



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO,
Publisher

The city of Cave Junction is about to embark on a new parks and recreation plan. The thought of this is quite exciting and I can't wait to see what the taxpaying citizens within the

city of Cave Junction want their tax dollars spent on. Renters subsidize the landlord's tax liability through rent payments, so I include any city resident in the phrase "taxpaying citizens within the city of Cave Junction."

The reason I point out taxpaying citizens within the city of Cave Junction is that for some reason there are a few people who seem to think they have a say on what goes on at the city level when they live in the county. And what is even more puzzling, some of the aforementioned people happen to be elected officials in the city of Cave Junction.

Some people have apparently forgotten what they learned in fifth-grade civics class, which is that elected officials are supposed to look out for, and only for, the people who elected them.

Yes, although many people who live in the county, shop in the city of Cave Junction and use the varied services and amenities; they don't help pay for them nor help maintain them. To be frank, their opinion is of little value when it comes to city decisions, such as appointing an advisory board. Or maybe even creating subcommittees for said advisory board in an

attempt to do an "end-around" to the fine folks who elected you; the taxpaying citizens within the city of Cave Junction.

County and city residents have different needs and desires. As someone who has lived in both, I currently prefer a more rural lifestyle where I can soak up the natural beauty around me and maybe harvest an animal or two when the season is right. This means I have to plan better, so I don't have to make a trip back to town because we are out of sugar. City folk tend to like access to goods and services; the ability to walk to the park or store to get the sugar you forgot, is only a few minutes away. In most cases living in the city you forgo the natural beauty and wildlife. But in the end, it's your decision based on your value system.

Taxpaying citizens within the city of Cave Junction - do not let your elected officials put your desires behind county residents. This is your town, you live here. Make sure you are the ones your elected officials are looking out for.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper. Enjoy! ~djm

Letters to the editor

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Gun Control is not the Solution

The narrow focus upon gun control following mass casualty events is naive and misplaced. Firearms restrictions achieve nothing beyond shifting a perpetrator's choice from one weapon to another, assuming firearms cannot be obtained illegally.

Numerous options exist to commit massacres. The Boston marathon attack resulted from a small homemade bomb. The Oklahoma City attack left 168 dead from a fertilizer based truck bomb. The 2017 London concert attack was accomplished by suicide vest. High impact attacks routinely occur throughout the middle-east via improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The key word is "improvised." Many components are common and easily obtained, as demonstrated by the recent Austin, TX bombings.

Numerous mainstream media outlets have carried stories highlighting the increased use of vehicles as lethal weapons. In 2016, a truck was driven through crowds of Bastille Day revelers in France resulting in 86 deaths and 458 injuries. Similar attacks have since occurred in London, Berlin, Stockholm, Virginia, Ohio, NYC and most recently Toronto, Canada.

Banning and restricting firearms protects us from nothing, as the weapon is clearly not a limiting factor in deadly violence. The perpetrator's mentality, desire and motivation are. Unless we focus on those factors, we will accomplish little.

Meaningful action could be taken, such as improving mental health care and providing closer monitoring of patients on certain psychiatric medications. Perhaps

we need reviews of the safety versus efficacy of some psychiatric medications and more conservative prescription guidelines.

Increased public awareness of the process of religious and political radicalization is also necessary. If radicalization cannot be recognized, intervention cannot occur. High risk individuals must be identified at an early stage with red flag behaviors seriously addressed. Finally, improve physical security measures at public buildings and campuses.

Michelle Smith
Cave Junction

Reader Challenges Chamber

Here's the current mission statement for the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce:

Mission: The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce is dedicated

to strengthening the identity and enhancing the image of Illinois Valley business by providing services to its members that allow them to grow and prosper.

HUMMMM -----
REALLY?? (Think of "Nipper" the RCA dog). I have one question for our local business community: Over the past few years, has the "mission" ever worked for YOU? Let's see.....

*Where's the beef?
*All bark, No bite
*All hat, No cattle
*All show, No go
*All icing, No cake
*All foam, No beer
Yada, Yada, Yada

Dear Chamber, GOT IT? Probably not!! After all, it's just business. Where am I wrong?

Cary Riley,
Urban CJ

Obituaries

Beverly Erickson Mayfield, 90, of Cave Junction, died Tuesday, April 24, 2018 in her home.

A viewing will be 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Illinois Valley Funeral Directors in Cave Junction; and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2018 at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors in Grants Pass.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. at the Valley Evangelical Free Church, 498 Laurel Road, Cave Junction. The family is hosting a reception, in remembrance of Bobbie, in the church's fellowship hall immediately following the service.

A much loved, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend; Bobbie will be greatly missed by many.

She is survived by six daughters, Kathi Day, Dayle Cox, Linda Hartman Kelly Coryell, Lore Hancock and Martie Rising; one son Robert Mayfield; 27 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and three great great-grandchildren.

Always a source of perpetual heartache, Bobbie preceded in death by two children, Sandra Ybarra, and Jodi Braesekz Mayfield; and her husband, Grover Dale Mayfield who passed in 2011.

Bobbie retired from the Josephine County School District as a secretary in Cave Junction; her favorite place on earth was her family's farm in Holland; her wish was to remain on the farm until her last day on earth. The family is comforted by the fact that they were able to fulfill her request.

Bobbie was the matriarch of a large and beautiful family. She prioritized the needs of her family over all else and made sacrifices for others throughout her life. She leaves behind a legacy of love and old-fashioned Oregon grit that will live on forever through her children and grandchildren.

Phyllis "Wendi" Cadman, 72, of Conway, Ark. died March 17, 2018.

Mrs. Cadman was born May 19, 1945, in Culver City, Los Angeles Co., Calif. to Phillip and June Cadman. She spent her life as a registered nurse and a paralegal and served 40 years as a volunteer with the American Red Cross serving communities in which she resided; she was the treasurer of the student body at Sierra College where she graduated with honors and a medical degree; she was a wonderful cook; and an amazing artist. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include sons, Phil Burks of Greenbrier, Ark. and Ron Burks of Matton, Ill., three sisters, Chloe Oswald of Murrieta, Calif., Sheri Woods of Grants Pass, Ore., and Lynn Boucher of Cave Junction, Ore.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was laid to rest in a family plot at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction, Ore. A private grave-site service was held, Pastor Joe Stephens of Grants Pass Church of God officiated.

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Save the date

May 3

Public Lands Clean up and Weed Pull: Thursday, May 3 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Carpool from Coffee Heaven at 8:45 a.m., Bring a sack lunch, water and sun protection. A partnership effort with the BLM, Illinois Valley Conservation District, KS Wild and students from IVHS to assess, pull invasive weeds, install fencing where illegal OHV activity has occurred and clean up this newly designated "area of critical concern" by the BLM. A plant identification walk and perspectives on the ACEC from an archaeologist and recreation specialist will also be weaved into this day as an educational component for everyone to benefit from. We hope you join us on this third consecutive year of collective effort in the beautiful Illinois Valley. See you there!

May 4

IVHS girls' softball game at HOME vs. Gold Beach High School at 3 p.m.
IVHS track varsity tournament at HOME vs. Brookings, Cascade Christian, Gold Beach, Rogue River, St. Mary's at 4 P.M.

May 5

IVHS boys' varsity baseball game at Lakeview High School at 12 and 2 p.m.
IVHS girls' varsity softball game at Lakeview High School at 12 and 2 p.m.

May 5

I.V. Children's Fair and Pet Parade: Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Jubilee Park. Free activities – beading, face painting, seed planting, children's books, hands-on science activities, child I.D. art activities,

bike helmets, resources – Siskiyou Community Health Center Dental Care Van, Oregon Caves Tent, Pacifica Caterpillar Bus, Rogue River, Siskiyou National Forest Salmon Tent, hot dogs, snacks, drinks, prizes – win a free Kindle. Pet Parade registration 10 – 11:15 a.m. and the Parade is 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

May 5 and 6

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has just two more GPS and NAUTICAL CHART classes scheduled for this year on the weekends of April 21 -22 and May 5 – 6.

Saturday you will learn to read, use and plot courses on nautical charts with latitude and longitude with the tools provided for your use.

Sunday you can use our GPS units focusing on how the systems work, the different functions while navigating between screens and actually creating waypoint and routes that you can follow outside.

The course offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary at the Southwestern Community College Curry Campus at Brookings is from 12:30 to 4:30. April 21-22 and May 5-6. Space is limited so please reserve your spot. 208-863-8386, 541-469-8757, 805-350-0642

May 5

Join us for a Fiesta Luncheon Celebration on Saturday, May 5 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bridgeview Community Church at 5181 Holland Loop Road, Cave Junction. We'll serve Mexican food and have a silent auction to raise proceeds to benefit the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Please call us at 541-592-6058 for

details and to purchase tickets.

May 6

3 RIVERS CHORALE presents "To Carnegie Hall and Back", the music of Ola Gjeilo for chorus, piano and string orchestra on Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grants Pass. Tickets are \$15 and available at Oregon Books and at the door. The Chorale is directed by Kate Campbell and Janet O'Donovan is the pianist.

The concert will also be presented on Saturday May 5, 3 p.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Cave Junction with a more limited orchestra.

Admission to the Saturday event will be by donation.

Visit www.3riverschorale.org for more information or phone 541-592-2981.

May 12

I.V. Garden Club Spring Plant Sale
Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 12th, 9 a.m. at Western Plaza, next to True Value Hardware, in Cave Junction. There will be lots of plants, baked goods, and gift items for those last minute Mother's Day shoppers. There will also be a table with freshly made bouquets.

This is a fundraiser for I.V. High School Scholarships. Come out and support your community.

June 2

Rotary Club of I.V. Clean Up CJ, Saturday, June 2 from 8:45 a.m. – 11 a.m. meet at the I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E. River St., CJ

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.

*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 talk the receptionist to schedule you in CJ. Walk-ins welcome! Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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