

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.)

It's all about the money

As the legislative session opens, corporate and outsider money and lies are flowing into Oregon trying to fatten their own pockets by confusing our legislators - even as they destroy life as we know it on this planet.

We have a chance to become a global leader in reducing our greenhouse gas emissions while simultaneously stimulating the economy and serving the economic needs of depressed communities across the state. Rural Oregon particularly will gain from this proposal. But corporate

interests who have profited substantially for years from pumping their pollutants into our air and water, are fighting back with the usual sacks of money and campaigns of lies.

Because Clean Energy Jobs is modeled on programs in effect in other states, we know how it will likely affect us here. The lies notwithstanding, gas prices in Ontario, Quebec and California fell following the installation of a cap and trade program. It is a total myth (i.e. bald-faced lie) that fuel prices will inevitably rise. Similarly, since a greenhouse gas cap was enacted in nine Northeastern states, electricity bills have not

risen; they have fallen.

While corporate exploiters and their political lap-dogs peddle lies, we support Clean Energy Jobs for Oregon.

**Alan Journet
Jacksonville**

Reader doesn't like the brand

Brand is critical! When we buy a washing machine, the brand tells us about quality, reliability, and repair record. Sleazy Harry would like to market his cheap, unreliable, knock-off washing machines as Maytags, but fortunately

patent and trademark laws prevent him from doing so.

So, now we have Republicans who will be running for elective office rightly wondering about their Brand. Unfortunately for conservatives, there no longer exists a sane conservative, traditionalist Republican Brand. There's only Trump! From top to bottom, anyone running under the Republican Banner should know they have identified themselves as Trumpists and carry that baggage. This means they are campaigning as White Supremacists, racists, misogynists, xenophobes, anti-science apologists, and

defenders of fake news, ignorance, and incompetence. This is where they stand unless they loudly and clearly repudiate everything Trump.

As Paul Krugman recently wrote: "...the cynical bargain that has been the basis of Republican strategy since Reagan has now turned into a moral trap. And as far as we can tell, no elected Republican - not one - has the strength of character to even attempt an escape." Not a great candidate banner.

Republicans be warned! Your Brand is no longer what you would like it to be.

**Trisha Vigil
Medford**



Fun for the entire family

8th Annual

**Illinois Valley Little League
Chili Feed & Cook-Off**
Saturday March 10th 2018
Lorna Byrne Middle School, CJ
5:30-8:00 p.m.
Entertainment by Jay Barley Band
and other surprise guests

Silent Auction
Live Dessert Auction

Late and Final Registrations will be March 3rd.
from 11 - 1p.m.
At Wild River Banquet Room



Obituaries

Carl Jacobson Jr, 74, of Cave Junction, died Feb. 25, 2018 at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center.

A viewing will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, March 2, 2018 at Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Kerby Belt Building. A graveside service will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Laurel Cemetery.

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Longtime Illinois Valley resident **Deborah Jon Newell** died Feb. 20, in a car accident. She was born in Chicago March 22, 1948 to John and Mary Ellen Newell. On Nov. 1 1969 she married Gene Vogel. They moved to Selma in 1973 and lived in a tent while building their house.

She worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a lookout and later at the import store Tierra del Sol which she and Gene owned. She later moved to Cave Junction.

She was a deeply spiritual person and became part of the Oneness Movement. She enjoyed painting, gardening, traveling and going to the movies and to the ocean. She also enjoyed raising chickens and had a name for each chicken. She treasured spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her life partner, Gene Vogel; children Adam Vogel and Elizabeth Williams of Cave Junction; mother, Mary Ellen Newell of Chicago; brothers, Mark and John Newell of Chicago; sisters, Diane Newell of Chicago and Sharon Breyer of San Francisco; seven grandchildren; and her first great-grandchild due in May. She will be deeply missed by all.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday,

March 18 at St. Mathias Episcopal Church in Cave Junction. All are welcome.

Roma Lee Hardman, 90, of Kerby, died Feb. 18, 2018 in Grants Pass.

She will be greatly missed by daughter, Kerri Green of Kerby; sons, Rocky Hardman of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Thomas Hardman of Oakland, California; grandchildren, Emme, Rebecca, and McKayla all of Kerby and Alec and Katia of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and great-granddaughter, Araya of Kerby.

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Save the date

Feb. 28

Cave Junction Community Naloxone Meeting, Free naloxone available, Learn how to use naloxone and get it from you local pharmacy. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Healthy U, 535 E. River Street, CJ

March 7, 14, 21 April 4 & 11

Seeds to Supper, Call to register OSU Extension 541-476-6613. A beginner's guide to low-cost vegetable gardening. The Josephine County Master Gardeners are presenting a FREE series of six gardening courses on how to raise your own vegetables. Learn how to garden on a budget. Participants receive a free gardening book and more.

Course topics: garden site & planning/soil development/planting/caring for the garden/harvesting and using garden bounty. Offered in partnership with Oregon Food Bank and Josephine County Master Gardeners

March 8

March 8, 1 p.m. Water Rights and Water Quality 101. Learn about your rights to water, and what you can do to protect our water resources. Come with your questions for the Water Master and Water Quality Specialist. Free food and discussion at CJ's Wild River Pizza in the meeting room. Organized by IV Conservation District.

March 10

Senior Expo to be held Saturday, March 10 from 10 - 2 at the I.V. Senior Center. 520 E. River Street. Come hear presentations, visit booths, participate in health screenings/demos and have soup and dessert.

March 15

Trauma Informed Care, March 15 Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and presentation 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free at Evergreen Elementary. RSVP to make sure they have enough pizza at www.goo.gl/nRaeMA or call 541-592-3136. This is a presentation on childhood trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) how it affects the behavior of our children (and adults), and what we can do together to improve overall health and quality of life in our community.

March 17

The Southern Oregon Guild, 24353 Redwood Hwy, Kerby is hosting a fundraising concert and cakewalk on St. Patrick's Day. Our Southern Oregon region's 3 Rivers Chorale has been invited to join choral groups and musicians from around the work to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City, April 15. Bid on beautiful cakes and enjoy Celtic songs plus music from Wailin' Jennys performed by the Songbirds from the 3

Rivers Chorale. Saturday, March 17, from 3 - 5 p.m. Admission is by donation - \$5-\$15 sliding scale Call 541-592-5019 for more information.

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.

*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, interrupt, 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 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the IV Family Coalition, 535 E. River Street in Cave Junction. More info at www.facebook.com/IVIndivisible.

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