

Letters to the editor

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BE AWARE OF FAUX NEWS

I would like to thank Michelle Le Comte for the light that she has shined on the most recent actions set forth by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). In an attempt to

finalize the slow but steady dismantling of the media ownership rules that were put into place to assure that there is diverse ownership in media outlets, the FCC as it exists today has consistently shown its loyalty to the big money of corporate lobbyists.

The Communications Act of 1934 was established originally to regulate the telephone monopolies, but also to regulate the licensing for the spectrum used for broadcasting by radio stations. At this time, ABC and NBC were lobbying congress to establish high fees for broadcasting, a move that would enable them to control all information broadcast on the airwaves to the American populous. Fortunately, congress had a semblance of dignity at this point in history and saw this as a limitation to free speech and upheld the 1st amendment to the US constitution.

In 1975, media cross ownership rules were put into place to "prohibit the ownership of a daily

newspaper and any full-power broadcast station that serviced the same community", ensuring that a wide variety of voices and opinions were heard over the airwaves. This ruling was put in place to limit media concentration in TV and radio markets, as they used public airwaves, which had begun to be a limited resource.

In 1983, 90% of the mass media was controlled by 50 companies. By 1992 this number had dropped to 12 companies. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was passed shortly after and was a major overhaul of the 1934 Communications Act and was the first time that the internet was included in broadcasting regulations. The legislation, portrayed to foster competition, actually resulted in the subsequent mergers of several large companies, a trend which still continues. As of 2015, 90% of the mass media was controlled by 5 major corporations. Listed in descending order of annual

revenues totaling over 200 billion, Comcast(NBC), Disney(ABC), 21st Century Fox(FBC), AOL/Time Warner(CNN), and National Amusements (Viacom, CBS). iHeartMedia(Clear Channel Communications) owns 850 radio stations nationwide, making it the largest radio station group owner in the US. iHeartMedia has major financial holdings in Fox News Radio, the news source for the Rogue Valley Radio station KLDL (which is owned by our District Representative, Carl Wilson).

So to conclude, please trust your inner voice and your own conscience when seeking the truth about the world of information being set before you. Question the information printed in our local newspapers. Question the motives of I.V. Data Center in their quest for help from the city in bolstering their own business. Support the staff at IVCDO, as they are long standing community members who

have inhabited our valley for decades and are helping the small business owner to get a start here, despite the lack of support from the county commissioners and their distribution of economic development funds. Finally, support our local radio stations Takilma FM (internet) and KXCJ-LP 105.7 FM if you are interested in supporting free speech and homegrown media communications.

Sunrise Ocean
CJ

Reader cries Hypocrisy

Hypocrisy is pretense or sham; a false appearance of virtue or goodness. The Republican Party perfectly demonstrates this condition. They claim to be guided by the Constitution, but only when it's convenient for their political goals. All the promises to bring back jobs and restore the economy to the unfortunate lower and middle classes have become

a lie. One by one, all the beneficial programs to help the hungry and needy are being shut down.

Donald Trump, at the top of the pyramid, is a prime example of hypocrisy...time and again arguing on the campaign trail that he would protect health care, or protect Social Security, for example, only to reverse his position completely when he gained the Presidency. Now he's pushing Republicans to support the American No-health Care Act. Instead of protecting Americans, he's decided to deny millions of us insurance by the Affordable Care Act. He's sacrificing millions of low income people, all in order to provide tax breaks for billionaires. What is it going to take for us to wake up and demand fair treatment from the leaders of this country? Their attitudes reflecting bullying hostility and antipathy toward vulnerable Americans has to stop!

Trisha Vigil
Medford

Summer 2017 Youth Conservation Corps jobs available at Oregon Caves

Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve is participating in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program again this summer. There are up to four positions to be filled.

The Youth Conservation Corps is a summer employment program for young men and women, ages 15 through 18, who work and learn together by participating in conservation work on public lands. Successful candidates will earn Oregon minimum wage of \$9.75 per hour through June 30. Starting July 1, minimum wage increases to \$10.25 per hour. No housing is available. All participants must bring a lunch and able to provide their own transportation to and from the Monument. However, carpooling is usually possible with people who commute. Work schedule begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. each day, five days per week, with the exceptions of federal holidays and generally, week-ends. This eight week job opportunity is offered between the dates of June 26 – Aug. 19..

The variety of physical labor to be performed includes bending, reaching, lifting, pulling, digging, bagging, etc. Over 70 percent of the job entails, 1) controlling non-native species inside and outside the developed cave, 2)

cutting and piling shrubs and small diameter trees; often on steep slopes and during hot (full sunlight) or sometimes cold weather and 3) present safety and conservation messages to visitors, outdoors, before they start their cave tours. Other projects will consist of inventorying and monitoring natural resources, maintaining equipment, data entry, miscellaneous clerical duties inside the park library, as well as cleaning caving gear and handing out visitor surveys to park visitors. Must be willing to learn how to safely traverse steep slopes, cave responsibly and perform various resource tasks, independently. This work can be challenging, yet adventurous, as well as strenuous, hot and dirty. Much of the work involves hiking to remote locations, such as scenic sub-alpine lakes and old growth forests, or unique and beautiful locations within Oregon Caves. Working outdoors presents many unique hazards, such as wildlife and poison oak, and with instruction; expected to work safely and efficiently. If regular physical activity is not already part of an applicant's lifestyle, he/she is strongly discouraged from applying.

Thirty hours of natural and cultural resource conservation education

programs will be incorporated into the scheduled work period. These programs will provide information on the diversity and mandated responsibilities of all National Park Service areas and may include field trips to other parks or areas.

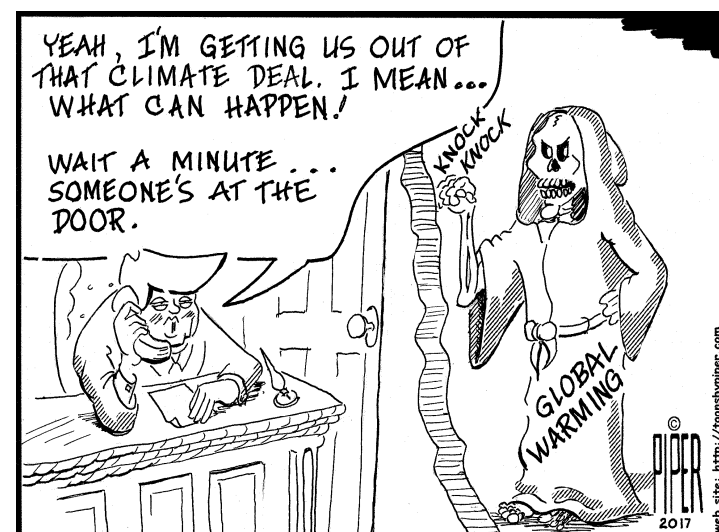
If you are between 15 and 18 years of age and wish to be considered for a YCC position this summer, please call Ms. Pat Fine at 541-592-2100 x 2224 and leave a detailed message including name and address to send an application and information packet. Please speak clearly and spell your name, street and city. Applications may also be obtained at Illinois Valley Visitor Center: 201 Caves Hwy., Cave Junction.

Chosen applicants will be notified no later than Tuesday, June 20, of their selection for this program.

Please mail your applications (including references) to the address listed below. Applications must be received at the following address no later than Saturday, June 17.

Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve

Attn: Ms. Pat Fine – YCC
19000 Caves Hwy.
Cave Junction, OR 97523



~ Correction ~

In a May 31 article titled "Voters Say Yes to Books" sponsorship of the youth craft activity during the Summer Reading Program at Josephine Community Library C.J. Branch was incorrectly credited. Illinois River Valley Arts Council has funded this public service since 2012. The *Illinois Valley News* regrets the error.

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Save the date

June 7

IVHS class of 2017 Graduation 7 p.m. football field.

June 8

Sustainable Cannabis Workshop - 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 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 9

IRVAC Presents: "Lonesome Road" at the CJ Farmers' Market! Come enjoy the upbeat Newgrass, blues, folk and rock! Also, Featured Artist Debra Abarca presents her useful and whimsical pottery creations at the Art Friday booth. Presented by Illinois River Valley Arts Council. Free admission. Hours: 4-7 p.m. Jubilee Park, Cave Junction. For info, email artscouncil199@gmail.com.

June 10

Hathkapasuta 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.

June 10

Participate in Cave Junction's quarterly Clean Up Day! Saturday, June 10 from 8:45-11 a.m.. Meet at the Illinois Valley Family Resource Center Building (535 E. River St. Cave Junction)

Bring Gloves and a trash grabber. Garbage bags and a limited number of reflective vests will be provided.

This event is coordinated by the Rotary Club of the Illinois Valley.

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

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 program 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 cjpatrol.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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