



## Her life in the Valley of Riches

by Laura Mancuso,  
editor

I was brought up in a household in Phoenix, Arizona that followed the "Rugged Individualism" theory. When my family members had problems, they turned to each other for help, not the government. We had guns in our home for protection and as a small-business owner my father always avoided paying

more taxes and was distrustful about government spending because we already paid our fair share. I remember as a child I had to give up my room for my uncle and his wife for a time, because he was out of work and was looking for a job. My family members worked hard and we took care of ourselves, so I understand some of the reasons why members of our community are so opposed to paying more taxes.

I have to admit that I have voted, "No," on many of the previous law enforcement levies. But at this particular time in space, living in Cave Junction, I feel we need to rally together as a community. There are not enough volunteers to go around for us to be able to take care of our own crime problems. Volunteerism is down in our fire department, sheriff's office and service clubs. And, CJ Patrol does not have enough volunteers to cover the early morning shifts when most of the crime in Cave Junction is occurring.

The downtown business community in Cave Junction is being hit every night by thieves. I worry the businesses are

going to give up and leave, one-by-one. Even though I live way outside of the city limits and feel very safe in my own home, I enjoy coming to town to work, play and eat. I can't imagine having to go to Grants Pass every time I needed something. I love our small town. What would my life be like without having a Taylor's Chuck Burger or shopping for a new skirt at Wright's World Emporium?

So, before you just automatically vote, "No" on the latest law enforcement levy, please consider reading the new levy, this one is more specific with where the funds will go. And, please attend one of the forums being held in our community hosted by the Illinois Valley Public Safety Task Force that have the sheriff and fire chief present to answer your questions and concerns. I have been assured that the forums will be a nonintrusive place for discussion. The forums are listed in "Save the date" on this page. I have listened to them and have decided that I am voting, "Yes" on both public safety levies.

## Letters to the editor

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### Reader says we need cops but vote no

Once upon a time when a town had too many crazies, petty thieves and robbers, the merchants and citizens got together and decided how much they wanted to pay and could afford. Then bought a couple badges and hired a local tough guy to walk the streets at night and catch the bad guys. If the sheriff needed a hand, the town folk were his back-up crew.

Now-a-days the sheriff lives in a far off city. With a big fancy expensive prison to run. Now these highly paid sheriffs swear it cost \$110,000 a year per patrolman to drive around in a car in the day time. They swear thieving and robbery is a low priority crime. Their job is to maintain order and control citizens. That also means protecting the crazies, petty thieves and robbers. Giving them legal aid, a safe healthy prison to live in then food stamps, probation and paroled back into the community they offended in.

Until Cave Junction actually has a patrol man or two walking the streets at night the vandalism, petty thieving, robbery and street crazies will continue to happen at night. Like they have always happened since the beginning of time.

Trying to reinvent the wheel and throwing more and more money at the problem is not going to make it go away.

Folks, it's not rocket science just plain common sense. Cave Junction just needs a night watch walking the streets at night.

Local government will never let it happen. They lose control i.e....tax dollars. End of story, Cave Junction is stuck with the

streets run by street crazies and petty thieves from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. every night with a closed sheriff's office and an empty jail.

Also, there is endless tax referendums to raise taxes for more drive thru sheriff patrols that will not stop the problem because the law enforcement sheriff believes thieves, robbers and vandalism is a low priority crime that they don't have money or time for. Just say no more taxes! Vote No!

Mark Wichers  
Cave Junction

### Mistaken identity

Contrary to common misperception, I wasn't the hardworking house mover creeping along Lakeshore Drive Sunday. In fact, the owner pulled it off himself and did a masterful job.

I did traipse along and even tried to help a few times, but except for a couple of tight spots it went well and Jon deserves a bigatta-boy. At 32 feet wide and 84 feet long, it was a tough request.

Paul Weller  
Cave Junction

*Publishers note: In the March 29, edition of the Illinois Valley News, a photo cut-line stated Paul Weller was driving a truck hauling a building on Lake Shore Drive. It was not Mr. Weller but John Pope who was the driver. Mr. Weller was called in for assistance afterwards. We regret the error. djm*

### Dear Editor,

Fellow Oregonians it is time to ask for police officers to enforce our current laws instead of simply hiring more. I read weekly of people being stopped, especially in the I.V. and only getting a warning. It is time to teach people about responsibility and accountability. Impound their cars, make roads and our communities safer! I believe there would be less crime and criminals if public safety officers enforced the laws we have instead of giving warnings. Is it too much energy or time to write a ticket? Please enforce the laws we have and you have sworn to uphold.

Sincerely,

Chris Matthews, RN  
Cave Junction

## Obituaries

Janet Clair Galland of Cave Junction died March 28, 2017 at home.

Janet was the daughter of RB and Joan Lewis and beloved wife to Bryce W. Galland of nearly 43 years. She was mother of Heather and Corey Galland. She also had her pride and joy, great-grandsons, Quincy and Corey Joe Jr.

Janet was a high school graduate from Hellgate High School in Missoula, Mo. where she also completed a certified diploma program

for cosmetology. She mostly used her cosmetology on her friends and family. Janet's passion was working in her trade field of cosmetology and also making handmade jewelry, crocheting, embroidery, creating art in every medium of oil paint, chalk and water color. Janet also loved to cook great food, feast-sized to entertain and she was a great homemaker.

Janet will be sorely missed by all she came in contact with, as she touched many hearts.



## Robert John Muswieck

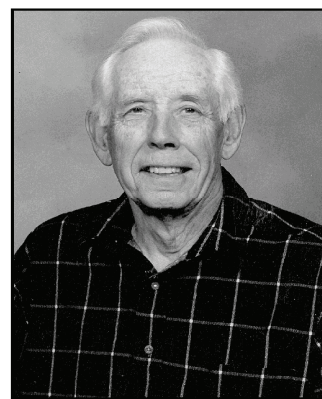
January 21, 1925 - March 11, 2017

Robert John Muswieck, age 92, of Cave Junction, Oregon, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at Asante Three Rivers Medical Center Grants Pass.

Bob was born on January 21, 1925 in Bloomington, Illinois, to Robert and Martha Muswieck.

At the age of three, the family moved to Los Angeles, California. He graduated from George Washington High School in June 1943 and soon joined the United States Navy.

Seaman Muswieck was stationed at the submarine base at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii. His rank at the end of World War II was an Electricians Mate Second Class. Bob received an Honorable Discharge from the Navy in September 1946, and was hired by Southern California Telephone Company (AT&T). Bob was a long-term member of the Telephone Pioneers Association. Through his career at the telephone company he advanced to PBX Repairman and had a great reputation as one of the area's best troubleshooters.



In 1947, at a company Christmas party, Bob met Phyllis Jean Jacobs. They were married the following year on May 23, 1948. During their first three years of marriage, they lived in southwest Los Angeles. They then bought property in Van Nuys, California and had a home built in 1951. They had four children, Robert Michael (1949), Kristine Lee (1952), David Richard (1953), and John Edward (1960); plus 14 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

After retiring from Pacific Telephone in 1983, Bob started his own telephone business "M and M Communications." Three years later they moved to Cave Junction, Oregon, where he lived out the rest of his life with his beloved wife, Phyllis.

Bob had many activities that he enjoyed through his 92-year life. As a younger man, he played semi-pro baseball in Los Angeles. And his favorite professional baseball team was the Los Angeles Angels. Bob was an avid bowler. He also enjoyed raising and racing homing pigeons in the San Fernando Valley. He loved to go out dancing with his wife Phyllis. When his children were old enough he managed their little league and softball teams. He took up golf and was very active in the Illinois Valley men's golf club and twilight league.

After moving to Oregon, Robert missed coaching and teaching small children, so he volunteered to help run the Junior Golf summer program at Illinois Valley. Later he led the club and organized the teaching clinics and the season ending tournament and BBQ. One of his joys was giving out the trophies to all the children at the end of the tournament. Bob was also involved at the Illinois Valley High School, where he coached the girl's golf team for many years.

When Phyllis' health went downhill, Bob slowed down his involvement in outside activities and became the main caregiver of his wife until her passing on March 21, 2015. They were married 67 years!

At home Bob enjoyed gardening, taking care of his horses, and spending time with family and friends.

Robert John Muswieck lived a very full life. He had many friends from all ages and he always had a story to tell you. He was a very giving man. He gave of his time and finances to his family, friends and many worthy causes. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

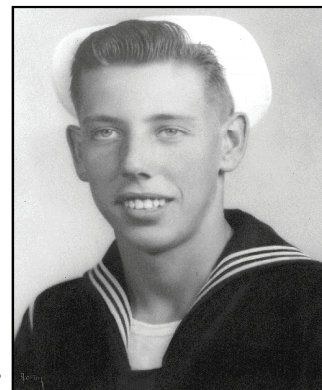
He was a big part of all our lives! Bob had many titles in his life - Son, Husband, Uncle, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Christian, Coach, and a True Friend.

**A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 13, 2017, at Fountain of Life Assembly of God, 451 S. Junction Ave., Cave Junction.**

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.  
Please sign the family guest book at [www.since1928hull.com](http://www.since1928hull.com)

Memorial donations may be made to either Illinois Valley Golf Course Junior Golf Program, PO Box 749, Cave Junction, Oregon 97523; or the Illinois Valley High School Boys and Girls Golf Team, 625 E. River St., Cave Junction, Oregon 97523.

*Bob is now in Heaven with his wife Phyllis. Dancing again for Eternity!  
We Love you and we will see you when our time on earth is done!*



Marie,

April 13, 60 years to the day . . .

I do, always have, and always will love you.

Thanks for it,

David

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## Save the date

**April 12, 13 & 17**  
Public Safety Levy Forums  
Sheriff Dave Daniel and Fire Chief Dennis Hoke will explain the proposed levy budgets, the state of the Sheriff's Department and the Fire District, and answer residents' questions.

Wednesday, April 12, 6 p.m.  
Takilma Community Building If you can, please bring \$1 per person for room rental.

Thursday, April 13, 6 p.m Selma Community Center

Monday, April 17, 6 p.m Bridgview Community Church

Hosted by the Illinois Valley

Public Safety Task Force under the 20/20 Strategic Plan. Call Kate at 541-787-5283 for directions and more information.

### April 13

CJ Lions meeting. Your Co-Ed and Family Lion's Club Thursday, April 13. New time 6 p.m. River Valley Restaurant.

### April 14 & 15

RiverStars Performing Arts presents: CAVETOWN UNDERGROUND-a modern retelling of the tale of Orpheus and Eurydice set in the Illinois Valley.

April 14 and 15, 7 p.m. Lorna Byrne Middle School 101 S. Junction Ave., Cave Junction

Pay what you can. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Join us for Post Show

activities:April 14: for a gratitude reception and cake to thank our partners, donors, and parents. April 15: for a conversation with the performers. Questions? Call 541-649-2333 or email [IV.RiverStars@gmail.com](mailto:IV.RiverStars@gmail.com).

### 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. Free admission and emergency supplies, booths, presentations, planning tools, kids' activities, and concession stand open. Sponsored by I.V. Fire District, IVCDO & CERT. Call 541-294-1598, email [IVPrepareFair@yahoo.com](mailto:IVPrepareFair@yahoo.com) or visit Facebook page at [IVPrepareFair](http://IVPrepareFair).

### April 19

Library Special District Q & A. Please join us for a question and answer session about Measure 17-79 that will form a library district in Josephine County.

Wednesday, April 19 at 4 p.m. I.V. Branch 209 W Palmer St, CJ 541-592-4778

### April 21

The Cave Junction Farmers' Market opens on Friday, April 21 and will happen every Friday from 4-7 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 22, 2017. The CJ Farmers' Market offers local farmers, food producers, and artisans a venue to sell the fruits of their labors. The Market invites everyone to come out and support our local farmers and

artists. The Market is located in the parking lot of Jubilee Park (S Junction Ave and Watkins Streets) adjacent to the children's playground.

### April 22

The IV Senior Center is having a Spaghetti Feast Fundraiser. Starting at 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. we will be serving spaghetti, salad, bread and drinks for \$7. There will be a table with desserts for sale. You may buy tickets early at the Center located at 520 E. River St., Cave Junction. For more info call: 541/592-6888. This fundraiser is for our building fund and is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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