

Letters to the editor

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Reader says recall in order

It should be increasingly apparent that County commissioner Dan DeYoung will not stop raising your taxes and county fees. Further he attempts to tax cannabis contrary to state law. He disregards voters wishes just as he did when he pushed for a tax levy in May despite voters voting tax levies down 9 previous times. He violates private property rights by additional code enforcement officials to come on your property looking for any violation. This despite the fact we voted this down in 2014 by 80 to 20%. DeYoung now attempts to destroy the cannabis industry by an illegal tax. His actions will only aid

drug cartels and black market. We are in 2018 not the 1950s anymore. Our economy has benefited due to cannabis and now DeYoung's approach will only hurt the county's economy. The solution to crime and family dysfunction is a decent job and increased wages. DeYoung works against this.

Finally his actions are that of an institutional bureaucrat whose goal as county commissioner is to tax and regulate us to gain more \$\$\$ for an ever increasing county government. He has broken campaign promises to not raise taxes.

There is only one solution. DeYoung's refusal to compromise brings us to the necessity of removing him

from his office now. Please for the sake of our beloved county we must RECALL now!!

Sincerely,
**Mark Seligman
Selma**

Reader says follow the money

I have had the opportunity to observe the debate over the proposed Grocery Outlet project in Cave Junction. The Cave Junction Unified Council was very explicit explaining the criteria that the Council would use to consider the project. Public comment in favor of the project was mostly, if permitting criteria was met the project should

be approved, it would be good for the community. Public comment in opposition was mostly emotionally based other than a minor code violation presented by Shop Smart's paid land use consultant, it turned out to be a false flag. The Illinois Valley Community Development Organization, IVCDO, seemed to be four square against the project. I kept my comments to myself because I don't live in Cave Junction and am not a constituent of the council. As far as I could tell only one person from the IVCDO lived in the city and spoke to the council. Why would a group of USDA paid lobbyists be against free enterprise? Is this the official USDA position?

They did present a letter of support from the USDA? It bothers me that nonelected grant subsidized people, who don't live in the city have the audacity to think that they can tell an American citizen, the property owner, what they can or cannot do with their property.

The answer might be in Kate Dwyer's comments after the first meeting, something to the effect that she knew that it was a big waste of time, but she got paid for it.

In my opinion Grocery Outlet will provide about 40 new jobs, increased selection and competition benefiting the entire Illinois Valley.

**John Plute
Kerby**

Obituaries

Elva Ruth Carlile-Faulkinbury, 81, of Cave Junction, died Dec. 24, 2017 at her home. Services and burial will be scheduled for a later date in Montalba, Texas. Arrangements are pending with Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

DeLos Orville "Sonny" Ness, 94, of Grants Pass, peacefully went to sleep at his home at Brookdale. Sonny was born near Fulton, South Dakota April 9, 1923 to Harry Ness and Anna Kennedy Ness. He was the youngest of 13 children. His first school lessons were in a 1-room schoolhouse near the family farm. Sonny's father died when he was young. Eventually his mother Anna opened a boarding house in Mitchell, S. D., and he helped. From the time Sonny first rode in a Ford Tri-Motor airplane, he found his love of the open sky. Through building model airplanes, he met his life-long best friend, Richard Maresh, and then the little sister, Darlene. He did chores at the local airport in exchange for flying lessons from Bud Dagget, with first solo at age 14. He went to Mitchell High School. After graduating, he started working for Davey Tree Co. with his brother Rob. In 1943 he went into the Army Air Corps, but too late to be needed as a pilot. He was trained as a Surgical Technician, a Medic. He took 2 days in Berkeley, Calif. to marry the other love of his life, Darlene. The 387th Infantry Division Fox Co. got to Europe at the end of the Battle of the Bulge, and walked from Belgium to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. After a 30-day leave, he went to Japan after the atomic bomb was dropped, where he served until 1946. He went to college in Lincoln, Neb. to study Horticulture, and went back to work as an arborist, in Illinois, where he

had his own farm. He moved the family to Arizona and owned a motel there, until it bored him. The next move was to Chico, Calif., to be near family, and he had an almond farm there, then to Los Molinos to a bigger farm, 50 acres of alfalfa, which over the next years was converted to English walnuts. He taught his children the fine art of grafting, and tractor work, and the whole family had a truck garden (large vegetable garden). When the last child left home, they moved back to Arizona, where he was Urban Forester for Scottsdale. He became the first certified (ISA) arborist in the State of Arizona. After retirement, they moved to O'Brien, Ore., and had a 27-acre property, with a huge garden and small orchard. He produced enough food to give most of it away. He knew how to turn dirt into living soil. In 2012 they moved to Grants Pass, where Darlene passed away in 2014. They had been married for 71 years.

Sonny was a member of Illinois Valley Garden Club, a fine woodworking group, International Society of Arborists, and an organization to lobby for protection against secondhand smoke.

Sonny would jump at any chance to help plant trees and to teach people the importance of healthy trees. One of his mottos was "take a deep breath, now thank a tree." His last volunteer project was driving his backhoe to the Illinois Valley Airport to dig a 10-gallon hole for a 1-gallon Moon Tree grafted clone.

His hobbies included anything airplane, gardening, fine woodworking (furniture, turned bowls, clocks), photography, music, storytelling, and history.

Survivors include children, Linda June Ness of Scottsdale, Ariz., Kathleen Y. (Ness) Lombardo and husband James

of O'Brien, Ore., Thomas O. Ness of Grants Pass, Ore., Vicki Ann (Ness) and husband Bruce of Benbrook, Texas, and Glenna Jean (Ness) Green of McMinnville, Ore.; 12 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Robert Andrew Denlis; and his siblings, Amy, Leo J. Edna May, Helen, Robert, Sidney, Hildora, Edna Anna, Ethel, Belva Juanita, Alice, and Homer Wayne.

Remembrances may be made to the Southern Oregon Air Academy, 1441 Brookside Boulevard, Grants Pass, OR 97526.

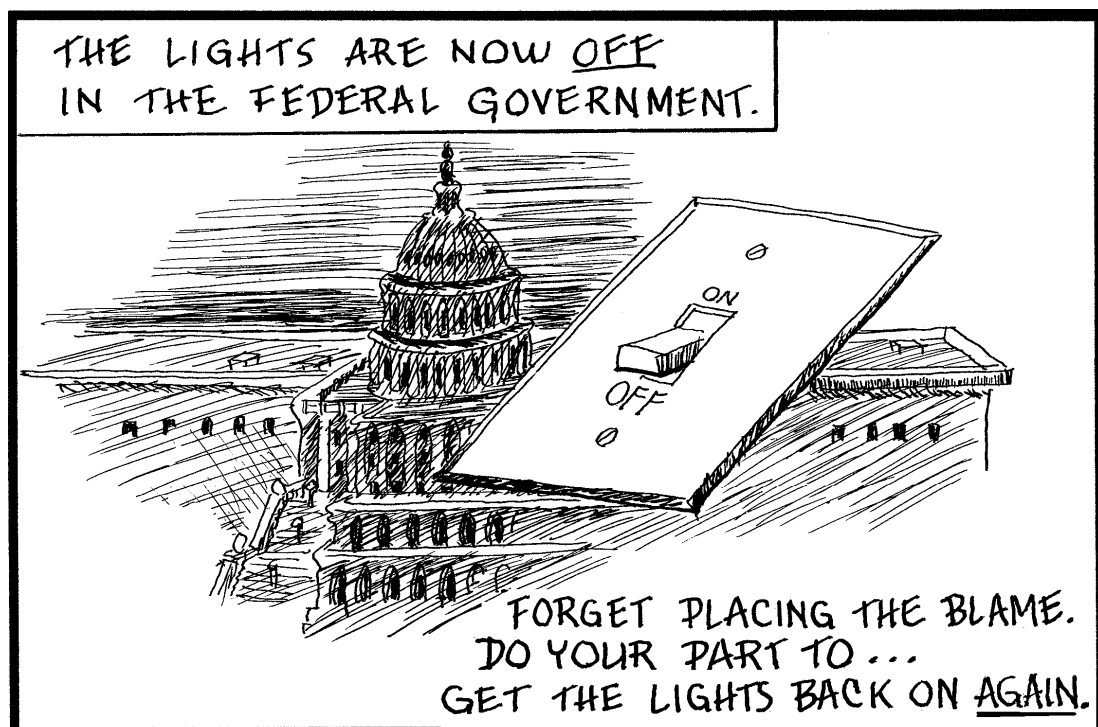
A celebration of life will be held in Summer 2018.

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Please visit the obituary and sign the family guest book at www.since1928hull.com.



DeLos "Sonny" Orville



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Save the date

Feb. 3

Oregon Humanities presents "Talking about Dying" a community conversation Feb. 3, 2018 starting at 10 a.m. at the I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E. River Street, Cave Junction, 541-592-6139. This Conversation Project program provides an opportunity for participants to reflect on what stories and influences shape their thinking about death and dying and to hear perspectives and ideas from fellow community members. Sponsored by Illinois Valley Family Coalition and Clear Creek Family Practice. Refreshments will be provided.

Feb. 10

16th annual Siskiyou Film Festival Southern Oregon's largest environmental film festival, a KS Wild Production.

Feb. 10 at Grants Pass High School, Performing Arts Center Contact Allee Gustafson,

Siskiyou Filmfest Organizer -alleegus@gmail.com 541-218-8690 for more information.

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.

*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 babies the first Wednesday of the month 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

*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. Appli-

cations 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 cjpgatrol.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.

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