer at the store. Call us at 541-592-6630. Open Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*The C.J. Substation hours are changed. Open hours are now Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The phone number for the substation is 541-592-5151.

Volunteers are needed to expand support service hours to the public. Applications are available at the substation or on-line at <http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Files/Volunteer%20Application.Mar%202014.pdf>.

*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.

* Committee Meeting STATE OF JEFFERSON Josephine County 1st Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Black Forest Restaurant, Grants Pass and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., Wild River Pizza in Cave Junction.

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