



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." I take this very seriously as well as the responsibility that goes with

constitutional protection.

To be frank, I often disagree with opinions I see in our paper and I often don't agree with the outcomes of issues that affect our valley.

I am rarely offended. I think I have a healthy way of viewing the world and have accepted that evil walks the earth among us. When I see or hear something that I find offensive in art, TV or radio, I move on. Sometimes I even try to understand the reason the person or persons are doing or saying what they do, but at the end of day I have choices. I can just change the channel; I have over 300 channels on my XM Radio and almost as much on our satellite TV service at home.

There was a band scheduled to play at a local fair in a few weeks that has many locals riled up and rightfully so. This particular band has songs that would be offensive to just about anyone, even a hard person like myself. Because the band does not share my values or may offend my sensibilities,

I will not attend the music fair, nor will I promote it in the pages of our paper.

Others are promoting a boycott of the event which I wholehearted support. What I cannot support is a movement afloat that, at this point, has prevented this band from performing locally.

I have fielded multiple calls from angry residents who felt I should, or at least was in a position to, prevent this crude and pathetic band from taking the stage. I just can't do it - I have to support our freedom of speech.

The Constitution of the United States is a wise and useful tool. Most of the time it works in our favor, but sometimes, like in the case of the upcoming concert, it works against us. Like it or not, the constitution applies to everyone equally.

My suggestion is to attend the Lions Club Labor Day Festival instead, and support the group that supports you. Thank you for picking up this week's paper, enjoy! ~ djm

Letters to the editor

Illinois Valley News welcomes letters to the editor. Please e-mail them to dan@illinois-valley-news.com.

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

Hi Editor

I want to thank everyone involved. On Sat I was helping a friend with his honey-do-list. I needed a screw driver and pliers so I pulled my large tool bag out of the back of my truck and onto the tail gate. I left the tool bag on the tail gate and went off to work on the project believing I would put it back in the truck when I was finished with the tools. One project lead to another and a few hrs. passed. When I heard the fire tones over my radio I rushed to the truck, totally forgetting the tail gate was open and the tool bag that was sitting on it. As you can envision the tool bag departed the truck somewhere on Rockydale. When I arrived at my destination a fire chief pointed out the open tailgate.

I realized what had happened and immediately retraced my route over and over. No luck, they were gone. Not even a screw driver could be found. At that moment I thought I would never see my tools again. My friend's honey (mentioned above) posted the loss on the Cave Junction & IV Facebook page. The next morning this outstanding gentleman contacted her, because of him my tools are now back in my truck. Again, thank you so much not only for returning them but for picking up every tool that was scattered over the roadway. This incident confirms my faith in the people that live here in our beautiful valley.

Ned Booth
Member of: IVFD
Media Department

To the newcomers of our great valley:

I'm sure your recap of history is correct but that does not mean that it changes the pronunciation of our valley name. I was born here 79 years ago of a pioneer family and have live here ever since the correct local pronunciation is Illinois Valley.

You pronounce your state anyway you want to but don't come to the Illinois Valley and try to change its name.

Our valley was named after Illinois not of Illinois.

Sara (Hoskins) Jones
Cave Junction

~ Celebration of life ~

Celebration of life for **Hank Warner** who passed on December 13, 2016. It will be held in the Mallard Loop at Lake Selmac on August 12, 1 p.m.. Bbq potluck.

Obituaries

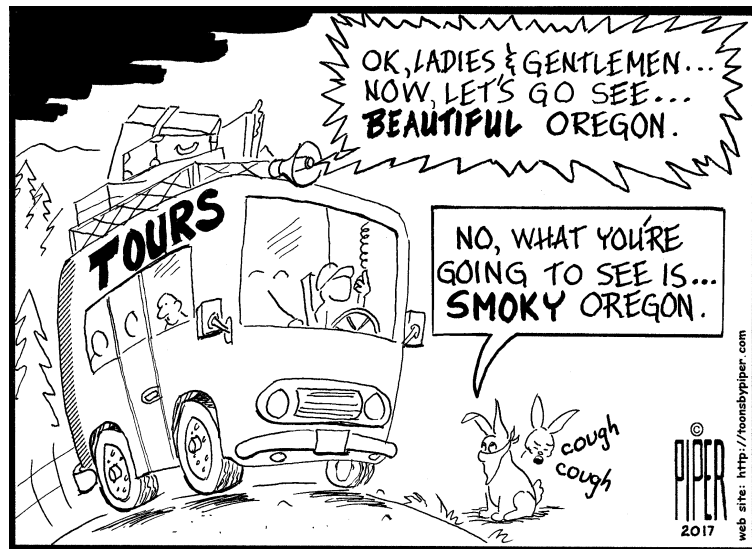
Everett G. Crutchfield, 84, of Selma passed away at his home Saturday, July 29, 2017. Family and friends are invited to potluck Saturday, August 12 at noon at the Deer Creek Grange 3750 Lakeshore Drive, Selma.

Everett was born Jan. 1, 1933. He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett Crutchfield and Etta Viola Leavell Crutchfield; his wife of 65 years, Jonnie Mae Crutchfield; and his son, Joe Nathan Crutchfield.

Survivors include his three children: Carl Crutchfield (Diane), Harold Crutchfield (Kathy), Debi Doyle (Chip) and daughter-in-law, Kristi Crutchfield-Webb.

Affectionately known by friends and family as Junior, he was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Stockton Hounds Men Club for many years. He enjoyed many trips to the ocean, fishing and crabbing with friends. He was the owner of Crutchfield Construction in Stockton and was a 50 year member of Operating Engineers. After retirement he and Jonnie moved from Stockton to Oregon and bought a ranch and raised cattle and hay. He was so proud of his vegetable garden and his tomatoes were shared far and wide.

He will be missed by all including his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.



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Save the date

Aug. 10

Monday, Aug. 14, at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 222 W. Lister Street, Cave Junction, Oregon, the Common Council of the City of Cave Junction will hold a public workshop in order to collect citizen input on law-enforcement priorities in the city of Cave Junction.

Aug. 10

Monday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 222 W. Lister Street, Cave Junction, Oregon, the Common Council of the City of Cave Junction will meet in a regular session.

Aug. 10

Fire Your Boss - post-Apocalyptic folk core; will play the Concerts in the Park. FREE ADMISSION! Sponsored by the I,V, Chamber of Commerce. 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday Evening at Jubilee Park, C.J.

Aug. 17

The Illinois Valley Fire District board of directors regular meeting has been rescheduled from Aug.

10 to Aug. 17 at the administration Building, 681 Caves Hwy., Cave Junction, OR. (The Board reserves the right to hold an executive session at this meeting under the authority of ORS 192.660.) (The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities.) (Any comments or concerns must be submitted in writing.) ;'

Aug. 28

Planning Commission hearing on August 28, 6 pm at the Anne Basker Auditorium 600 Nw 6th Street, Grants Pass.

Order 2017-034 Ban on OLCC regulated marijuana production on all sizes of Rural Residential lands in Josephine County by the Board of Commissioners, Simon Hare, Dan DeYoung and Lily Morgan. This now includes medical marijuana.

Continuing

Summer Reading Program sign ups are still happening at the Illinois Valley Library! Our free program runs through Saturday, Aug. 5. Join us on Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for crafts sponsored by Illinois River

Valley Arts Council. For more information contact Roberta Lee at 541-592-4778. I.V. Branch, Josephine Community Libraries, 209 W Palmer St, C.J.

*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 Guenther - 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 Mon-

day and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The phone number for the substation is 541-592-5151.

Volunteers are needed in the Cave Junction Substation to provide support service hours to the public. Applications are available at the Merlin Substation, 100 Acorn Street, Merlin, 541-474-5135, and 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, president.

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