



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

I started today like most days, picking up trash the bums leave on my front porch. Usually it takes me about

two weeks to fill up one bag. Mostly it's food and tobacco related refuse but a fair percentage is shoes, hats and other assorted nonsense. Some days I have to water down the urine and feces they leave. Yes, they urinate and defecate on my porch.

At a recent city council meeting a man who lives in rural CJ said he felt it was wrong to make vagrants aka bums a police priority as it makes poverty illegal. I have no issue with homeless people down on their luck. And, I really don't mind the guys that like the lifestyle of freewheeling hobos. None of that in my mind is a crime.

The crimes being committed are the public littering, trespassing, urination and defecation.

The second issue I have with bums is that I watch them panhandling the tourists passing through on a daily basis. The view from my desk is usually combined with a RV and tourists either spending money at Taylor's or Dairy Queen.

Along with the RV, I see the bums hitting up the tourists for money.

So for those of you who feel I am heartless, I have three solutions to offer: One, have the police move them along to areas that have the services to meet their needs. Two, email me your address and I will transport them to your house so they can defecate on your porch. Three, you can come down to my office each morning and clean up the mess.

It's your choice, I am betting on my having to continue to drone on about bums. I'll leave you with this, next time you hear someone talk bad about CJ, realize, you may be part of the problem.

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

Side note: Today the bums left me a small black shopping cart, if it's yours, stop by or call me.

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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'Illinois Valley News' encourages letters to the editor provided they are legible and not libelous or scurrilous. All letters must be signed, including name, address and telephone number. The latter need not be published, but will be used to verify authenticity. The "News" reserves the right to edit letters. Letters are used at the discretion of the publisher.

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

letter writers.)

Are you aware of the timber sale?

Many are unaware of the Pickett West Timber Sale that has been proposed by the BLM. It is composed of lands throughout Selma, Grants Pass and Murphy areas, many containing old-growth forests over 160 years old. At least 20 of the units include springs, creeks and riparian areas that provide water to the surrounding communities, residences, small farms and critical wildlife habitat. In many of these units, the BLM prescription would reduce the forest canopy from 90% down to 30%. 29% is considered a clear cut! This would significantly

affect our water sources.

These areas are already sensitive due to drought, record breaking temperatures and climate change. This amount of heavy canopy removal is extreme, irreversible and unacceptable.

On Thursday, Aug 24 at 6 p.m. there will be a presentation at the Selma Community Center organized by Applegate Neighborhood Network, Deer Creek Assoc. and KS Wild to inform and organize all who are concerned about the impacts that would be brought about by a sale of this magnitude. To see what lands are included in the Pickett West Timber Sale, look at the maps in the BLM's Environmental Assessment (<https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl->

front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage¤tPageId=87220). Most likely, there is a unit in your neighborhood, as the project spans 200,000 acres and would directly impact the Illinois Valley, Applegate and Lower Rogue.

This sale does not address the needs of our community, such as, sustainable water, agriculture and tourism. The industry must change with the times that we are facing. More forethought and consideration needs to be given to our water sources and critical wildlife areas. A more selective approach, certainly not in our watersheds, would be more sustainable.

A decision was released by the

BLM stating that "No Significant Impact" was discovered. The first of two timber sale auctions may be as early as September 14th!

Please attend this meeting to find out more information and to help stop this sale. This is a chance to make our voices heard. This would not only seriously impact many in our community, but would also destroy much of what remains of our beautiful, rare, ancient natural ecosystems in southwest Oregon. We can no longer allow this to continue with a business as usual attitude.

Patricia Bloom
Selma

Obituaries

Richard "Dick" Armstead, 82, of Cave

Junction, died Aug. 19, 2017 at his home.

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Nancy Yukie Evans, 92, of Cave Junction, died

Thursday, Aug. 17, 2017 at her home.

Nancy was born Oct. 9, 1924 in Pepeekeo, Maui, Hawaii. In 1992 she moved from Hawaii to Selma and in 1996 moved to Cave Junction.

She was a member of the Illinois Valley Senior Center and volunteered with the Forest Service in Cave Junction.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Eddie of Cave Junction; a sister, Lillian of Hawaii; seven children, Carolyn and Sharon of California; and George, Ben, Pam, Keith and Nannette all of Hawaii; 14 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son Joseph in 2016.

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

David Paul Struewing, 24, of Takoma Park,

Md. and Cave Junction, died suddenly on Aug. 16, 2017. David was loved by virtually everyone who ever met him. In a very disarming and almost charming way he could win you over with his smile and warm personality. He was compassionate about social issues and did not shy away from debate on a wide range of important topics. He was born and raised in Takoma Park, Md.

David was a complex, multi-talented person who mastered almost anything he set out to do, including artistic pursuits, piano, videography, and circus arts like trapeze. He began early and matured greatly in acting with Lumina Studio Theater where he had many leading roles. He was a tinkerer who loved new challenges, everything from keeping a cell phone or laptop going for years to auto repair. His Halloween and Christmas light displays were legendary in the neighborhood. David had a great sense of humor and his laugh was like a hug. David was a true friend to so many people and you were lucky if you were one of them.

Most recently he worked as an EMT in Oregon, which

seemed to really suit him. Just before his death he was excited to relay his plans to continue working as an EMT, complete his computer science degree, and then apply this experience and knowledge to improving the emergency services system. In Oregon, one of his favorite activities was swimming in the crystal-clear mountain rivers. It was while swimming at a favorite spot that he developed a seizure and was unable to be resuscitated, despite heroic efforts from his friend, Rachel and a helicopter evacuation. David is survived by his sister, Eleanor Struewing, his parents, Paula Wolyniec and Jeff Struewing, his nana, Amelia (Dolly) Wolyniec of Takoma Park, Md., his grandma and grandpa, Sylvia Jean Struewing and Herman (Ham) Struewing of Batesville, Ind., numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and of course, many friends who loved him dearly. A memorial service will be held in the fall.

"...leave to your opinions their own quiet undisturbed development, which, like all progress, must come from deep within and cannot be pressed or hurried by anything...."

~Rainer Maria Rilke

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Save the date

Aug. 24

Peoples's Forum on the Picket West Timber Sale Thursday, Aug. 24, 6 – 9 p.m. at the Selma Community Center, 18255 Redwood Hwy. Please bring a dish to share, Presentations by the Applegate Neighborhood Network, Deer Creek Assoc. and KS Wild. This is a chance to get informed and to be sure that your voice is heard.

Aug. 24

The Illinois Valley Fire District Board of Directors will hold a special meeting, 7 p.m. at the Administration Building, 681 Caves Hwy., Cave Junction, OR, Aug. 24. The agenda for the meeting: Swearing in of new board member, Approve board meeting minutes, Approve Audit, Approve Budget meeting minutes, Approve changes to personnel manual and Approve Strategic Plan

Aug. 28

This is to give notice that Monday, Aug. 28, 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. The agenda may include, but is not limited, to the following: Consent Agenda, Minutes of previous meeting(s), Resolution adopting

law enforcement service contract Addendum #1: City Law Enforcement Priorities, Contract review: provision of law enforcement service by Josephine County, Ordinance: Dangerous and Derelict Buildings – 1st reading, Citizen request: discussion with council regarding matching funds for tennis courts (Theodore J. Saed III), Executive Session - ORS 192.660 (2)(b,f,h) {As/If Required}, General Information and Comments

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.

Aug. 31

On Thursday, at 6 p.m., Aug. 31, Community Watch Elections at Wild River Pizza, in CJ, The I.V. Community Watch Service Group will host an elections meeting. With free pizza and Root Beer. Includes a raffle for 2-way radios and other items. The Immediate Alert Notification System currently has 40 members, with its branch out communities of: Holland Loop/Dick George, Takilma, O'Brien, Ken Rose/West Side, and Cave Junction. We are formalizing our effort to Network Neighborhoods, Watch Groups, and communities to address crime, fire preparedness, and public safety. Contact - Guenter 541-415-1929

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 cjpguard.com.

*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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