



## Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

Our community has its fair share of folks that are known troublemakers. I see them all the time in stores and restaurants. If you follow "To Catch a Thief" or any other of the Facebook pages that post photos of crimes in progress or who has been arrested for what, you will recognize them. The beauty of America is our constitution, and that

gives us due process. We are all innocent until proven guilty. While we all know who did what to whom, unless it can be proven in a court of law beyond a reasonable doubt, it will not result in an arrest or arraignment.

One good example is when Max Carter was killed in a hit-and-run incident. The drivers along with two other passengers are on video getting out of the car that hit him. The problem is that does not prove who the driver was when the World War II vet was murdered. Apparently there is honor among thieves or murderers in this case. If one of them would say who was driving, Max's death could be prosecuted.

I, for one, will no longer tolerate known thieves and miscreants to run freely in our community without any push back. I am not advocating a violation of anyone's constitutional rights or promoting the use of violence. I am saying that we should let them know we don't approve. Businesses that see known criminals should advise them their

money is not welcome there. I have said it a million times; when you apply pressure to something living, its instinct is to move to a position where it no longer feels pressure.

Now that the levy has passed, soon we should begin to see the positive impacts of it, so now, we need to band together and do our part. If you see something, say something.

Just the other day I saw a group of people in a parking lot that were previously on tape trying to break into a local store. They were wearing the same clothes, driving the same car. I accosted them by letting them know I for one didn't appreciate them being in my presence.

Some won't agree with me, but hopefully some will. We need to take back our town because for too long now the criminal element has walked among us freely - without fear of any backlash as if they were above the law.

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.)

### Lets make a deal

Feeling frustrated? I have a deal for you.

Oregon is phasing out coal-fired electricity by 2030, has passed a law to become coal free with utilities supplying 50% of the state's electricity from renewable sources by 2040. Not sufficient, right?

But here comes the February 2018-legislative short session when Oregon can push us even further in our goal towards reduc-

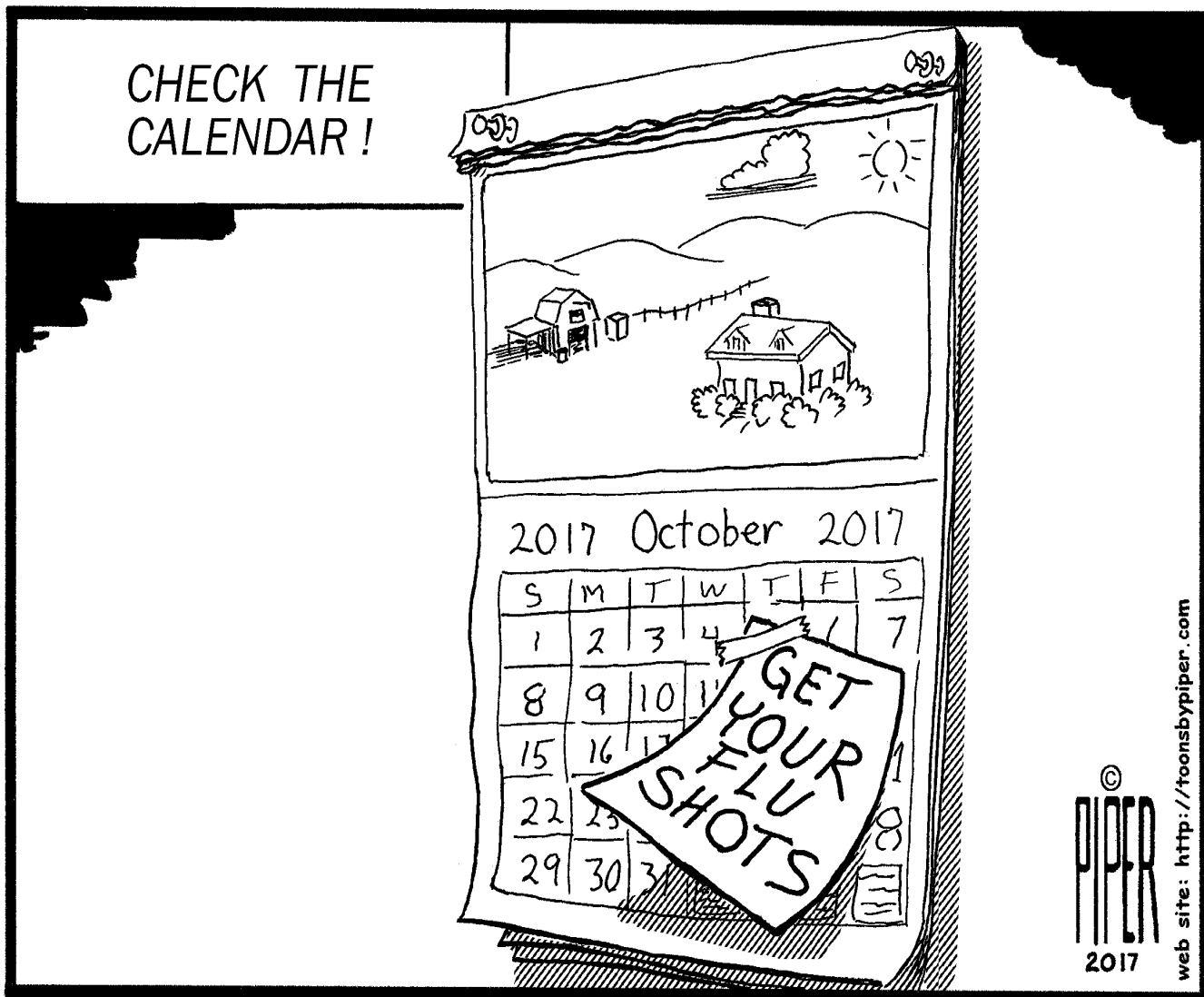
ing the state's climate pollution by passing the Clean Energy Jobs (CEJ) Bill.

This Bill imposes a cap on climate pollution including but not limited to carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and various fluorocarbons resulting from in-state activities (industry, agriculture, transportation, electricity) and electricity generated elsewhere. So, here's the deal - and it's important: Support this bill.

It will help economically distressed areas such as rural Southern Oregon with funds for diversification, job training and mental health services. Who isn't on board? Senator DeBoer! We should be able to depend on our senator. Didn't he campaign on a promise to support his constituents?

"The deal" - to alleviate your frustration, call the senator or send an email and urge him to support efforts to reduce Oregon's climate pollution, if for no other reason than protecting the future for his children and grandchildren.

Louise Shawkat  
Ashland



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## Save the date

### Oct. 25

TOWN HALL MEETING: 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, IV FIRE STATION I - 681 Caves Hwy. Desserts served, free Coffee & Tea. Presentations by Sheriff Dave Daniel and Chief Dennis Hoke. Also: CJ Patrol, Public Safety, Neighborhood Watch, Emergency Preparedness includes Neighborhood Watch startup Packets. Meet leaders of local Watch groups. To RSVP or get an Agenda Packet - email: ivwatch541@gmail.com or call 541-415-1929. Visit www.ivwatchsite.wordpress.com.

### Oct. 26

IVHS Cross-country varsity District Regionals vs. St. Mary's High School, Valley of the Rogue State Park at 12 p.m.

### Oct. 27

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

### Oct. 28

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

### Oct. 29

The side project will entertain in the trees at Augustino Estate & Vineyard from 2-5 p.m. Augustino is located at the Rock'n R Ranch, 400 Brown Rd. in O'Brien.

### 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 Saturdays 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 story-time 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-week 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 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.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](http://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.

Spiral Living Center Presents:  
**THE 2017 LOCAL FOODS DINNER**  
With Silent Auction and Outrageous Entertainment  
Featuring a full menu of local food delights, music and lots of laughs....

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH - 5:30 TO 9 PM**  
at the Takilma Community Building (9367 Takilma Rd.)

Ticket Prices:  
\$15 in advance  
\$20 at the door  
\$0-10 for kiddos

Join us for the 9th annual Local Foods Dinner!  
Feral is cooking... yum yums...  
Entertainment by Long Blond Silver: Costumes encouraged  
For more info contact Spiral@SpiralLiving.org or 541-592-3642  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Contact SLC if you would like to help.

Proceeds from the event will allow Spiral Living Center to continue to offer programs and services around the Illinois Valley including 501 Shares and Caves, IV Citizens, K2CJ radio, IV Enterprise Tool Library and more.

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