



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

Lately, Trump has gotten a lot of attention from his new tariffs on steel and aluminum. Many of you probably believe there is little effect on the local level. When it comes to some of the recently announced trade tariffs though, each of us may soon see a direct impact.

One tariff in particular will affect newspapers: Newsprint prices for products produced in Canada and shipped to American newspapers will be charged an additional 22 to 32 percent, depending on the type of paper used and the existing paper provider.

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It’s no secret that newspapers have been struggling of late. While a few papers have gone out of business, the vast majority has found ways provide quality timely news and information to their readers. Many, however, have been forced to make cuts. Our papers – the *Illinois Valley News* and the *Upper Rogue Independent* – are no different in this regard, but we have always made local content our top priority. Like you have heard me say many times in the past, “Keep it hyper local.” If it didn’t happen in our readership area, to someone from our area, you likely won’t see it here. From time to time as a member of The Associated Press we do run articles from other newspapers if it’s relevant.

These tariffs, however, present yet another challenge for newspapers to overcome. Newsprint costs are typically a newspaper’s second-largest expense item, people, paper and postage are the three main costs that we have little control over. In our case, these tariffs will be equal to the amount I would pay a full-time

employee. Yes, this tariff will cost the amount of one person’s take-home pay.

We will figure out a way to overcome this, but once again we will have to make some difficult decisions if these tariffs remain in place.

How did we get to this point?

North Pacific Paper Company or NORPAC as we call them – proposed the tariffs, as the company believed Canadian manufacturers were violating trade laws by selling the paper in the U.S. at a price lower than they do in other countries. This is referred to as “dumping.”

The vast majority of newsprint used in the United States is produced in Canada. The mills in the U.S. reportedly are running at 97 percent and will never be able to meet the needs of American newspapers. Most agree that there is little desire to construct new mills, which cost millions and can be bogged down with regulations. Certainly you wouldn’t want one in your backyard.

NORPAC is owned by One Rock Capital Partners, a private equity firm specializing in investment buyouts. They had no experience running a paper mill and are now crying “foul” while best I can tell, no other U.S. mill sees a problem with Canadian competition. Even American Forest and Paper Association has stated they do not support NORPAC’s case.

Are you a believer in community journalism and want to help make sure this newspaper continues to be the watchdog of city, county and state government? Do you want your paper to provide insightful articles that impact you and your neighbors? Then please reach out to Sen. Ron Wyden, Sen. Jeff Merkley and Reps. Greg Walden and Peter DeFazio and ask them to request that the International Trade Commission reject these newspaper tariffs. I have, but I am only one. As a wise man once told me, it takes a lot of drops to make a puddle.

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.)

Just Give Us The Facts!

Does anybody remember the popular “Dragnet” TV series? One of the key characters, Sgt. Joe Friday, made the following line famous, “Just the facts...” Where

do most people get their facts: Facebook? Newspapers? TV? How can we be sure our sources are truthful?

#1. What is Congress doing to educate us about the dangers of climate change and global warming?

#2 Are there any facts that suggest a massive propaganda campaign by global billionaires, misinforming Americans about a world-wide environmental crisis?

#3. Do we have factual information that the President of the United States is above the law?

#4. Should Congress investigate sexual harassment charges by at least 19 women against the President? What are the facts?

#5. Are powerful factions covering up the full extent of the Trump Administration’s involvement with the Russians and the 2016 elections?

#6. Is it okay for political leaders in Washington DC to lie about the facts?

#7. What about campaign reform so any American (without millions of dollars) can run for political office?

So...give us the facts. I really want to know; don’t you? Maybe fake news poses a major threat to our democracy. Let’s have an honest and frank conversation about it.

Along these lines, you might want to check out the free panel discussion, “Democracy at Risk 2: Fake News and Freedom of the Press”, April 8th @ the Kerby Center, 3 to 5 p.m.

Gary Eby, MSW (retired)
Cave Junction

Democrat explains vote for Trump

I am a liberal democrat, son

of a lifelong democrat. I never voted for a republican in my life. Then Trump ran for president and I voted for him. I was not alone, millions of women and men of all races voted for him too! Because Hillary Clinton cared more about globalism and illegal immigrants than American citizens. What right does the USA have taking on anymore people from anywhere? When it is failing to make life better for U.S. citizens.

I voted for Obama twice, he was politically correct. 1. He did not get U.S. out of war in Afghanistan or Iraq. 2. The price of health care doubled, inflation went up. 3. He did not solve the illegal immigrants, it got worse. 4. He did nothing for homeless people and did not decrease the prison problem, 2.2 million mostly nonviolent, black and other minorities working for slave wages. 5. Hillary Clinton was his

failure as secretary of state. That’s the short list.

The rule of law is totally corrupt. It aids the rich to stay rich and the poor to stay poor or imprisoned and working for slave wages - illegal immigrants or just the newest victims.

The two party systems and the corporate rule of law is failing everyone; it is not democratic, it is corrupt.

Trumpism is not the reason the USA is messed up. He has been in office only a little more than a year. He is not a dictator. Voting in all democrats will not change corporate corruption of both parties - the law and democratic values. Propaganda is propaganda, wake up and get real.

Mark Wichers
Cave Junction

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Save the date

April 4

IVHS boys’ JV baseball game against Crater High School at home at 5 p.m.

April 5

IVHS JV girls’ softball against Brookings Harbor High School at 3 and 5 p.m.
IVHS boys’ varsity baseball against Coquille High Schoo at 4 p.m.

April 6

IVHS boys’ JV baseball game against Brookings Harbor at home at 4 p.m.

April 7

IVHS bosy’ varsity baseball game at Glendale High School at 4:40 p.m.
IVHS girls’ varsity softball game at Gelndale High School at 4:40 p.m.
IVHS varsity track invitational at Glide High School at 11 a.m.

Rogue River World Fish Migration Day, Saturday, April 7 at North Middle School Grounds, 1725 NW Highland Ave., Grants Pass, 5K Race: 11 a.m., Festival at 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Kids’ Dash noon and presentation 7 p.m. Call 541-423-6185, www.rogueriverwc.org.

April 8

Democracy at Risk 2: Real News, Fake News & Freedom of the Press, A nonpartisan panel and community dialogue. Sunday, April 8, from 3 -5 p.m. at the Kerby Belt Building. Free admission and refreshments. Informed citizens are the lifeblood of democracy. But how do we figure out what information is truthful, and which news sources are reliable? Confirmed panelists include Dan Mancuso, IV News and Upper Rogue Independent Owner ; Geoffrey Riley, Jefferson Public Radio News Director; Mike Zacchino, KDRV TV Assignment Director;

and Julie Akins, SOU Journalism instructor. For questions call 541-761-4746 or email IllinoisValleyIndivisible@gmail.com.

Creating Needlefelted Puppies – New Date: Enjoy learning or expanding your skill in needle felting at a workshop with master needlefelter, Corbin Brashear, Sunday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Guild Gallery & Art Center. You’ll create delightful puppies, using special felting needles and wool. Fee for the workshop is \$45. You can register at www.southernoregonguild.org. See Corbin’s work at www.wildandwooly-feltworks.com Questions: Call 541-659-3858 or email guild@southernoregonguild.org .

April 9

Monday, April 9, from 5 - 6: p.m., at Wild River Pizza, in CJ. The Illinois Valley Community Watch (IVCW), with new committee, will host their Monthly Meeting. IVCW is a representative network of neighborhood watch groups supporting; safety, crime watch, assistance in forming new watch groups, and educate for emergency preparedness. A neighbor to neighbor outreach program. All welcome. Contact Guenter 541-415-1929 or ivwatch541@gmail.com . Join us at 4:30 p.m. for 2-way radio training.

April 13

RiverStars Performing Arts presents RED GOLD: an original dance/theatre performance on April 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. at Lorna Byrne Middle School in Cave Junction, Oregon. Pay what you can!
Set in the Illinois Valley, RED GOLD is a post-apocalyptic tale about learning to grow food again from the rubble. Learn more at facebook.com/ivriverstars or call 541-649-2333.

April 14

Rough & Ready Wildflower Hike is Saturday, April 14, at 10 a.m. Meet in the parking area at Rough & Ready Botanical Wayside south of Cave Junction on Hwy. 199 at mile marker 34. This is a short hike on rocky, but relatively level ground with lots of beautiful wildflowers to see, many of them are rare or of limited range. A portion of the hike will be along a wheelchair accessible path so folks of limited mobility can come out and enjoy the wildflowers too. Be prepared, bring water, dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes. Bring lunch if you like, there’s a picnic table overlooking Rough & Ready Creek. For more information call Suzanne Vautier at 541-291-8860. Sponsored by Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network (CEEN) and the Native Plant Society

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*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.

Illinois Valley Democrats meet the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E. River St. in Cave Junction. Join with like-minded people for camaraderie and to plan actions in support of the Democratic agenda.

Call Anita 541-592-3073 to confirm meeting days. Check us out on FB!

Public Health Clinic- Location: I.V. Family Coalition, 535, E. River St., CJ, 1st Thursday of every Month services offered STI Testing/Treatment, Women’s Health Exams (Annuals/Problem Visits), Birth Control (All Methods Available), Pregnancy Testing, Pre-pregnancy counseling. 3rd Thursday of every Month: STI testing/treatment, birth control counseling (methods limited), Pregnancy Testing, Immunizations. Call 541-474-5329 for an appointment, and make sure to tell the receptionist to schedule you in CJ. Walk-ins welcome! Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 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.

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