

Letters to the editor

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edit letters. Letters are used at the discretion of the publisher.

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Net Neutrality; A Non-Partisan Issue

The information we seek may not always be easily available if our new FCC

chairman, Ajit Pai, has his way.

Definition: Net neutrality is the principle that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and governments regulating the Internet should treat all data on the Internet the same, not discriminating or charging differentially.

The "free" internet is fundamental to our modern day democracy, regardless of

your party affiliation. Without net neutrality rules in place, ISPs can sell fast access to the highest bidder. Net neutrality rules prevent this by requiring ISPs to connect users to all lawful content on the internet equally, without giving preferential treatment to certain sites or services.

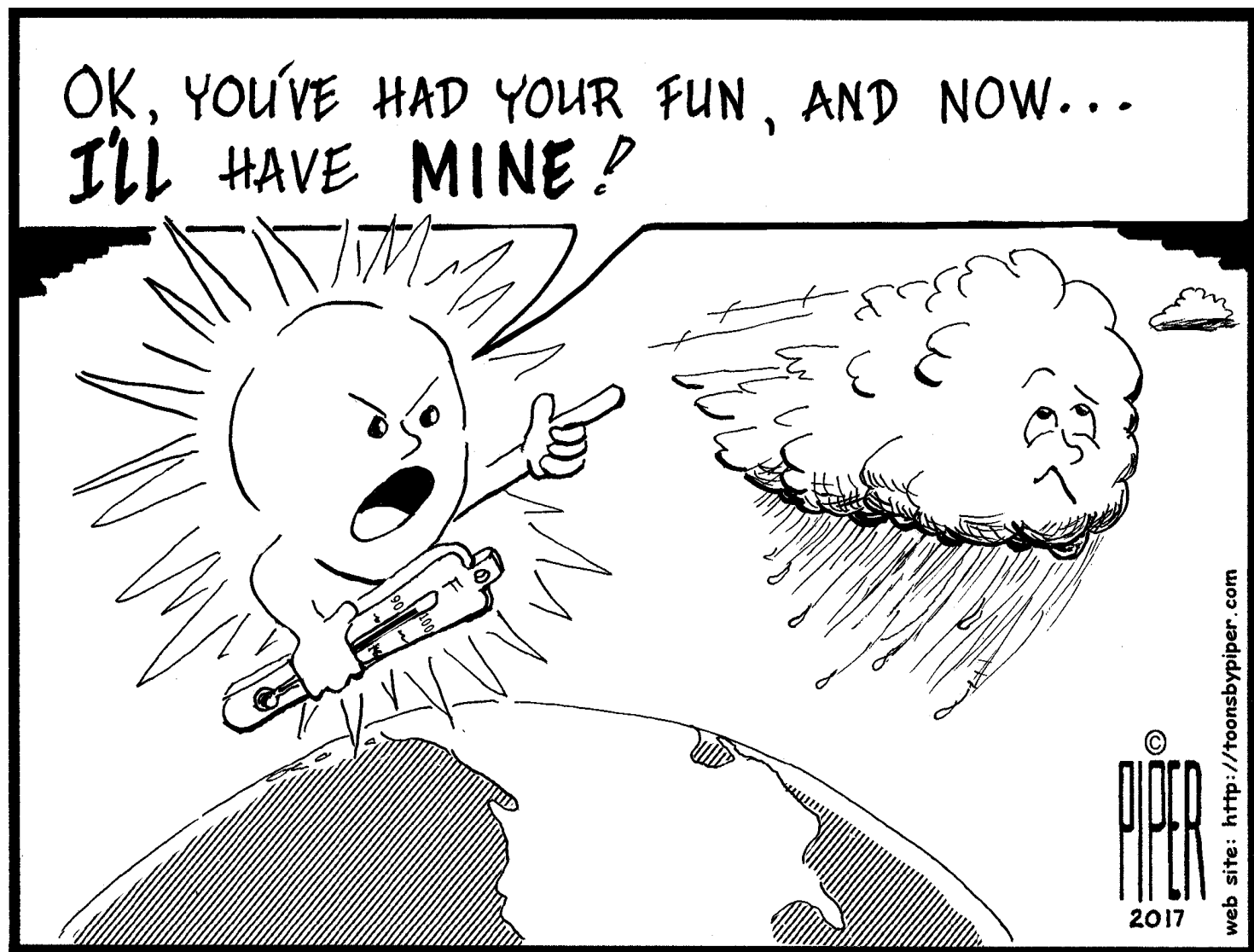
Pai has proposed reversal of the FCC's Title II authority (a classification

that allows the FCC to protect net neutrality by regulating against paid prioritization). If enacted, Chairman Pai's plan would dismantle the legal foundation of the Open Internet. The new proposal has the ludicrous title "Restoring Internet Freedom", meaning, giving freedom to large ISPs like AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, etc. to control information by

charging for fast use! Users could end up seeing those charges on our end!

Get on the web (ironic) to find more information about this. We have until July 17 for public comment! Write to the FCC and your congressional representatives and say you support Internet Neutrality!

Michelle Le Comte, Selma



Obituaries

Ellen Lovett is back to riding her faithful steed. Born April 3, 1919 in Colfax, Wash. She passed peacefully at home in Cave Junction on Saturday, May 27. Ellen moved to the Illinois Valley in 2001. She lived in Selma on the Oxbow Ranch until 2012 and the remainder of her life in Cave Junction. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 4 at The Illinois Valley Senior Center in Cave Junction.



Ellen Lovett

James A. Dierkes, 85 of Grants Pass passed away Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Royale Gardens Health & Rehabilitation Center in Grants Pass. Arrangements by Stephens Family Chapel, www.stephensfc.com.

(Photo courtesy of Tabatha Siemer for the Illinois Valley News)

2016/2017 Rotary Student of the Year Vivian Rowley (right) along with LBMS Principal Mr. Polen.

~ Correction ~
In an Illinois Valley News May 24 article titled, "IVFD takes levy passing in stride," Deputy Chief Jeff Gavlik was identified incorrectly as Ken Gavlik. The Illinois Valley News regrets the error.

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Save the date

- May 31**
Community Meeting Fruitdale Grange 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. May 31, 1440 Parkdale Dr. Grants Pass.
Learning - Discussing - Seeking Long term solutions for Josephine County's on going funding challenges Guest speaker Loma Wharton on Authority & Jurisdiction: How Understanding this can help our county! On land use, resource production, jobs and economic growth. Q & A time... bring your knowledge, ideas. State Reps, Senator and County Commissioners with others have been invited. It's your county, your home let's work together to find Answers!
For more info - contact Ron Smith 541-660-4185
- June 3**
Birds and Brews see story on page 1 for more details.
- June 3**
Moon Tree run and 555 memorial event. See page 1 for details.
- June 7**
IVHS class of 2017 Graduation 7 p.m. football field.
- June 7**
Sustainable Cannabis Work-

- shop - Your Water Right Thursday, June 8, 4 p.m. at Wild River Pizza in Cave Junction. Come meet the JoCo Water Master and learn everything you need to know about your water right and your right to water. Free bread sticks provided. For more information, contact Tracey at the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District 541-592-3731.
- June 8**
Spring Clean Up at Reeves Creek "Area of Critical Environmental Concern"
Thursday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers wanted! This high priority location for the the federally endangered Cook's Lomatium flower has unfortunately become a local dumpsite. Join KS Wild and friends for a few satisfying hours of stewardship on your public lands. 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." Workgloves, snacks, and other material provided, bring a sack lunch, waterbottle, and appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes. Carpool: 9:30 a.m. from

- Ray's in Selma. Contact Jeanine for more information 541-488-5789.
- June 18**
Sunday, June 18, 6:30 p.m. "Adventures with Butterflies in the Bioregion," with Dana Ross: Deer Creek Center, 1241 Illinois River Rd., Selma 541-597-8530
- June 10**
Hathkapsuta Illinois River Celebration Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Illinois River Forks State Park, ¼ mile south of Cave Junction, free event and parking, live music by Brother, Circle of Stone & Throwdown with sound by Indigo Project, food by Rosie's Pizza & fun kids' activities. Brought to you by CEEN and IVCDO. For more information call 541-291-8860.
- Continuing**
*Illinois Valley Community Watch Meeting every Monday from 5 - 6 p.m. at Wild River Pizza, 249 Redwood Hwy. - Cave Junction. A Public Safety Outreach Campaign effort with all I.V. Neighborhood Watch Groups - representatives, including businesses and churches, and support for anyone wishing to start a neighborhood watch. Includes a 2-way hand held radio pro-

- gram briefing from 4:20 - 4:50 p.m. Contact Guenter - 541-415-1929 / ivwatch541@gmail.com.
- *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 or visit cjpguard.org.

- *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.
- *Come join the Cave Junction Lions Club at River Valley Restaurant, at 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We are a co-ed club and are always looking for community minded people that are dedicated, hard working, whether physically limited or not and most of all, like to have fun.
We host the Classic Car Show in late June and Turkey Bingo in early November. So if you like to have fun and like to help make great things happen, to provide glasses, hearing aids, scholarships and support for our community and so much more.
Come by and see what we do or give us a call, 541-592-9243 Nina Horsley, vice president or 541-295-7579 Sherry Overstreet, president.

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