



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

Last week while tearing the house apart looking for my car keys I had the T.V. on listening to the news. I saw them break live to the shooting at the Gazette.

Even today I am with few words. Donnell Suggs has been writing for our papers since March. We were chatting the other day about the shooting and what I was planning to do.

Donnell and I seem to have same ability of writing columns that can fire people up. While I have never been asked to leave a restaurant, I have had experiences where that would have been the kind thing to do.

We print our opinions in columns and we take the heat from it, I'm ok with that. Graffiti my building, I can clean that. Bullet holes and rocks through windows? its just glass, no big deal.

So in the end it was decided that Donnell was going to write it and have to say he took the words out of my mouth. I hope you enjoy it too. djm

There was yet another mass shooting in America last week, this time in Maryland's

capital city of Annapolis at a building housing the Capital Gazette newspaper. The shooter, Jarrod W. Ramos, a 38-year old male described by various media accounts as having had a grudge against the paper because of a story written about him pleading guilty to harassment a while back, aimed his shotgun, first at was described as a glass window or door, then next at people, at journalist. Five people that came to work on that morning, June 28, are now dead.

Robert Hiaasen, Gerald Fischman, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith and Wendi Winters, all deserved better. All deserved to be alive. Two others are injured physically and dozens more are mentally scarred for life. All wanted to cover local news, politics, sports, business, courts, crime and schools for the pleasure and well-being of the public that they served. Journalism is not a crime and though I don't know that Ramos, currently safe and sound in the custody of the Annapolis Police Department and Anne Arundel County Sheriff's, hated the media as a whole or just the good people of the Gazette, I know what it feels like to me and it does not feel good. It feels like a direct attack on the media and particularly local newspaper journalists like my co-workers and myself. This mass shooting is very personal.

There were hundreds of reporters, on-site in Annapolis and nearby Washington, D.C. as well as across the country, working on cover stories, briefs and columns on Thursday afternoon mass shooting terrorist attack. And make no mistake, this was a terrorist attack on journalist and journalism. Ramos wanted to

get back at the Gazette but instead of writing a nasty letter or not subscribing to the paper anymore, he decided to take his revenge to the next level. He may have unfortunately killed five people, none of whom I understand wrote the story he was so upset about, but he did not kill local journalism. In fact he only made it stronger. This column in a local newspaper thousands of miles away is proof of that.

There have been obituaries written on the five people who lost their lives. In all cases a journalist was working on those stories and obits. Some of the people who have already written pieces on the shooting were in the building during the shooting. They will be forever scarred due to PTSD but they will still be doing their jobs as journalists, as reporters. They have not gotten the courtesy of a healing process. Some of the Gazette reporters have done live spots on CNN and MSNBC (strangely not on Fox News) over the past few days. They have stories to tell, about their lost colleagues, about their newspaper family.

A couple of weeks ago I received a letter in the mail at work from a reader who said I was "un-American" for my stance against the National Football League in regards to their decision to fine players that kneel during the playing of the national anthem. (Interesting fact: I was born in Brooklyn, New York which is most certainly in America) I had, a day earlier was notified of an email from a reader who said that he was unsubscribing from the paper because of the same column. Two birds with one stone. I understand that critique and complaint comes with being a journalist. What I don't understand is why five people are no

longer with their families because of a factual story about a local man that plead guilty on his own accord in a United States court of law. That I cannot understand.

I don't however fear going to work, writing the stories and columns that sometimes earn me angry letters and emails. I'm a journalist and journalism is not a crime.

Rest in Peace Gerald, John, Rebecca, Robert and Wendy. You weren't scared to do your jobs either and we are not scared to do ours. Your deaths will not be in vain.

Donnell Suggs is a reporter for a newspaper in Georgia and a contributor to the Illinois Valley News and Upper Rogue Independent. He has worked as a local newspaper reporter for nearly two decades.



Guild's Art Fair, Artoberfest, Changes to Two-Day Show for 2018; Apply by July 14

The Southern Oregon Guild's fall art fair, Artoberfest, now in its seventh year, will take place this year Saturday, Oct. 20, and Sunday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with artists' set up Friday, Oct. 19.

Juried artists' booths create an intimate indoor show located at Artoberfest headquarters on the RCC Kerby Campus. The fun, family-style show is open to artists in all 2D, 3D and multimedia disciplines. The show's custom layout offers small, medium, and large booth sizes in asymmetric shapes and is based on conversations with the artists who are accepted for the show.

Application for the two-day juried show can be made online at www.southernoregon-guild.org and are due by July 14, 2018. There is

no application fee, only a booth fee, which can range from \$75 to \$170. There is no commission on sales.

The event includes instrumental music, and musicians interested in being considered can inquire at guild@southernoregonguild.org or 541-659-3858. Visual artists can contact the Guild at the same email and phone number with questions.

The RCC Kerby Campus is located at 24353 Redwood Highway in Kerby where the Southern Oregon Guild also has its Guild Gallery and Art Center. The entire small campus comes alive with arts of all kind for the Artoberfest weekend, which is the same weekend as the Valley Girls Quilt Show is Cave Junction.

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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 evetns for families. Take Hwy 199 west from Grants Pass and turn right on North Bank road (Hyw. 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. Campssites 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

SFI July 9-13, 24-31, August 1-3. 1241 Illinois River Rd., Selma, Oregon 97538. Breakfast 9-9:30. Lunch 11:30-12:00 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' 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.

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 Fri-

day 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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