

# Letters to the editor

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## Reader says cannabis ban is bogus

The race to eliminate the current foundation of the county economy is astonishing to behold.

Has the BCC considered the wider implications of this rash proposal? For those county residents who support this ban, have the Federal implications of this proposal occurred to you yet?

Do you know about the Federal "Cole Memorandum"? It specifies that no jurisdiction permit Cannabis to enter the Black

Market. Let's assume that JoCo were successful in banning RR cannabis production, putting many now-legal, state-licensed businesses out of business. The proposed ban would create a new prohibition, pushing now-legal producers into black market production. Such a policy would cause Josephine County to violate the Cole Memorandum, and could invite negative attention from the Federal government.

Why would Josephine County want to do this, when new State regulations are coming into effect in 2018? What is the rush?

Are you aware that many long-time cannabis producers did not support the 2014 ballot Measure 91? Many of JoCo's cannabis producers understand how to do business under prohibition, and would actually welcome this ban. Many of the county's now-legal growers would be happy to return to days of prohibition, where incomes prospered here for at least two decades.

Does anyone think that code enforcement can give control to the County? How does one account for the 700+ code violations now on the books awaiting enforcement, some for more than 10 years, none of which are cannabis complaints? Will Federal helicopters come here to "take

out" 3,000+ small farms in this county?

This proposed ban is unreasonable. It is poorly thought out, and has been conducted in a highly unprofessional manner. County policy has inflamed neighborhood disputes, which could have been addressed in a manner actually to resolve such disputes. If you shut down legal business practices, will you be surprised to find people engaging in practices you call criminal, so that they can make a living raising a crop where "It's the Climate" happens to be optimal for cannabis production? Unreasonable actions by elected officials can have unintended consequences. This calls into question the authority of this governing body to represent the interests of the people of Josephine County.

Remember, if you want to regulate an activity you don't like, you have much more power to control practices that are legal, recognized by the State as legitimate.

I suggest that the BCC drop this unreasonable, political disaster altogether.

**Christina Perala Gardiner Ph.D.**  
Cave Junction

## Josephine County Commissioner's priorities method up

Every week in the paper we watch the turning carousel that brings us the newest list of repeat offender methamphetamine related arrests. Every week we hear about the county commissioners persistence in finding a way to craft regulations against a legal and legitimate cannabis industry, yet where is the effort to address the multitude of problems that illegal meth lab sites in the county pose?

We, the citizens of the county, currently employ 34 full time county deputies and the Commissioners want to throw the totality of the state recreational cannabis kick back money at code enforcement for cannabis related complaints. The county already has enforceable code on the books that have never been enforced and now that the economy is booming, they would like to capitalize on the ability to place leins on and acquire properties that don't require a hazmat team to reclaim and resell.

The manpower that your property taxes are currently paying for can keep 6 deputies in constant activity 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We will never see that level of commitment from the county sheriff in our neck of the woods, especially

for a night time patrol, which is our valley's most needed patrol hours. Why? Keeping the majority (56 percent rural 44 percent urban) of the counties population in a crime wave fear state will insure that the rural communities continue to cough up the cash for the promise of services they will never receive.

Jackson County dedicates all of their economic development money (from lottery money issued by the state similar to the cannabis kick back) to fund public safety. Josephine county wastes the money on paying membership dues to clubs like SOREDI and funds miles and miles of fencing and a leaky fire suppression reservoir at the I.V. airport.

To put the cherry on top, the county jail is listed on the county finance website as being an Enterprise. What does this mean to Josephine County taxpayers? 30 percent of all available beds are contracted out to various counties to hold their convicts in our facility. It is a great way for the county to turn a profit on the taxpayer's investment into the jail and our county's public safety. Guess what happens when those out of county criminals get released? Now they are in Josephine County, likely with a one way bus ride on JCT to the Illinois Valley.

**Sunrise Ocean**  
Cave Junction

# Obituaries

## Victor James Maglio, 62, died peacefully with his family by his side on Monday, Nov. 6, 2017 at his home in Selma. He was born in Stockton, Calif. and was the youngest of his siblings. After graduating high school, Victor served his country in the US Army. He worked hard his whole life, retiring after sixteen years truck driving, and always provided for his family (he wanted to make sure we said that).

He will be remembered as a jolly man who loved life, jokes, story telling and his family. Also for his questionable taste in food, specifically his love for canned sardines and excessive use of mayonnaise.

Victor is survived by his loving and tol-

erant wife, Kozeta, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and siblings.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Victor from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Deer Creek Grange - 3750 Lake Shore Drive, Selma. All are welcome.



**Victor James Maglio**

## Lorrayne Mae Gregg, 75, of Cave Junction, died Nov. 1, 2017 at Highland House Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2400 Laurel Road, Cave Junction.

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

## Anna Louise Wilson Aug. 25, 1939 - Oct. 29, 2017

Anna Louise Wilson, loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away gracefully in her sleep on Oct. 29, 2017 at 3 a.m. Anna was an amazing woman. She was strong, kind, compassionate, always hap-

py and proud to be a mother that rarely spoke a disparaging word about others.

Anna was born Aug. 25, 1939 to David and Mildred Clemens, in Oakland, Calif. She is survived by Thomas Joseph Wilson, Sr., dedicated husband of 61 years. Their sons, Tommy, Randy, Clifford, Shannon and Dwayne; grandchildren, David, James, Janine, Travis and Trevor; great-grandchildren, Skyler, Logan, Eva, and Gracie.

Anna grew up in Sonoma County, where she met Tom. They married and raised their five boys in Santa Rosa until 1974, when they moved to Selma.

As the matriarch of the Wilson clan, Anna raised strong, caring

boys in a family that rarely criticized their loved ones life's decisions, partners, or religious beliefs. Anna was the best mother-in-law imaginable, always kind and loving.

When the youngest boys were teenagers, Anna went back to school to get her nursing degree. She worked at Royal Gardens for a year before taking a CNA position at Southern Oregon Hospital for 12 years, until an injury forced her to retire. She was a respected member of her community.

Anna loved her forest home in the Illinois River Valley. She found great pleasure in time with her family, especially the grandchildren and great grandchildren. Spending the remain-

ing years of her life loving and nurturing those around her, until she was unable; at which time, her loving, compassionate family took care of her until she decided she needed more care than family could provide.

There will be a private celebration of Anna's life for only the family and closest friends. Anna was loved and will be missed.



**Anna Louise Wilson**

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## Save the date

### Nov. 8

Free Concert Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. SDA Church, 265 S. Old Stage Rd.

### Nov. 10

No School to observe Veterans Day

### Nov. 11

American Legion Flag raising ceremony at Cave Junction City Hall. 10 a.m.

### Dec. 10

Rogue Community Band concert on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. This concert benefits the Josephine County Food Bank. Concert goes are to bring canned goods or checks for the Josephine County Food Bank. The concert takes place at the River Valley Church, Downtown Grants Pass, 405 NE 6th St

### Continuing

Your public library has activities happening every week! New Storytime reader, Melanie, has crafts and stories for kids of all ages Saturdays at 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. I.V. 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 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. Applica-

tions are available at the substation or online 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.

### WALL OF HONOR "FACES OF HEROES"

Please help the Kerbyville Museum in recognizing those who have served or are serving in our armed forces. Submit a photo (no larger than 8x10) along with the information below so we might honor your loved one.

Name of service member \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
Service dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
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