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Illinois Valley Indivisible is the local chapter of the national Indivisible Project formed in 2017 and is one of over 5,800 groups nationwide. The Indivisible Project coalesced in response to the election of President Donald Trump. Part of their mission is to “resist the Trump agenda,” according to their website, as well as “promoting a grassroots community dedicated to the nonviolent defense of our democratic system and basic human rights.” The newly formed “Democracy at Risk” forums follow the Project’s goal of local organizing and action in every Congressional District in the country.



Mike Zacchino

The walls were filled with inspiring quotes in

support of the role freedom of the press plays in a democracy and helpful handouts and information was available as well as a table where people who are not yet registered to vote could do so. Although the local Indivisible group was formed in response to President Trump’s election, the group is dedicated to a nonpartisan platform that welcomes people from all political walks of life and encourages active participation.

The answer to the questions posed by the moderator, Kate Dwyer, all pointed to how crucial it is for ordinary citizens to get actively involved with their news consumption and educate themselves on how to evaluate and discern the quality and veracity of the news they are consuming. “People don’t like to be uncomfortable so they naturally gravitate to what they know,” said Mike Zacchino, reinforcing the idea that for many of us news consumption is a passive activity. We tend to tune in to the news that reinforces what we already believe. So how do we begin to look at news sources, particularly online where it can be more difficult to discern the quality of the news being presented, with a more critical eye?

• CONSIDER THE

SOURCE: Click away from the story to investigate the website, its mission and its contact info.



Geoffrey Riley

• READ BEYOND: Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks or sell newspapers.

• CHECK THE AUTHOR: Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?

• SUPPORTING SOURCES: Click on those links. Determine if the information given actually supports the story.

• CHECK THE DATE: Reposting old news stories doesn’t mean they’re relevant to current events.

• IS IT A JOKE: If it’s too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.

• CHECK YOUR BIASES: Consider if your own beliefs could affect

your judgment.

• ASK THE EXPERTS: Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site such as Plitifact.com or Factcheck.org for political news and Snopes.com for general scams.

And checking the facts is the best way to evaluate the quality of a news source. If the information is available to the press it’s available to the public with a little sleuthing. “Every article should be completely transparent, every source traceable,” said Julie Akins. Attendees were encouraged to look for documentation of articles, compare at least three independent sources for the news item and go to a news source they can trust. To view a chart of news organizations rated for fairness, accuracy and bias and find out how your news sources rank go to: www.allgeneralizationsarefalse.com. You might be surprised!



Dan Mancuso

199 ...
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ODOT has also paid attention to the issues of crashes on 199. According to assistant district manager Jeremiah Griffin, the agency is in the process of evaluating and reviewing two projects: At

Ken Rose Lane, south of Cave Junction, ODOT may add a turn lane. And on 199 overall, the agency is looking at “sight distance” improvements, such as removing trees where a hill or slope blocks the view of oncoming traffic, as well as the installation of guard rails at key locations.

Griffin emphasized that ODOT

district employees have a personal stake in improving safety along the road.

“Our crews live in the Illinois Valley community. We personally respond to crashes, along with OSP and sheriff’s deputies. It’s not just numbers to us. When a crash happens, it could be a member of our family.”

ComParrot
by Bonnie J. Malcolm

Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?

Solution: 1. Stripe on vase is missing. 2. Tie on lady's hat is hidden. 3. Tip of cello appears. 4. Writing appears on music sheet. 5. End of bow is hidden. 6. Pom-pom in box is colored in. 7. Part of cello is colored in. 8. Cuff on lady's shirt is colored in. 9. Spout on teapot is colored in. 10. Buttons on back of coat have moved. 11. Flower in vase has moved. 12. Design on cello is reversed.

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