

Letters to the editor

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publisher.

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact are strictly those of the letter writers.)

Reader believes in her county

I believe in Josephine County and I choose to invest in its future. I hope you will, too.

I believe that my neighbors who volunteer to save homes

from fires, who work tirelessly to provide books to families, who tend to animals in need, and who strive to keep our communities safe, are also people who care deeply about Josephine County. They show this every day with their hard work.

I believe that the money I will pay to support the community I choose to call home is a small amount. It is certainly less than the cost of boarding up our businesses,

allowing our children's imaginations to go unfed, and failing to provide emergency care for each other in times of crisis.

I believe in you, my neighbor, even though I may not know your name. I will invest in your safety, in your children's education, and in our shared future. I believe that together, we are worth it.

Kate Dwyer
Cave Junction



Obituaries

Kaleb Alan Kane, 16, of Medford, died Thursday, April 13, 2017 at his home.

A celebration of life was held April 18, 2017, at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors Grants Pass OR

Kaleb was born January 30, 2001 in Eugene, Ore. to



Kaleb Alan Kane

Kristopher Lamont Kane and Melissa Ann Marsh. He attended Fairfield Elementary School in Eugene; after moving to Medford in 2008, he attended Jefferson Elementary School and McLoughlin Middle School; and currently he was in 10th grade at Central Medford High School.

Kaleb was smart, articulate and intelligent. He was interested in computer work and coding; fixing his friend's computers; Minecraft and Xbox games. He wanted to be a glass blower and live off-grid in the woods. His favorite quote is "Stay Trippy Young Hippie. Stay positive. Stay Happy. Good vibes only".

Survivors include his mother, Melissa Marsh of Medford; stepfather, John Campbell of Medford; two brothers, Kolton Kane of Medford and Tristyn Campbell of Keizer, Ore.; Nana Michelle Watson of Choctaw, Oklahoma; Grandpa Bruce Bockstiegel of Cave Junction; grandfather, Dale Kane of Oklahoma City, Okla.; aunts and uncles; Tsunami, his girlfriend;

and Jack, his dog.

Kaleb is preceded in death by his father in 2008.

Please visit Kaleb's obituary and share a memory on his tribute wall at www.since1928hull.com.

Margaret Karen "Margie" McDowell, 73, of Grants Pass, died April 13, 2017 at home.

Margie was born December 4, 1943 in Topeka, Kansas. She lived in Cave Junction for 50 years before moving to Grants Pass in 2001. She spent her life caring for her children, grandchildren, and many others in her home daycare. She was committed to her family and her precious cats.

Margie volunteered with senior services in Cave Junction.

She enjoyed gardening, birds, cats, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Anthony Ruiz of Panama City, Florida, Jennie Thornton of Rogue River, Ore., and Crystal Ruiz of Grants Pass, Ore.; six granddaughters; one grandson; 11

great-grandchildren; and a brother, Don Murphy of Sweet Home, Oregon.

Margie was loved by so many.

Private services will be held. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Southern Oregon Humane Society. Please visit the obituary and sign the family guest book at www.since1928hull.com.

Andrew Sam McGuire, 78, of Grants Pass, passed away April 10, 2017 at Sutter Coast Hospital in Crescent City.

Andrew was born November 13, 1938 in Aurora, Ark.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Campbell) McGuire of Grants Pass; children, Anne Norris of Crescent City, Doug McGuire of Oakland, Ore., Carla Maples of Smith River, Calif., Lori Ridenour of Cave Junction, Steve McGuire of Grants Pass, and Chris McGuire of Bonney Lake, Wash.;

brothers, Jack Jr and Virgil both of Prineville, Ore. and Kenith of Central Point, Ore.; sister, Velma Davis of Texas; 16 grandkids; 45 great-grandkids; one great-great-grandson; one great-great-granddaughter; and numerous other family members including a special nephew, Roger McGuire of Rogers, Ark.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Everett McGuire Sr; his mother, Edith Harriman McGuire; sister, Helen Hackworth; brothers, Troy, Floyd, Lloyd, Edward, and Lonnie; and great-grandson, David Ridenour-Philpott.

A viewing will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., April 21, 2017 at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m., April 22, 2017 at Hull & Hull Chapel with Pastor Monty Pope officiating. Interment will follow at Deer Creek Cemetery in Selma.

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

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Save the date

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 21

The I.V. Garden Club's meeting on April 21 will have a presentation by master gardener and club member Kimberlie Lehman on creating butterfly gardens. 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 welcome.

April 22

The I.V. 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.

April 22

"Find that Tree" Scavenger Hunt: Saturday, April 22 from noon to 3 p.m. the Illinois Valley Garden Club is celebrating 90 years of projects and contributions to Cave Junction and the Illinois

Valley. Many of the trees that we enjoy around town are there, partly because of Garden Club participation. You may see some trees wearing green and pink ribbons on the morning of the scavenger hunt. (Please leave the ribbons on until after 3 p.m.) Pick up a score card at Jubilee Park. All of the trees are within Cave Junction. Score cards must be turned in by 2:30. All young children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Divisions of the hunt will be preschool (pink), elementary (orange), middle school (green) and high school (lime green). There will be prizes of small trees and toys for the young children. Winners announced at 2:45 p.m.

April 26

Hunnydew Station presents The Great Courses Lecture Series. Lectures 1, Wednesday, April 26 at 5 p.m.

Michael Starbird's Throw of the Dice and Probabilities at the I.V. Branch Library, 209 W Palmer St.

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 6

Illinois Valley Children's Fair & Pet Parade Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jubilee Park Free activities, resources, hot dogs, snacks, drinks and prizes.

Pet Parade registration starts at 10 a.m. Parade starts at 11:30 a.m.

May 7

Sunday, May 7, - Sustainable Cannabis Fair, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. in Jubilee Park. Co-hosted by the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District and Cave Junction Farmers' Market. Enjoy food, music, and door prizes while learning techniques to grow cannabis in tune with the earth; family, fish, and field friendly.

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.

May 27

Saturday, May 27, - Public lands clean up at Waldo-Takilma, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Join KS Wild as a public lands steward on some of the most beautiful and also threatened places in the Klamath-Siskiyou. Stronger together: We will work together with the BLM, Illinois Valley residents, the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District to clean this place up - just in time for the finalizing of its designation as an official "Area of Critical Environmental Concern." RSVP for carpool information and other details: call 541-488-578, or e-mail jeanine@kswild.org.

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 de-

crease 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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