

Father's Day in America: by Dr. Glenn Mollette

It's time to once again celebrate Father's Day in America.

I like Father's Day. It's always interesting to see if my children or anyone remembers. Maybe I will get a text, an email or even a telephone call. Father's Day is kind of like your birthday you don't really think about it until the day comes. You then can't help but notice who forgot or who simply does not care.

I was always busy as a young adult and probably didn't pay attention to Father's Day like I should have until later in life. I got

a little closer to my dad in his later years simply because my mother had died and he had to talk to me when I called. My father was a good dad in that he took care of us. He kept food on the table and a roof over our heads. I never had to face living with a single parent or in a blended family. All I knew was my mom and dad and I never worried about being hungry or being homeless. Millions of Americans cannot say this. This is not a negative about single parenting or being homeless or blended families. I'm simply saying that

mom and dad hung in there and my sisters and brothers and I have a lot for which to be thankful.

My grandfather was a good dad. He raised 10 children. He was a blessing to a multitude of grandchildren. He worked until he was 83. I never saw him smile a lot but how could he smile when there were dozens of grandchildren around all the time? Plus, he worked six days a week until he was 83. He managed it pretty well.

My son is a good dad. I can believe it because he was a good son.

Yet, it's always amazing when you see your child in action. He spends so much time with my little grandson and they have a beautiful bond. I love to watch their interaction and I am so happy for both of them.

This Father's Day will once again be a good day and a tough day. Father's will count their blessings and also their failures. Father's will wish for another chance to do it again but we only get one chance to be a dad. Many will visit cemeteries to pay respect to a dad now long gone or Father's will mourn over the

passing of a child.

Father's Day is upon us and the best you can do is to cherish the moment. Make a visit. Make a telephone call. Make the day as personal as possible. Life is about relationships and there is nothing like loving a father or a child while you have the opportunity. When you look back you'll be so glad you did.

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My house has a ditch in front of it. It's in the county, the water runs to the river. They sprayed herbicide and my cat got go real sick. He has nerve damage; I love this guy. When they sprayed the Roundup, it was a very haphazard job, a little here, a little there, half of that one, and just like that the little animals are maimed. Think people before chemicals! I pay taxes and you spend my money to poison my cat. That stuff is dangerous; it even kills all the earth worms. Why would you do that? Stop using that stuff!

**Mrs. Peno and Julian (cat)
Cave Junction**

Reader not happy with OLCC

The Oregon state marijuana regulatory commission will not admit that because of their own corruption and greed that more than a million pounds of legal marijuana was grown in 2017. Most of this marijuana is ending up in the black market nationwide at reduced prices. The state regulatory bureaucrats used the recreational marijuana law to create massive industrial marijuana growing for profit. Unelected state bureaucrats used unvoted on regulations to corrupt a law meant only to legalize the growing

of 4 marijuana plants per household for personal use. When will state bureaucrats stop regulating;- corrupting law for the profit of a few at the expense of the many?

**—Mark Wichers
Cave Junction**

Reader gives Kudos

Leave it to Betty Jones to help the deer that's been running around the Dick George neighborhood with a white netting around its neck. She made herself a long pole and got it off.

Thank you Betty for your love of animals.

**Jennifer Lyles
Cave Junction**



Betty Jones with her pole.

Reader says Round-up made her cat sick

Obituaries

Ruby "Jewel" Brewer, February 27, 1911 to June 1, 2018

She was born on Feb. 27, 1911, in Francis, Oklahoma to Henry and Lula Little and was the fourth of eight children. Mom met John Brewer in Hobart, Oklahoma where they were married on January 30, 1928. Mom and Dad left Oklahoma with three children, Harold, Kenneth and Annabelle and settled in Selma, Oregon in 1936. Earl, Ray and Shirley Mae were born in Selma, Oregon.

Up to the early '50s Mom was a stay-at-home mother and then she became a cook at the Kerby Elementary School and went on to become the head cook at the Illinois Valley Smoke Jumper Base and after that job she retired.

Mom was a devout Christian and is now in heaven with Dad and some of her sons. Mom and Dad were married 52 years and when he died in 1980 she relocated to Grants

Pass and the last nine years lived in the Redwood Terrace Assisted Living facility where she was loved and cared for by a great staff.

Dad, Harold, Kenneth and Earl passed away before Mom. She is survived by Annabelle from Cave Junction, Ray from Cave Junction and Shirley Mae from Rio Verde, Arizona. She has 19 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Mom was an expert quilter from an early age and has made numerous quilts, many of them are now in the possession of her extended family members. She started oil and watercolor painting in her 70s and gave up driving in her 90s. Due to failing eyesight and arthritis she had to give up quilting and painting in the past few years.

She was thoroughly loved and respected and will be missed by all who knew her.

It is with great sadness that the family of **Terry Wayne Kimbro** announces the sudden passing May 30, 2018 at the age of 59. Terry will be lovingly remembered by his wife Lisa of Cave Junction; daughter, Amber Lynn; and grandson, Justin Gibson Kimbro of Yucaipa, Calif. Terry will also be fondly remembered by his brothers Jerry (Tammy) of Big Bear, Calif. and Marty of Cave Junction, as well as a host of friends. Terry was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Winger Kimbro and mother, Alice Lynn Barr. There will be no formal services, but a small family gathering has been held in his honor. Terry's remains will be scattered along with those of his mother at a date to be determined.

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Save the date

June 15-17

Barter Faire at Lake Selmac Fund-raiser for the Dome school. For information go to HopeMountainBarterFaire.org.

June 17

Healing Hearts and Hooves therapeutic horseback riding program is starting summer classes on Sunday, June 17th! Call 541-659-8604 for information on volunteering or being a student.

June 23

IVHS Chili Cook off Canceled

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.

June 25

Fire Season Preparedness Meeting FIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS & Crime Watch Meeting, MONDAY, JUNE 25, 6 TO 8 p.m., AT WILD RIVER PIZZA, in Cave Junction, back room. Our WILD FIRE PREPAREDNESS PLANNING session will include the latest updates on conditions, local resources and networking efforts. We face an unprecedented Fire Season and may reach Extreme Conditions before July 4. Each neighborhood in wooded areas are in danger.

An exceptionally long and dry season is unfolding. We will have short presentations from IV Fire, ODF and from the Forest Service "Era of MegaFire" presentation held May 30 via youtube. Then discuss plans to help our neighborhoods. Join us for pizza and root beer. Feel free, or obligated, to contact us at ivwatch541@gmail.com or phone Guenter 541-415-1929 for an emergency preparedness packet. We will be glad to visit you and your neighbors to help.

June 29 & 30

Eight Dollar Mountain Land Stewardship Project June 29 & 30, 9 am-3pm Meet at NF-4201, Selma, OR 97538 Park at the Green Bridge.

Description: Spend a weekend in the Eight Dollar Mountain botanical area and participate in a land stewardship project to assess and take action on illegal OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) use and issues with the Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest, KS Wild, and the Illinois Valley Conservation District and Watershed Council to protect the botanical diversity in these rare serpentine landscapes. Expect low/moderate intensity hiking, sign installation, photo assessment and gps documentation.

Things participants should bring? Dress in layers with long pants and sleeves, prepare for sun, bring your camera, wear sturdy closed toed shoes, and please bring a lunch,

snacks and plenty of water. And if you're so inclined bring your camping gear and spend the night!

Any questions or for further inquiry email: allee@kswild.org or visit kswild.org

June 30

*Dedication of the IVHS Track to Janie Pope Memorial Track, Saturday, June 30 at 2 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! For more information pick up a flyer at the community booth at the CJ Farmers Market Friday afternoons 4-7 p.m.

Continuing

Couples nights starts at the Golf Course Friday, 5:30 p.m. and will continue every Friday until August 31. Call the golf course for more info. at 541-592-3151

*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.

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