



Her life in the Valley of Riches

by Laura Mancuso, editor

Usually I like to write about Valley kudos or events I am concerned about, but this time I want to get something off my chest.

A couple of weeks ago an active community member

came into my office and had questions about an article that was being written. When I asked her why she didn't call my reporter back, she said that the reporter in question was "less than truthful."

I have to emphasize how much this offended me. As members of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association and associate members of The Associated Press, Dan and I are very committed to making sure our articles are factual. We both take the position that reporting the news and events in our beautiful Valley is an important job. If we had a reporter on our staff that was "less than truthful," we would not use their articles.

I want to stress that there is a difference in news stories when it comes to making a mistake and lying. Misquotes and typing errors do occur - we are human, but our staff does not purposely alter facts.

It seems we are in a place in time when the term "Fake

News" is used on a daily basis. Please let me assure you that the *Illinois Valley News* is not "fake." We are here to let you know what is going on in your community. Just because you don't like that we published an article that was negative about your friend, does not make it false. And remember, letters to the editor and editorials are opinion pieces and different from news articles.

On another note, alumni weekend is coming up! I hope all the class reunions make some great memories and take the time to go to the CJ Lions Club Car Show at Jubilee Park Saturday, June 30. Also, June 30 there will be a dedication of the IVHS Track to Janie Pope at 2 p.m. Plus, I have heard you don't want to miss the Sunday, July 1 Alumni Breakfast at Jubilee Park because there will be a special tribute to an alumnus at 10 a.m.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper!

National recording artist Lonestar coming to the Josephine County Fair!

Organizers with the Josephine County Fair are looking forward to an exciting lineup of main stage performers during this year's fair that runs Aug. 15-18, in Grants Pass.

To kick off the 2018 Fair Season is National Recording Artists LONESTAR, a country music group that will hit the grandstand stage, Wednesday, Aug. 15. Billy Lund & Whiskey Weekend will open the show at 7 p.m. with Lonestar anticipated to starting at 8 p.m.

There is something about Lonestar's magic. In the love that binds them to their fans, in the music that makes them as fresh and vital as any other band in county music; they are and will always be true believers, truth seekers

and story tellers.

Known for merging their country roots with strong melodies and rich vocals, Lonestar is comprised of Richie McDonald (lead vocals), Michael Britt (lead guitar & backing vocals), Keech Rainwater (drums), and Dean Sams (keyboards & backing vocals).

Lonestar has amassed RIAA-certified sales in excess of 10 million album units since their national launch in 1995. They have achieved 10 #1 country hits including "No News" and "Come Crying to Me." Their crossover smash, "Amazed" was No. 1 on Billboard's Hot 100 and the first record since 1983's "Islands in the Stream" to top both charts. "Amazed" was also awarded ACM's

Single of the Year, as well as Song of the Year in 1999. The band was named CMA Vocal Group of the Year in 2001.

Depending on section tickets cost \$15, \$20 and \$25 and includes fair admission if purchased before Aug. 14. VIP tables are also available which include seating for 10 for \$600. Each VIP table will be seated in a private area with their own beverage service and two from each VIP table will be included in the meet and greet.

All seats for Lonestar include Fair admission and can be purchased:

-By calling the box office at 541-476-3215 x 2

-At the Josephine County Fairgrounds

office, located at 1451 Fairgrounds Road, Grants Pass.

-Tickets will be available at GRANGE CO-OP in Ashland, Medford, Central Point, White City & Grants Pass beginning July 1.

For more information, please contact Peggy Anderson at (541) 476-3215.

Also playing on the Cow Creek Tribe Midway Stage:

-Gretchen Owens (Thursday, Aug. 16)

-Sound Stage Review (Friday, Aug. 17)

-Countryfied (Saturday, Aug. 18) Country

music at its finest with Central Oregon's premier band that will play right after the Broncs, Bulls and Barrel event produced by Howell Rodeo Company.

Letters to the editor

Illinois Valley News welcomes letters to the editor. Please e-mail them to dan@illinois-valley-news.com

POLICY ON LETTERS:

'*Illinois Valley News*' encourages letters to the editor provided they are legible and not libelous or scurrilous. All letters must be signed, including name, address and telephone number. The latter need not be published, but will be used to verify authenticity. The "News" reserves the right to edit letters. Letters are used at the discretion of the publisher.

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact are strictly those of the letter writers.)

Dear Editor,

I see and feel an evil dark storm gathering over southern Oregon. Its name is Veresen. It is a foreign corporation that wants to scourge and kill all wild plants and woodland creatures in and around the proposed pipeline path; a 230 mile pipeline path from Malin to Coos Bay to sell Canadian natural gas to Asia. They will scrape our states land down to bare dirt 100 yards wide, plus hundreds of miles of new roads. They will take Oregonians private property under a law called "eminent domain." Originally this was

set up to allow the taking of private property for "common good" A foreign companies profit is not for our good. This will pollute and degrade our states water quality in 400 rivers, creeks, streams and springs. No matter what they say or promise, this will be tremendously degrading and damaging to our water, air and quality of life. It would be unprecedented. Our salmon and other aquatic species are already threatened and endangered. We do not want or need thousands of tons of new sediment and soil in our already threatened water ways.

This storm calls for jobs for Oregonians, but there are few if any pipeline companies here of this scale. I know of no Oregon company that builds or runs natural gas liquefaction plants. Even the crews that bulldoze, clear and scourge the land will be foreigners, as they work cheaply and do what native Oregonians cannot and will not. The only jobs for Oregonians will be cleaning out toilets for the foreign employees stationed there. There is a multitude of reasons every other west coast state and communities have told them to go elsewhere.

In Coos Bay they plan to dredge and build a 50 foot platform of sand for their natural gas liquefaction plant for transporting the gas to tankers. Have they forgotten the biblical lesson building on sand? This would take place in a proven earthquake and tsunami zone. This is madness and again, a threat to our waterways, shoreline and quality of life. If this plant ever exploded it would be like an atomic bomb going off. There would be nothing left for miles around this fiasco.

I am begging and calling out for all Oregonians to contact Oregon DEQ to tell

them this is not our best interest. Please write or call Mary Camarata, Western Region/Mid-Valley, 164 E. 7th Ave, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401-3049, 503-983-2277.

Please beg, plead and demand a final end to this horrible storm Veresen has been turned down and repulsed twice before, but they have the money, lawyers and greed to keep going. If this is such a great project, do it in Canada.

Chris Matthews, RN O'Brien

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Save the date

June 29 & 30

Eight Dollar Mountain Land Stewardship Project June 29 & 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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 29 - July 5

40th Annual Jed Smith Mountain Men Tall Trees Rendezvous, Parade on July 4th, Rifle and Pistol, Trade gun, pee wee BB gun, primitive bow, hawk & knife, black powder shotgun, traders row, liars contest, raffle and special events. A family friendly event with activities and events for families. Take Hwy 199 west from Grants Pass and turn right on North Bank road (Hwy. 197) and follow to Hwy 101 head north (right) to Smith River (town). Turn east (right) onto Rowdy Creek and travel 1 1/2 miles to rod and gun club

then find parking. Campsites and primitive camp for shooters. For more information: Bar Paw 707-839-3967.

June 30

*Dedication of the IVHS Track to Janie Pope Memorial Track, Saturday, June 30 at 2 p.m.

July 2

FIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS Meeting Pt. II, CONTINUED for MONDAY, July 2, 5:30 - 7 p.m., AT WILD RIVER PIZZA, in Cave Junction, back room. Includes: report on last meeting, handouts, latest updates on conditions, local resources and networking efforts. Also "Era of MegaFire" presentation. Join us for pizza and root beer. Contact Guenter ivwatch541@gmail.com 541-415-1929 for an emergency preparedness packet. We will be glad to visit you and your neighbors to help with your neighborhood fire plan.

Summer Reminders

*I.V. Library's Summer Reading Program 2018, June 23 thru August 4. Sign-ups begin Saturday, June 23 and continue throughout the 6 week program ending on Saturday, August 4 with our musical storytime puppet show, wrap-up party and prize giveaway! Weekly Craft & Storytime, Saturdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free Lunch Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays at 12:00 pm for children 18 and under beginning June 21. Josephine Community Library District, I.V. Branch, 209 W Palmer St, CJ, 541-592-4778.

*Kids Eat Free: Three Rivers School District Summer meal sites for 2018. Meals are available at no charge for all children 1-18 years.

Cave Junction Area:

Evergreen Elementary June 18 - August 17, 2018 (closed July 4th) 520 West River Street, Cave Junction, Oregon 97523, Breakfast 10 - 10:30 a.m., Supper 3 - 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday
Jubilee Park June 18 - August 17, 2018 (closed July 4th) 302 South Junction Avenue, Cave Junction, Oregon 97523 Lunch 11-11:30, Monday - Friday

*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's 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.

*Concerts in the Park, Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m.

June 28 Kelly Thibodeaux
July 12 - Dale and Sharon Hopper
July 19 - Lonesome road
July 26 Circle of Stone
Aug. 2 - Silas Wolf
Aug. 9 - Sun Rose

*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

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.

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