



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

Every once in a while you have one of those days or worse, weeks, even months when everything you do seems to turn to mush and everyone takes the opportunity to jump your tail about it. The president of the Illinois Valley Fire District is having one of those months.

Letters to the editor

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

Dear Editor:

I am SO glad I voted to support the fire department. In the last few years I have had three deeply frightening fires in my neighborhood and each time we have been saved by the heroic efforts of the fire fighters called in to handle the blazes. Wednesday's fire at the junk yard out by airport drive was another example of the kind of amazing team work that comes into play when a fast growing, really dangerous fire pops up. I am very grateful to all the people that get up in the morning and risk their lives so that the rest of us can live ours. THANK YOU ALL!

**Iris Chinook
Cave Junction**

Reader has advice for fire board member

Attention Ron Humphries, There is a time and place for everything. Thursday, Aug. 17, Illinois Valley Fire Protection District meeting is your time and place to resign from the board.

**Edwin Bob Butler
Former IVFD
Board Member.
Cave Junction.**

Editor:

Finding a solution to cancer is easy! In the Trumpist world, the solution is to pretend it doesn't exist. Any day now, the Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control will remove the term 'cancer' from their websites and reports. "Disease cured!" Trump will proclaim.

Seem preposterous?

Actually, not!

This is exactly how the Trump Administration is dealing with the greatest threats humanity faces: global warming and climate change. We now have directives removing 'climate change' and climate science from federal department websites and materials.

The anti-science numskulls in Congress and this Administration are not content with promoting alternative facts and post-truth testimony on scientific issues, testimony that

has been frequently debunked in the scientific literature to reveal it as total fraud. They would now handcuff science and rational policy by suppressing reference to, and use of, science.

In Congress, we have long witnessed GOP efforts in the Congressional 'anti-science and technology' Committee to stack testimony in favor of frauds and hoaxers from sources such as the Heritage Foundation - partisan hacks first and scientists secondarily if that. They tried to prevent the Defense Department from considering the national security implications of climate change.

Let's return to sanity.

**Alan Journet
Jacksonville**

Editor:

I'm sure I'm not the only American wondering if we are heading the right direction as a country. If we can get answers to these questions, we will have a good start.

*Has anyone else wondered exactly what GW Bush meant when said he was a "compassionate conservative"? Allowing Republicans to spend lavishly, like Democrats, certainly wasn't conservative. Was his costly attempt to "nation change" Iraq compassionate? Building "big government" was neither!

easy to prove. This is a blatant violation of the Oregon Revised Statutes governing public meetings. We have no minutes of that meeting so we have no idea what the five men were talking about.

In the case of meeting law violations, I am obligated to file a civil suit against the IVFD. It is not my desire to put the district in the situation where they have to pay for an attorney to represent them and in the end the fine that goes along with it.

So, I am offering this as a solution - replace the board member who quit with Carol Dickson who just recently came off the board and is extremely qualified and knowledgeable about the district. Additionally, the board president needs to resign at the Aug. 17 meeting.

The public needs to have faith in our fire district's leadership and the board president has lost all credibility. It's time to chart a different course.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper, enjoy!
~djm

*When Obama and his congressional Democrats passed their trillion dollar Bill for "shovel ready infrastructure projects" and found very few, whatever happened to the 900 billion or so dollars that were left? Did Obama need David Copperfield to teach him to make money disappear?

*The MSM (Main Stream Media) seems to have a huge reservoir of anonymous sources to report much derogatory information on Trump. Meanwhile Trump is accomplishing many achievements like eliminating many costly regulations and making real changes improving the VA that are not being reported. The incredible rise in the Sock Market indicates big confidence in Trump policies. This same MSM told us Hillary was going to win. Should we believe anything they say?

*Lois Lerner appears to have committed a number of crimes as boss at the IRS under Obama. Eric Holder, Obama's AG, allowed a number of weapons to be purchased in U.S. and smuggled into Mexico. Loretta Lynch, another Obama AG, had a clandestine meeting with Hillary's husband on the tarmac of the airport in Phoenix. Why was a special prosecutor appointed to look into Russian

influence in our election when there is no evidence of a crime when there were numerous potential crimes under Obama but the MSM didn't care?

*As Secretary of State under Obama, Hillary allowed Russia to purchase a 20% interest in a company called Uranium One in the U.S. Shortly after Bill was paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for a speech in Russia and the Clinton Foundation was gifted with a hundred million or so dollars by Russia. Should a "special prosecutor" look into this potential crime?

The real question is: Does Lady Justice still have a blindfold or has the MSM allowed the blindfold to slip so a "chosen few" get a bigger helping of "Justice under the Law" than others?

**Gregory Anderson
Cave Junction**

Obituaries

Leslie Doris Oberlies III, 78, of Cave Junction, died August 12, 2017 at his home.

No services are planned. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

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Save the date

Aug. 16

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017, at 7 p.m. at Cave Junction City Hall, 222 W. Lister St., the Common Council of the city of Cave Junction will hold a workshop to consider previously collected public input on the matter of law enforcement priorities within the city of Cave Junction and produce a final set of law enforcement priorities for adoption by the council at a forthcoming regular council meeting.

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. 22

The Associated Student Gov-

ernment of Rogue Community College (ASGRCC) has partnered with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Redwood campus Student Center at 3345 Redwood Hwy. in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Aug. 28

Planning Commission hearing on Aug. 28, 6 p.m. 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.

Sept. 13

AWANA starts Sept. 13 for children PK - Sixth grade at Community Bible Church, 113 S. Caves Ave. CJ, Wednesdays at 6:15 - 8 p.m. Registration will be the 13th so come a little bit early! Children must be registered by their parents

or legal guardians. There will be stories, music, games and often light snacks. AWANA will meet every Wednesday night unless there is no school. This is a church sponsored program regardless of their religious affiliation. At the same time there will be a free parenting class for all parents, grandparents & guardians.

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.

*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 cjp patrol.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.

*Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 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.

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