



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

Believe it or not election season is upon us. This year we have the positions of JoCo sheriff, one JoCo commissioner, two Cave Junction councilors and the Cave Junction mayor up for grabs.

Years ago I was upset with the music program at my daughter's school. After a spring music program I stormed

down to the superintendent's office demanding something be done. Apparently I was not the only one, and a meeting was scheduled between the parents and the board. After the meeting I realized that the cog of government was large and slow. I had some strange idea that if I were to be elected to the board I could change things.

I went to every school board meeting for two years so I could get a good understanding of what it was I was asking for. In the end my employer talked me out of it. He was concerned that if I made an unpopular decision it could impact his business in a negative way. I called him a few choice words under my breath; I felt he lacked the grit needed to change the world.

I speak out when I see a perceived injustice, when leaders skew the truth, when I feel we the people are being treated like sheep. I speak out when I see elected officials operating against the best interest of the people who elected them. Yes, we have the freedom to speak, however, often those words come with repercussions and that's OK, that's true grit.

If you are considering a run for office you need to be at every meeting between now and the election. You need to know not only what is going on in the city, but how it's actually done. As for the county, we will have a half dozen or so folks that will run and my bet is that none of them attend meetings on a regular basis.

As you probably know the county positions are well paid, the city however is not. The city positions are not for the faint of heart and thin-skinned, they get bashed often and praised rarely. Show up and find out what the job is actually about. If you don't, you may spend the next four years sitting on the dais with a bored look on your face, giving wonder to those in the crowd as to why you are even there.

Jason McMillen has left us for greener pastures. Apparently the folks at the *Courier* saw the work he has been doing here and offered him a staff position. We wish him the best of luck.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper, enjoy! djm

Letters to the editor

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(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact are strictly those of the letter writers.)

Chamber responds to reader's letter

The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce

supports an upgrade and encourages the development of the Junction Inn property in Cave Junction.

The City of Cave Junction is currently responding to a request by the Junction Inn to divide their current tax lot at the intersection of Hwy 199 and Hwy 46 into 2 parcels and permit Grocery Outlet to build a new store between the Junction Inn and Shop Smart. Grocery Outlet estimates an additional 600 vehicles per day could be entering and exiting that intersection. This will have an impact on Cave Junction residents, businesses, Illinois Valley residents, Illinois Valley visitors, and people just passing through our town. Oregon's Department of Transportation has

guidelines for public safety and traffic flow on our two local State Highways and will need to approve egress and ingress plans.

Grocery Outlet has joined the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce and is expressing its desire to be a contributing asset to our community. We welcome this opportunity to expand the variety of businesses available to the residents of the Illinois River Valley and the opportunity to employ more local folks.

We commend the City of Cave Junction for accessing technical support from the Rogue Valley Council Governments, listening to the concerns of Cave Junction residents, considering recommendations from the greater Illinois Valley

community, the Illinois Valley Strategic Plan, and 20/20 Vision Statement. Their approval should be based on market research, best practices of successful rural communities, existing laws, and the rules and regulations of State, County, and City governments. The City is currently going through a necessary process and dialogue to evaluate the Junction Inn proposal.

The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce supports planned and intentional development. We encourage the participation of all our citizens and local businesses in the process. We believe a vibrant planned community based on best practices of successful rural communities is good for

business and good for the community.

Sincerely,
Menno Kraai,
president
Illinois Valley
Chamber of
Commerce

Reader questions logic of IVCDO

I can't believe that the IVCDO is blocking the Grocery Outlet!! The people of Cave Junction want the store and need the store!! We have many people who are unable to shop in Grants Pass and must pay two to three times higher prices at Shop Smart. This means the ones who need help most go hungry and eat poorly. Yes, the Grocery Outlet carries varied items that you many not see again

but at great prices. I buy Smart Balance cheaper there than at Winco or Wal-Mart. They have a lot more groceries than the Dollar General and should be in our town. Shop Smart should have some competition not a monopoly. Everyone I have spoken to is excited about the store coming to town and if IVCDO blocks this I hope there is some form of retaliation by the people. I have lived here for 37 years and have watched the town go downhill and have seen the loss of business which is very sad. We need a resurgence and growth. I am tired of having to shop out of town.

Donelle Kemmer
Cave Junction

Obituaries

Joseph Lee Adorno Jr., 45, of Cave Junction died Jan. 19, 2018.

Joe was born Nov. 5, 1972. He was survived in death by two sisters, Danielle Adorno and Michelle Raeder; son, Joseph Lee Adorno III; five nieces, RaeLee Raeder, Alicia Allison, Nina Allison, Kim Allison and Destany Adorno; four nephews, Thomas Allison, Michael Danley, Joseph Hames, Christopher Cano; two brother-in-laws, Chris Cano Sr., Gary Raeder; fiancé, Alissa Hill; and many more family and friends.

Joe was a very hard worker and he would help anyone in need. He had a big heart and he was very caring. He loved his son and his family. Animals and children were very drawn to him; he was very loyal - liked by anyone who crossed his path - just an all-around good guy.

Joe's service will be held Feb. 9 at 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at the I.V. Senior Center across from the high school

with a Celebration of Life and potluck. He will be missed by many. Thank you! If you knew him please come!



Joe Adorno

Barbara Grace (Grow) McCardell, 92, passed away on January 30, 2018, at Rogue Regional Medical Center. She was born November 7, 1925, in Los Angeles, Calif. to Paul and Ruth Grow. She grew up in northern California. She graduated from San Juan Union High School in 1943. On April 2, 1944, she married John Emmet McCardell in Citrus Heights, Calif. In 1951 they moved to Ashland from San Diego, then to Talent in 1952. They have resided in Medford since 1961.

Barbara was a loving mother and grandmother, taking good care of her family. She also volunteered and was on the board at the Arc of Jackson County, and worked with handicapped children. She enjoyed doing handwork, crafts, gardening, playing the organ, and camping with her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John, and a son, Michael.

She is survived by her sister, Ruth Louise Smith of Fair Oaks, California, and three children: Jon McCardell (Barbara) of Central Point, Oregon; Sue (Dave) Gordon of Cave Junction, Oregon; and Chris McCardell of Medford, Oregon; and one daughter-in-law, Nancy McCardell of Lakewood, California. She has six grandchildren: Matthew (Diondra) Gordon, Ben Gordon, Jennie Gordon, Paul Gordon, Drew (Kristi) McCardell, and Jennifer (James) Cox. She also has six great-granddaughters: Courtney, Emily, Brooke (Geder), Cassie, Sadie, and Jemma, and one great-great grandson, Mickey.

Family services will be held at a later date at Eagle Point National Cemetery with arrangements by Rogue Valley Funeral Alternatives. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Arc of Jackson County, 121 N. Central Ave., Medford, Oregon 97501.

November 7, 1925 - January 30, 2018



Barbara McCardell

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Save the date

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 -al-leegus@gmail.com 541-218-8690 for more information.

Feb. 11

"Love Fest", one of a group of miniatures by Catherine Wiley in the up-coming "Hearts and Hopes" show opening Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Guild Gallery and Art Center in the Kerby Belt Building.

Feb. 24

On Feb 24 a Vision clinic is being held at IV High School 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. by Josephine County Foundation Vision Clinic. Josephine County Foundation (JCF) is a student led nonprofit that inspires, engages and strengthens the community through innovative leadership and service. JCF has a "clear vision" to help Josephine County afford

care through their vision clinic. People will receive a full eye exam.

March 17

Clean in Green, CJ Quarterly Clean up day, Saturday, March 17, 12:45 - 3 p.m., meet at I.V. Family Resource Center, 535 E. River St. Organized by Rotary Club of I.V. For more info call Nicole at 541-660-2419.

Continuing

*Evergreen Elementary school is looking for SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) volunteers. The program will run Tuesdays through Thursdays and volunteers are asked to come to Evergreen around 11:30 a.m. and will be out at 12:45 p.m. To learn more about the SMART program you can call 541-734-5628 or visit the website at www.getSMARToregon.org.

*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. I.V. 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. 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, inter-

rupt, 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.

* Illinois Valley Indivisible, a grassroots community dedicated to the nonviolent defense of our democratic system and basic human rights, meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 11 AM-1 PM at the IV Family Coalition, 535 E. River Street in Cave Junction.

* Mountain Wind Sangha. Every Tuesday morning from 9-10:30. New Wednesday time through Feb. 4 -5 p.m. Mindfulness meditation. Our community welcomes people from all backgrounds and at all stages of their spiritual journey. Meets above Bagel Junction, entrance is up the stairs in the back. Questions- Call Ania 541-621-0434.

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