



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

On May 28, like every Memorial Day since I have lived here, I attended the American Legion's flag ceremony at City Hall. Generally, it's the same people every year, both in the crowd and performing in the ceremony, but this year was different. Two men were missing, both for different reasons:

Bill McMorrine moved to Eugene and Carl Jacobson Jr. died. While it was nice to see Betty there, Carl's absence was clearly noticed.

Kudos to the American Legion Glenn Morrison Post #70 for showing up rain or shine each year for the flag ceremony. I also would like to thank Councilor Dan Bosch, the only member of the city's current board for being in attendance. I'm sure they had good reasons, but I'm a little surprised that none of the others cared to show in honor of Carl.

Now, let's get down to business. When I was president of the chamber of commerce, we raised \$6,300 to recreate the "Experience the Illinois Valley" signs. As of the 2017 budget, the chamber had \$5,000 left. I was not happy they spent the money; I feel it was a misappropriation of funds, but I gave them some time to see if they would follow through.

Now, here we are looking at the beginning of June 2018 and the chamber only has about \$4,000 in the coffers. At their current spending levels, I find it difficult to see the chamber in business come August and that doesn't even take in

consideration the expenses of the popular Concerts in the Park. Since the signs are a huge sales pitch for people traveling through our town, I feel they are very important to the economic viability of our tourism trade.

I asked many of you for money in the past to rebuild the signs and you donated funds. Given the fact that the chamber leadership has mismanaged its money, I am asking you again.

The artist is lined up and ready to go, so let's make this happen. On May 30, I am going to open an account at Umpqua Bank for deposits to be made by those who understand the importance of this project. The money will not be used for anything other than the signs. When our goal is met, the funds will be distributed to the artist when the job is complete.

Some of you may wonder why I am doing this. The reason is because I, and other members on the chamber board at the time, told you we were going to get the new signs and I feel it's my responsibility to follow through. I gave you my word and I intend to keep it.

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.)

Letter of thanks!

Thank you so much for prior attention you've given this noble cause for our awesome aging War heroes. Thanks to your kind help, reader donations have begun arriving. But we still do have a way to go to fund this Honor Flight for (hopefully) 25 veterans. Best,

Terry Haines, NCOA

Local Chapter Chairman & Publicity Chair,
Florence Blake

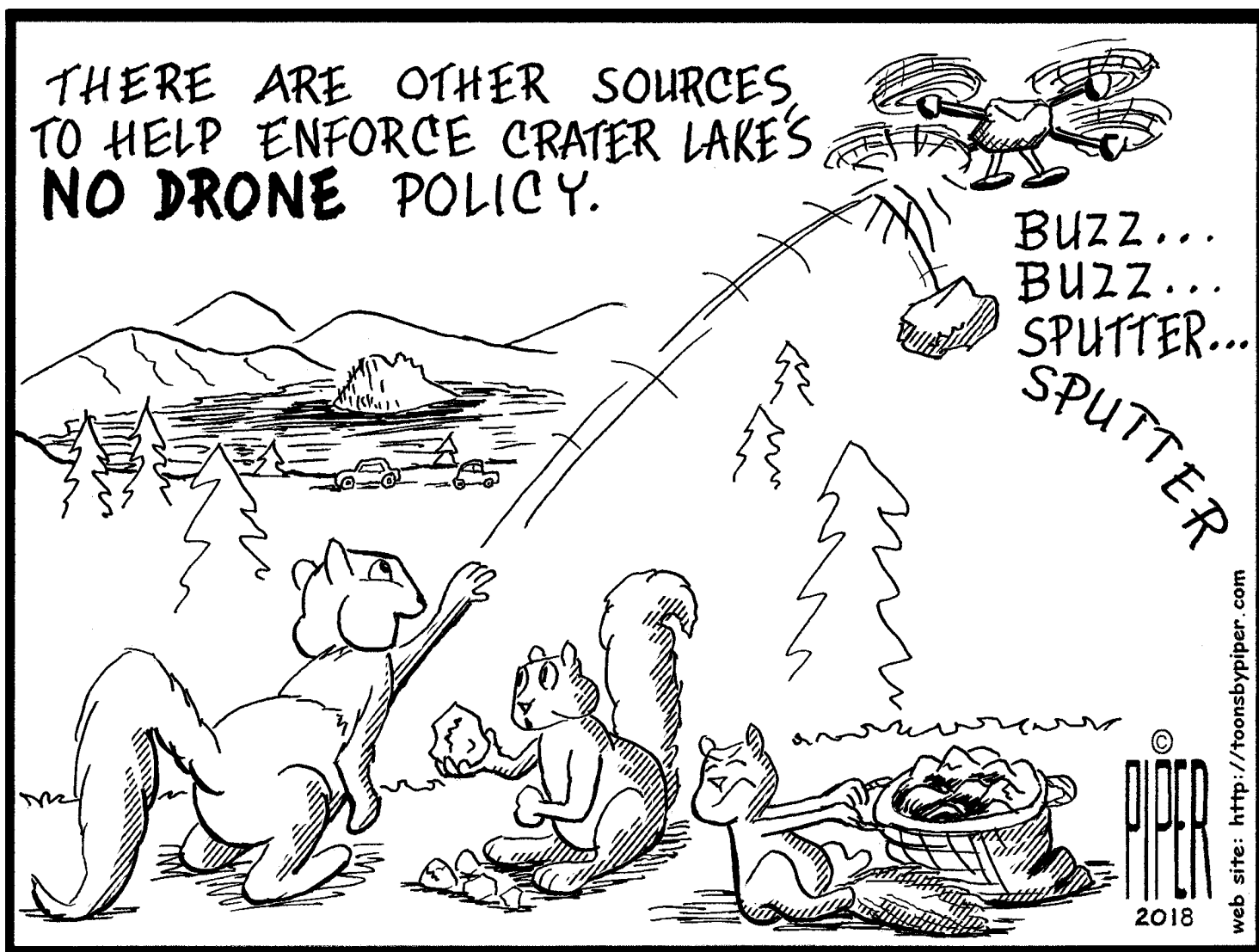
Reader questions chamber

So, city hall is not renewing it's membership with the chamber of commerce. LOL, I didn't see that one coming.

I have a few questions for chamber president Menno Kraai. If you and the chamber board truly believe in the message you've been peddling for the past few years, then WHY can't you sell it to local businesses? WHY do you think the local business community isn't interested in buying your product?

A chamber without a city and a city without a chamber. How low can it go?

Cary Riley
Urban CJ



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Save the date

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

*Saturday, June 2, 2018: I.V. Senior Center is holding its Annual Flea Market! 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For only \$10 you get a 20' x 20' space to sell those old treasures you've had hidden away. Come by to sign up at 520 E. River Street or call Rich at 541-592-6888. We are also having our Country Breakfast so we should have a great crowd. Lunch will also be sold starting at noon and we'll have a bake sale. Good time for all!

*"Painting With Wool — A Needlefelt-ing Tapestries Workshop", Saturday, June 2, 1:30-5 p.m. Instructor: Corbin Brashear. Presented by the Southern Oregon Guild at the Guild Gallery & Art Center on the RCC Campus in Kerby. Fee: \$55 includes all materials. Register at www.southernorenguild.org or call 541-592-5019.

June 7

*IVHS Class of 2018 Graduation 7 p.m. on the football field weather permitting.

June 9

*Hathkapsuta-Illinois River Celebration June 9, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Illinois River Forks State Park, ½ mile south of Cave Junction, Free Event and Parking, Hands-on History and Nature Exhibits, Live Music, Food Vendors, Dragon Jolly Jumper Course,

Arts & Crafts, Parade of Puppets at 2 p.m.. Brought to you by CEEN and IVCDO. For more information call 541-291-8860.

June 10

*It's the beginning of summertime, and that means it's time for The 6th Annual Otis Memorial Bike Ride! Sunday, June 10, 10 a.m. and FREE!

*The Otis Ride is a *free* and fun group bicycle ride, organized by I.V. Bikespace, from Takilma to Cave Junction and back-- or just ride it half-way, one direction or the other! We start, as always, at 10 a.m. in the lower parking lot below the Takilma Community Building (TCB), and finish around 1p.m. in the upper parking lot at the TCB.

*We'll have one rest stop at the half-way point (for those doing the whole ride), at Coffee Heaven in CJ, around 11 a.m., then we'll head back to Takilma where we'll have drinks n' snacks potluck under the big trees, in the shade!

*This is *not* a race, and the ride route will not be closed to car traffic-- we'll stick together for fun and safety.

*For more info, call Keeeth at 592-3722.

June 23

*IVHS Family Fun Festival & Chili cook-off hosted by: IVHS girls' basketball, Saturday, June 23. The cost of each entry is \$15. There are prizes for first and second place winners. There will be a prize for the most creative chili. The cost to taste is \$5. The fun festival begins at noon at IVHS with the cook off to follow at 2 p.m. Tickets for

the games/activities are \$1 per ticket. Each activity will require a minimum of 1 ticket. We will have face painting, ring toss, basketball shooting, dunk tank and much more.

June 24

*Rusk Nature Center invites all residents to visit the Butterfly Pavilion, children's playground and picnic area for FREE today, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Summer Reminder

*You could win \$500, \$300 or \$200 for creative recycling of "junk." Spend your summer making a piece of furniture out of junk to enter in the third annual Upcycle Furniture contest sponsored by the Southern Oregon Guild. Judging will be Friday, Sept. 28, 3:30 p.m. at the CJ Farmer' Market at Jubilee Park. Your work will be judged on CREATIVITY!!! So have fun making it! Call Ruth for info at 541-592-2985.

Continuing

*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 online at <http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Files/Volunteer>. For information call 541-474-5123.

*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. 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., Wild River Pizza in Cave Junction.

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