

# Letters ...

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For my home, the added tax to fund the jail will cost me less than one dollar per day and a few more per day for my business property. I feel that this is a tax that is worth every penny. I hope that an equitable and more permanent funding solution for our sheriff's office can be found very soon. But in the meantime, I think we all better consider kicking in a little for them now. We have to keep strong pressure on those people in our society who wish to steal from those of us that work for a living. Those of us that try to make our community an enjoyable and safe place to live.

**Scott Taylor**  
Cave Junction

## Dear Editor,

When you look at the evidence of all the vandalism and petty thievery in Cave Junction, it does not take a rocket scientist to see that its being done by a small group of local teens. To local government, if they get these tax levies passed it could add up to millions of dollars a year of property tax hikes, not only in Josephine County but other counties around the state and country. The last thing they want to do is stop or control these local teenage boys. It's a

scare tactic that just may work.

Local government does have the money for a pro-active night watch security patrol and a couple guard dogs. To patrol the streets from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. to control and stop vandalism, petty theft and robbery. For the cost of one \$110,000 daytime patrolling sheriff at least nine night watch patrolmen could be paid for a year with money left-over for a couple guard dogs.

That will stop the mischief. There will always be new teenagers acting out. That's no reason to let them get away with it. You just need someone there to stop it. Property crime is not a low priority crime. It's the crime that funds local government, insurance, hard drugs, murder and mayhem.

Local neighborhood watches are doing the best they can but they should be paid something for their time. Also be given proper authority and at least a badge.

The good citizens are being treated as modern day serfs. They just do not have the money for a high priced bankrupt government system. Throwing more and more money at a broken government is not going to make it work. More expensive does not mean better. An expensive highly regulated cooperate police system is not freedom. Just vote no more taxes.

**Mark Wichers**  
Cave Junction

## To: Editor I.V. News

When we call 911 for help and protection we need someone to respond. If Measure 17-80 does not pass, the Sheriff will not respond after June 30, 2017. There will be no deputies available. The jail levy will allow for county sheriff patrols and will be a funding bridge to support the Sheriff Department for 5 years. Our families, schools, and businesses need a safe community to thrive and prosper. According to recent I.V. Community Strategic Plan surveys "Public safety" is the number one concern of Illinois Valley residents. Please say yes to Measures 17-78 and 17-80 to make our community a safe place to live, work, and play.

**Menno Kraai**  
Cave Junction  
Oregon Caves Outfitters

## International judges condemn Monsanto:

On October 15 and 16, 2016, five judges, highly experienced in international law, presided over a tribunal (court of justice) in The Hague, Netherlands. These judges came from Canada, Mexico, Senegal, Belgium and Argentina. Each judge has had a very successful career and all are held in high esteem. Evidence surrounding Monsanto's business practices and Monsanto's effect on the world was examined. There were 28 witnesses presenting evidence. The evidence was examined and debated by the

judges for six months.

The finding of the tribunal were: Monsanto has engaged in practices that have violated the basic human right to a healthy environment, the right to food, the right to health, and the right of scientists to freely conduct indispensable research. [http://www.monsanto-tribunal.org/upload/asset\\_cache/189791450.pdf](http://www.monsanto-tribunal.org/upload/asset_cache/189791450.pdf)

About 3 weeks ago, evidence was disclosed that a previous Assistant Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, Jess Rowland, appears to have been working directly with Monsanto to hide scientific evidence from us.

On April 20, 2017 it was disclosed that Dow Chemical is pressuring the Trump administration to ignore voluminous scientific evidence on 3 pesticides they produce. This evidence had already been accepted by the Environmental Protection Agency. (Dow contributed \$1,000,000 to Trump's inaugural ball.) A United States ban on these pesticides was being seriously considered because they have been shown to be so harmful. They are banned in other countries. One of them, chlorpyrifos, has been shown to interfere with the development of children's brains, your children's and grand children's brains are not immune, damaging the brains and causing mental disabilities.

**Dr. Paul Goff**  
O'Brien

## To the Editor:

I encourage everyone to vote for Measure 17-78 for the Illinois Valley Fire District. Consider all the emergencies, large and small, that the firefighters of IVFD help residents of the Illinois Valley with - averaging more than 100 calls a month.

They respond to everything from babies getting born, those deceased, to everything in between. From helping paramedics to lift a patient, to wild fires, structure fires, traffic accidents, every kind of illness, injury, trauma, allergic reactions, overdoses, dog bites, snake bites, trees falling on powerlines or in the road, people falling off cliffs, roofs and horses, and children who wandered off and can't be found. We need more full time fire fighters; they are truly the first line of protection and care in our valley. They deserve our support for the incredible service they render to all of us here.

And every penny from the measure stays right in the valley and goes only to the Fire District for the purpose of serving us, the public.

Thank you,  
**P. Kisiela**  
Cave Junction

# The Archive Zone Best of the Blotter: by Hillary Mohr from the Illinois Valley News archives

**FREEZE!** Drop what you are doing! We have a warrant for your attention, and we are going to enforce it now with this week's, brand new, Police Blotter Archive Zone! The Date: May 12, 1993. Location: Cave Junction and the Illinois Valley.

## Sunday, May 2

\*On Warren Road a woman reported someone fired a gun for 30 minutes. She was advised it's not illegal to discharge firearms on private property. \* When a woman returned to her car at 5 p.m. after she had been in a grocery store in CJ, her mother, who had been

in the vehicle, was gone. She was located at a friend's house at 9:15 p.m. Everyone was counseled.

## Monday, May 3

\*A "very friendly" cockatoo named "Casper," valued at \$2,000, was reported missing from the 27000 block of Redwood Highway.

## Tuesday, May 4

\*At 10:09 a.m. a man said that two unshaven men were watching a residence near Jubilee Park and that they'd been there since about 7 a.m. He said one might have a gun. It

turned out to be two men waiting for the Adult & Family Services office to open.

## Wednesday, May 5

\*In Grants Pass officers arrested a hair dresser who apparently was using his apartment for hair-styling customers, and to deal drugs. JOINT and other officers seized methamphetamine and marijuana. The suspect was identified as Michael G. Belkin, 30.

\*After a man reported a large object wrapped in plastic that had a bad odor on Old Hayes Hill Road, a deputy checked. He reported that the material consisted of building debris and

that there was no odor.

## Thursday, May 6

\*Theft of trees in the 5000 block of Takilma Road was termed unfounded.

## Friday, May 7

\*A man on Kirkham Road thought his phone was being tapped.

## Saturday, May 8

\*A woman on Crooks Creek Road said that another woman hit her in the jaw and one ear.

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Saturday the 6th @ 6 p.m.  
Every Wednesday **Open MIC Night** 6 - 8 p.m.  
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w/ Steve - OH  
Friday, May 5 @ 9 p.m.  
**Saturday Pool Tourney @ 7**  
Free pool on Sundays  
**Sportsman Tavern**

**The SPOT**  
**Hump day Karoke**  
w/ **Jammer Dave**  
8 - midnight  
**Open Mic w/ B**  
Thursdays @ 7  
Cinco de Mayo specials

**Cinco de Mayo**  
Dawna Crocker & Rosie Wittman in the beer garden  
Friday, May 5 at 7p.m.  
@ **McGrew's!**

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