

Letters to the editor

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President Trump Must Go

"Out of many, we are one."

Stated at the beginning of the Democratic Party Platform, this is our core belief. This is why we fight an economy that equates success with the profits of just 1 percent of our population. It's why we want everyone to have access to health care and everyone to

have a vote that counts. It's why we see the diversity of our population as something that enriches us, not something to fear. It's why we strive toward respect and diplomacy and see war only as a last resort. It's why we want everyone to manifest their skills and talents, whether they come from advanced education, the arts, the trade or in the family. It's why we believe carefully weighed evidence is necessary to make wise decisions. It's why we cherish being good stewards of this planet we all call home. It's why we stand up for people and symbols that promote these values and condemn those that attack it.

And, this is why we are convinced that President Trump must resign or be impeached.

Submitted by the Illinois Valley Democrats. "Like" us on Facebook or attend our meetings, the Third Saturday of the Month, 10 a.m. - noon, at the IV Family Coalition Building, 535 East River St., Cave Junction.

**Nicole Rensenbrink
Chair of I.V. Democrats**

Oregon GOP still sit on hands

It's great that some Republicans are accepting science. Federally, the 50-member House Climate Solutions Caucus, half of whom are Republicans, proposes legislation. But in Oregon, our Republican representatives still sit on their hands. Many of them claim to accept the science, but talking the talk is totally inadequate; they must walk the walk.

After a season of national hurricane and wildfire disasters almost certainly made more severe by human-induced emissions of climate pollution, the urgency of action should be hitting home. Alas, it is not! Facing a legislative proposal that places a cap on our contribution to this global warming problem, Oregon's Republicans grope from reason to reason to oppose meaningful action. While a few Oregon Republicans stick their heads in the sand, tout the denier hoaxes, and claim not to believe the science, others claim to accept the science and still do nothing.

We've had purely volun-

tary pollution reduction goals in place for ten years and are nowhere near the trajectory of reduction we need to be; voluntary goals have failed. It's time to support the Clean Energy Jobs Bill - a win-win solution for rural Oregon with funds allocated to supporting renewable energy projects in economically depressed areas.

**Trisha Vigil
Medford**

Thank you for the support

Your alarm clock fails to go off and you're going to be late for work...something you were told by your new boss would get you "FIRED!" if it happened again!

The gut wrenching feeling of this type of experience would be welcomed in contrast to what I had to deal with on the morning of Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017.

Peacefully asleep and all warm and comfy with our woodstove providing that early fall pleasantness of wood fired heat; I am suddenly awakened by intense barking of our dogs which tells me there's a visitor on the property.

As I step outside, I am met by the pastor of our church. He approaches me with an expression upon his face that tells me something is dreadfully wrong.

I suspected that something must have happened to one of his family members whom I love dearly enough to be one of my very own. After being encouraged to take a seat, I was then told that he received a phone call earlier that morning from a woman identifying herself as my wife's aunt.

My wife, in order to escape the choking smoke from all the surrounding forest fires had decided to fly out of state to go visit her parents and her two sisters for a couple of weeks in hopes that when she returned, thick smoke would no longer be a factor of miserable day-to-day life as it had been.

Early in the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 20, while on a simple errand to buy some cleaning supplies, my wife and one of her sisters were involved in a deadly head-on collision that claimed the life of her sister, and days later, the

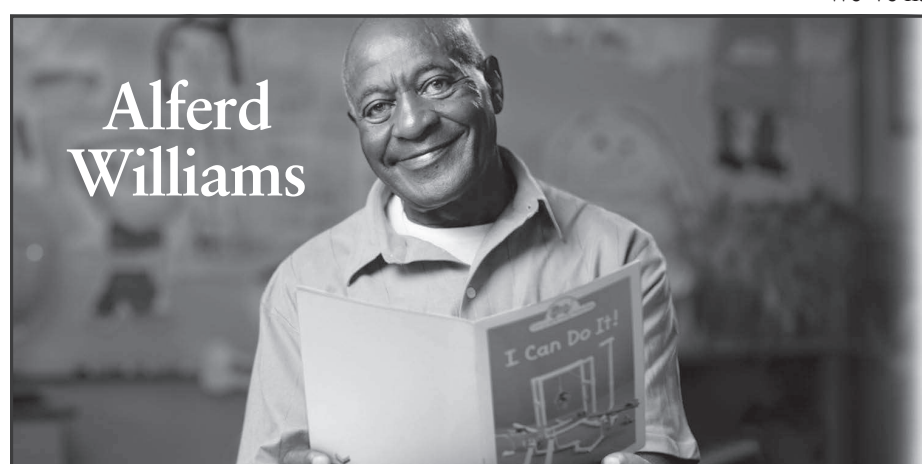
life of one of the occupants of the vehicle at fault. My wife was flown from the scene by life-flight to the nearest trauma center capable of caring for an accident victim in her broken condition.

There are way too many details to speak of related to this story for this newspaper article, but what I do want to acknowledge is that my wife (who is recovering with miraculous evidences of God's working) and I have seen an unbelievable outpouring of love, prayers and generous contributions from this community that deserve public acknowledgement. A STANDING OVATION level of acknowledgement!

"Thank you!" to any and ALL that have shared in supporting my wife and I through this difficult time! We expect that her full recovery will take many months of rehabilitation. Your continued prayers are immensely appreciated!

Sincerely grateful for such a wonderful extended family,

**John and Bonita
Harding
O'Brien**



Alferd Williams

He couldn't read this. Until 70.

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Obituaries

Jessie Walker, 89, died Jan. 17, 2017. There will be a Memorial Service Oct. 21, 1 p.m. at Community Bible Church with a pastor officiating.

Charles "Chuck" Robert Mansfield, 79, of Los Alamos, New Mexico died Oct. 6, 2017 in Los Alamos.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 20, 2017 at Illinois Valley Funeral Directors. Interment will follow at Laurel Cemetery.

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Save the date

Oct. 18

IVHS girls' varsity soccer game at home vs. St. Mary's at 6 p.m.

Oct. 18

October 18, we will be holding our "Senior Night" at IVHS and are trying to get as many Seniors and their families as possible. I will be supplying pizza and drinks free! Seniors get a shot at a \$500 scholarship drawn that night!

We will be covering the IVHS Career Preparation Program, the senior year calendar of events- so families also know when financial aid deadlines, scholarships deadlines happen, and what to expect this year. We will also be hosting a FAFSA workshop after dinner in the school computer labs, so any parents can get help with filling out their portion of the FAFSA for the student. FAFSA is critical, especially for low income students, as it can mean THOUSANDS of free dollars for college. We will be kicking off the evening at 6 p.m. with dinner, 6:45-8 p.m. for information, then FAFSA help after that.

Oct. 20

IVHS boys' varsity football game at Lakeview High School at 7 p.m.

Oct. 20 - 22

9th annual Valley Girls Quilt Show will be Oct. 20 - 21, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River St. Cave Junction, \$3

entrance fee. All proceeds donated to I.V. Baseball Team, Boys & Girls Club and Evergreen Elementary School Life Skills; 100 never shown before quilts on display, Country Store, games and door prizes, 2017 Opportunity Quilt "Mountain Valley Vistas" & burgers and desserts too!

Oct. 21

IVHS boys' varsity soccer game at Canyonville Christian High School at 10 a.m.

Oct. 21

IVHS girls' varsity soccer game at home vs. Lakeview High School at 1 p.m.

Oct. 25

Town Hall Meeting: 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Senior Center - 520 E. River St. Dessert Potluck, free Coffee & Tea. Topic/presentations on: Current Crime, CJ Patrol, Public Safety, Neighborhood Watch, Emergency Preparedness, also includes Neighborhood Watch startup packets. Meet leaders of local Watch groups and I.V. Fire Community Emergency Response Team members as we organize and network for mutual support. To RSVP or get an Agenda Packet - email: ivwatch541@gmail.com or call 541-415-1929. For a Youtube intro and May 4 presentation by Chief Dennis Hoke, visit www.ivwatchsite.wordpress.com

Oct. 25

Takilma Bible Church biannual free clothes give away will be Oct. 28th

Nov. 4

Rummage Sale at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (across from high school), Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Nov. 5

Democracy at Risk: A Nonpartisan Panel and Community Dialogue Sunday, November 5, 4 - 6 p.m. in the Illinois Valley High School Commons

Is America's Election System working as it should? Are our First Amendment freedoms at risk from abuses of power? Is political polarization tearing our democracy apart? What are some positive solutions that we, as citizens, can propose to maintain our core democratic values?

The event is free and open to all concerned citizens, and will include music and light refreshments. Participants are encouraged to bring finger foods to share. We hope you will join in the discussion of these important issues and work with us to find common ground.

For more information call 541-727-8312 or email qlcoach2@yahoo.com.

Continuing

Your public library has activities happening every week! New Storytime reader, Melanie, has crafts and stories for kids of all ages Sat-

urdays at 12 noon. Families at Play baby-parent group is for pre-walking babies Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. Early literacy skills are taught within a thirty-minute storytime of songs, bounces, and reading, followed by a half-hour of play and chat time. For more information contact Roberta Lee at 541-592-4770. IV Branch, Josephine Community Libraries, 209 W Palmer St, CJ

*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 Sheriff's Office Substation in Cave Junction is now open on Mondays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are still needed to staff additional days. Applications are available at the substation or on line at <http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Files/Volunteer%20Application>.

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*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.

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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