

Letters to the editor

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Reader says listen to the science

Scientific evidence of global warming caused by human activities since the mid-20th century is unequivocal and occurring at a rapid pace.

The heat trapping nature of carbon dioxide and other gasses was demonstrated in the mid-19th century by Swedish scientist Svante Arrhenius who predicted changes in the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere could alter surface temperature. Now, earth orbiting satellites and other technical advances flown by NASA concur that increased levels of greenhouse gasses cause the earth to warm in response.

The National Research Council stated in 2006 that ancient evidence can also be found in tree rings, ocean sediments, coral reefs and layers of sedimentary rocks and this reveals current warming is occurring roughly

10 times faster than the average rate of ice-age recovery warming.

Earth's surface temperature has increased about 2 degrees F since the late 19th century due to increased carbon dioxide. Sixteen of the 17 warmest years occurred since 2001 according to data compiled by NASA with oceans absorbing much of this increased heat.

This ocean warming is causing the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets to decrease in mass, causing ocean levels to rise. Globally, sea levels rose nearly 8 inches in the last century, but the rate in the last 2 decades has nearly doubled that of the last century. More carbon dioxide in ocean waters causes an increase in ocean acidity and more warming, causing mass die-offs of the ocean's coral reefs. Carbon dioxide absorption is increasing by 2 billion tons

per year according to Science Vol. 305 and the Copenhagen Diagnostic Report.

The number of record high temperatures events in the U.S. has been increasing, while record lows are decreasing. We have also witnessed increased numbers of intense rainfall events per the National Academies Press in 2016, Geophysical Research letters in 2013 and the American Meteorological Society in 2012.

The scientific evidence is out there and indisputable. Global warming is caused by human activities regardless of what any climate science denier thinks.

The Department of the Interior's new strategic plan fits in with Trump's agenda to marginalize climate science research. The EPA websites have scrubbed most references to climate change and last week, withdrew

2 of its scientists from a conference in Rhode Island where they were to talk about the impacts of climate change on coastal waters.

There are many Americans grappling with the effects of climate change, from devastating hurricanes, businesses on coastal communities forced to relocate due to rising sea levels or farmers dealing with floods of biblical proportions. If the Trump administration continues to silence experts in the scientific field, many more Americans and the ecosystems they rely on will be put at risk.

The science is out there and the good thing about science is it's true whether or not you believe in it.

**Joan Diefenderfer
Cave Junction**

Obituaries

A Celebration of Life will be held for **Marvin Eugene Haynie** on Dec. 3, 2017. The family would appreciate your attendance and maybe a story or two could be shared. Services will be held at the Lions Club, Illinois Valley Airport on Smokejumpers Way at 2 p.m. There will be refreshments served after the service.

Joanne Faye (McAnn) Rotmans died at her home in rural Cave Junction Oct. 26, 2017 at the age of 79. She was born Jan. 1, 1938 in Rochester, N.Y. to Donald Roy McAnn and Ethel Marie (Welz) McAnn. She had one brother, Peter D. McAnn, Sr.

Joanne grew up in Rochester, N.Y. She was confirmed at the Evangelical Lutheran Church on March 18, 1951, graduated from John Marshall High School in 1955 and went to Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y., graduating

in 1959 with a degree in nursing. She married Richard James Rotmans Aug. 6, 1960 at Hope Lutheran Church in Rochester, N.Y. She lived her adult life in Rochester, N.Y.; Woodland Hills, Calif.; Canoga Park, Calif.; San Diego, Calif.; Saugus, Calif. and Cave Junction, Ore.

She was a hospital nurse until 1975, then became a public health nurse. She was the Josephine County Public Health nurse from 1979-1991, serving the community at large and in the public schools. One of her many projects was organizing hospice services in the Illinois Valley.

Joanne loved reading, camping at the coast, canning food and container gardening.

She is survived by her four children: Leslie Lu (Kendrick) Moholt, Susan Elaine St. Range, Lynda Anne (Steven) Martin, Richard James (Jenni) Rotmans, Jr., her seven

grandchildren: Anna Helene Moholt, Bradford Keith St. Range, Adrienne Elaine St. Range, Victoria Grace Rotmans, Logan James (Daniellea) Martin, Kristin Renee (ON) Lawson, Caden James Rotmans, and her eight great-grandchildren, with a ninth great-grandson on the way: Rudy Ortiz, Kashtin Ortiz, Isaac Ortiz, Ella Martin, Emiry Martin, Amara Martin, Vivi Martin and Omega Lawson.

Joanne was preceded in death by her husband Richard (Dick) James Rotmans Dec. 15, 1978 and by her brother Peter McAnn on June 18, 2007.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Nov. 24, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Laurel Cemetery, 1090 Laurel Rd, Cave Junction. The family will host an open house at Joanne's home following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boys State/Girls State American Legion Scholar-

ship (known as the Sam-sung American Legion Scholarship). Checks, earmarked for the scholarship fund, may be written to American Legion, Glen Morrison Post 70, P.O. Box 2, Cave Junction, OR, 97523.

Betty Florine was born Jan. 25, 1925 in Ridgway, Pa. to Albert and Ruth Fisher Loncosky. She passed from this life Oct. 22, 2017 in Norwood, Mo. She and Howard Francis Paul were married Aug. 29, 1942 in Emporium, Pa. They relocated to California in 1958 and upon retirement, moved to Oregon in 1978 where they attended Valley Evangelical Free Church in Cave Junction. In May 2015 Betty moved to Missouri. While living in Missouri, she attended the Norwood 1st Baptist Church. She is survived by her five sons and their wives; Gary and Mary Paul, Kerby, Ore.; Robert and Mary Ann Paul, Ava,

Mo.; Bernard and Brenda Paul, Norwood, Mo.; David and Ellen Paul, Kerby, Ore.; Timothy and Patty Paul, Murrieta, Calif. Two brothers, Ardell Loncosky and wife Donna, Seneca Falls, N.Y.; Nathan and wife Esther Loncosky of McMinnville, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews, a host of friends and beloved wiener dog, Ramsey. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Howard Paul, two brothers Terrence Loncosky and Wendell Loncosky. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery, Cave Junction, beside her husband of 67 years.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thoughts and deeds this past few months. Thank you for helping us honor Betty today with your presence. A special thanks to Three Rivers Hospice for their loving

care and support. The Paul Family—extended. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Illinois Valley High School Food Bank, Cave Junction, OR which benefits all three schools.

Timothy Craig Shanley died of cancer on Nov. 6, 2017 at age 53.

He was born and raised in Albuquerque, N. M. and lived in Josephine County since 2007. Tim loved Oregon and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his daughter, granddaughters, siblings, and numerous relations.

A memorial service will be held on Nov. 25, 2017 in Albuquerque.

Condolences can be sent to Sherri Shanley on her Facebook account.

Please visit the obituary and sign the family guest book at www.since-1928hull.com.

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Save the date

Nov. 22 & 25

Friends of the I.V. Library annual Book Sale will continue Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2 - 6 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 25, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

No set prices. Purchases are donation only. Come find the perfect stocking stuffer or thoughtful gift! For more information contact Roberta Lee at 541-592-4770. I.V. Branch, Josephine Community Libraries, 209 W Palmer St, CJ

Thanksgiving Nov. 23

*Thanksgiving Dinner at Illinois Valley Grange 2 - 6 p.m. Join us to celebrate this special day! Everyone welcome, pickup available, 3763 Holland Loop Rd. Cave Junction. Call 541-295-7579 for information and pickup.

Nov. 23

*Nov. 23 marks the third annual Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by CEEN (Cultural and Ecological Enhancement Network) at the Jubilee Park Pavilion Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free-to-all-comers event has been a tradition stretching back to the first "CJ Cares" organized by Lynn Boucher in 1987.

Requesting, but not required, food donations of side dishes, desserts or non-alcoholic beverages.

Cash donations may be delivered to Tim Leyba, Monday Nov 20, 9:30 to 4:30 at the Doug Hoskins Resource Center Food Bank adjacent to Fountain of Life Assembly of God, 451 S. Junction Ave.

Please call Tim 541-291-8860 to volunteer, donate or if you're preparing a turkey.

Dec. 1

Historic church plans open house on First Friday Art Night :

GRANTS PASS — Newman United Methodist Church will host a Christmas open house on First Friday Art Night in December.

Scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1, the open house will feature a reading of "The Night Before Christmas", holiday music by several different performers, a display of angels, a reading from "A Child's Christmas in Wales," and refreshments. The event is open to the public and is free of charge.

Newman United Methodist Church's sanctuary is the oldest church structure in Grants Pass. Built in 1889 in the Gothic Revival style, the church is on the National Register of Historic Places. This year, the entire exterior of the sanctuary will be illuminated in white lights, including the 88-foot high steeple.

More information about NUMC is available at newmanumc.net.

Dec. 3

There will be a free preview concert from 3 Rivers Chorale in Cave Junction Dec. 3 at 3 p.m., at Immanuel United Methodist Church (200 W. Watkins).

Dec. 8

Dell'Arte's "The Snow Queen". The Dell'Arte Company's annual holiday show tour, now in its 37th year, ushers in the festive season with an adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Snow Queen". The timeless tale of a child's spirit triumphing over impending darkness, "The Snow Queen" will play on Dec. 8 at the Lorna Byrne Middle School Gym at 7 p.m. Admission for this

performance is free. The audience is asked to contribute non-perishable food items, which the cast collects and donates to local food banks in collaboration with non-profit, Food for People.

Dec. 9

The Rotary Club's quarterly Clean Up Cave Junction Day will be Saturday, Dec. 9 from 1-3 p.m. Show up at 12:45 p.m. at the I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E. River St.

Dec. 9

SuperReal: RiverStars Performing Arts, a program of the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization, presents our 4th holiday show, SuperReal, Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. in the Lorna Byrne Cafeteria. Tickets are Pay-What-You-Can and there will be a talkback with the artists after the show. Don't miss your chance to see our town, onstage in this hilarious holiday romp about Scroogia, the Texas carpetbagger who has come to put our local economy asunder. Fortunately, Scroogia meets her match in Tom and Jerry, the local cartoon and comics shop owners. Now if they can just get her to laugh, they will free Cave-town from a villainous takeover.

Dec. 10

Rogue Community Band concert on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. This concert benefits the Josephine County Food Bank. Concertgoers 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 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. 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, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10 to 2. 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>.

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