

Letters to the editor

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To The Editor:

I wish to publically thank the I V Fire District's employees and volunteers, the Oregon Department of Forestry employees and my neighbors who responded to a wild fire that started during a hay harvesting operation in my field on Takilma Road.

The fire started about 4 p.m. on Friday (3 weeks ago) as the result of the mowing machine striking a rock and making sparks which rapidly developed into flames that were far beyond the capability of the mower operator to even slow. The fire spread swiftly onto my neighbor's land to the south. Without the quick response and diligent work of all of the above parties the fire could have run for a very long way, and burned numerous properties. As it turned out, the fire was stopped at an estimated 15-acres and no structures were threatened.

I will be eternally grateful to all who contributed to stopping the fire and preventing it from becoming the large fire it had the potential to become given the burning conditions at the time.

Sincerely,

**Bob Schmidt
Cave Junction**

Reader says Roundup more scary than 35 people

Our local government uses tax dollars to pay for the spraying of round-up herbicide poison on our parks, streets, and schools. This poison is sprayed in roadside ditches when it rains it flows into streams. In floods it joins with sewage overflow from government cooperation run water treatment plants. On the way to the ocean to cause future red tides.

Meanwhile local mayor Dalegowski wants to raise taxes on pot, fuel and food. But seems to turn a blind eye to all the empty store fronts in Cave Junction. Whenever they can people here go to Grants Pass for food or fuel because it's cheaper. Thanks to the management of the city council law enforcement is contracted out to Grants Pass, the community building is a thrift store, the city 2 cell jail never used, the swimming

pool is full of waste water. Also a new food store is being built right next to the old food store.

Meanwhile most of us are just struggling to keep up with over priced housing, bills, and taxes. So we can go to parks soaked with round-up herbicide, drink chlorine water and go to the river where we cannot drink a beer on a hot summer day. The city council seems to be out of touch with reality. They seem to be afraid there are 35 people on the street at night.

Mark Wichers, Cave Junction, OR

Faster response times require more volunteers

There have been some questions about response time to the Smoking Duck fire in Selma on July 9th, especially when there is a fire station less than a mile away. IVFD and Rural Metro Fire were alerted

at 0854. Our initial dispatch information was the building was ¾ involved. The first unit arrived at 0904 and an engine arrived at 0909. Because there are no hydrants in Selma, water was supplied from tenders and resupplied from Kerby and Cave Junction, a 20 minute round trip.

Would a response have been faster from the Selma Fire Station? Absolutely. How many volunteers do we have in Selma? NONE. How many volunteer firefighters do we have at the O'Brien, Holland Loop, Takilma, or Lakeshore Stations? NONE! We are down to seven active volunteer fire fighters Most live in the Cave Junction area. We have one shift based career firefighter on duty at the CJ station 24/7.

IVFD appreciates the accolades we receive at every incident. More than thanks, we need people to respond and help our neighbors and the community. A structure fire doubles in size every 30 seconds. Smoke detectors, fire

prevention, home and business sprinklers systems saves lives and property. Firefighting is reactionary. In the absence of all these things, fires go unchecked. Lives are lost and property is destroyed.

The help wanted photos in last week's Illinois Valley News says it all. We are looking for volunteer's who have the drive to help the community. We have various programs from firefighters to reserve drivers, Explorer Post, CERT, media, REHAB, Chaplains and our student firefighter program. Want to make a difference? Call 541-592-2225, check out our website or Facebook page or stop by our ADMIN office. We would love to talk to you.

**Dennis Hoke
Fire Chief
Illinois Valley Fire District**

Obituaries

Shirley K.

Fredrickson, 69, a former long time resident of the Illinois Valley, passed away on June 30, 2018, in Grants Pass after a long battle with cancer.

She was born March 10, 1949, in Sacramento, Calif., to Riley L. Cooper and Bonnie R. Cooper.

Her husband, Tom Fredrickson, passed away in 2009. In 1986 her son, Kevin Starks, age 16, died in an automobile accident. Passing away also before her were her parents and three brothers, Bill, Perry and Ken Cooper.

She is survived by her sister, Barbara Wood and her brother, Greg Cooper plus many nieces and nephews and many friends.

Memorial services were held in Grants Pass July 12.

A Celebration of Life to be held in Cave Junction is pending.

Guild Presents "Let's Write – A Different Kind of Writing Experience," Aug. 4

The Southern Oregon Guild invites you to come experiment with us and explore your own creativity in a fun, multi-dimensional day of writing at "Let's Write – A Different Kind of Writing Experience," Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018.

Open to all who love to play with language, whether in private, orally, or in print, "Let's Write" will be facilitated by professional writers who provide the time, space, and inspiration for you to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and take creative risks.

This unique writing event will take place at the Guild Gallery & Art Center on the RCC Kerby Campus in Kerby. The morning intensive features a series of short writing sessions initiated with sensory-based writing prompts. Each of the sessions is guided by one of the day's five facilitators. The afternoon presents a choice of two 90-minute facilitated writing sessions out of four possibilities. The professional writers will both inform and be catalysts, providing inspiration to support you in creating your own fresh writing during the session. Facilitators include Diana Coogle, Michael Spring, Jason Graham (aka MOSleyWOtta), Kaci Elder, and Vincent Wixon.

A Writing Lounge/Cafe space with coffee and snacks will be available all day for people who want to sit quietly and write (either in place of a session, in-between sessions, or for part of a session).

"Let's Write" concludes with an Open Mic with optional musical accompaniment for those ready to share their work. Light breakfast, lunch, snacks, and afternoon beer and wine tasting are included.

The day starts with registration and a light breakfast from 8 to 8:45. The morning session runs from 9 to 11:30. Lunch and a thought-provoking speaker are from 11:45 to 12:45, and two sets of afternoon writing sessions go from 1:00 to 2:30 and 2:45 to 4:15. The Open Mic is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and open to the public.

"Let's Write" workshop descriptions and more information about presenters will be posted at www.southernoregonguild.org after July 15 and linked to our Facebook page at [facebook.com/southernoregonguild](https://www.facebook.com/southernoregonguild). Fee for "Let's Write" is on a sliding scale of \$35 to \$55. Student fee is \$20. Prior registration will guarantee a place and is available online at www.southernoregonguild.org. Or, you can register by calling 541-592-5019 or in person at the Guild on the RCC Kerby Campus, 24353 Redwood Highway, Kerby, Oregon. For financial hardship scholarship information, call 541-659-3858 or email guild@southernoregonguild.org.

ComParrot by Bonnie J. Malcolm
Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



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Solution: 1. Puddle by radio is missing; 2. Section of soccer ball is colored in; 3. Edge of diving board is colored in; 4. Bush is colored in; 5. Knob on radio is colored in; 6. Air valve on floating tube has moved; 7. Patch on tube has colored in; 8. Triangle tile on pool has moved; 9. Shower is longer; 10. Drinking straw is facing other direction; 11. Pattern on sail is different; 12. Book is wider.

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Save the date

July 21

Fourth annual dinner & auction for Healing Hearts & Hooves, dinner catered by Casa Amiga, music by Gary Margason, Saturday July 21, 5-9 p.m. Augustino Estate, 400 Brown Rd., O'Brien, Tickets \$25 per person – Call 541-659-8604

Sept. 1 - 3

Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival, Saturday, Sept. 1, Sunday, Sept. 2 - Monday, Sept. 3

VENDORS NEEDED for Illinois Valley Lions Club 2018 Labor Day Festival "Summer's Last Blast" Sept 1 – Sept 2 – Sept 3 Vendor Set-up: Friday Aug 31 at noon to 8 pm & Saturday Sept 1, 7 am to 9 am, Annual Festival – Draws thousands of potential customers to a condensed area, parade on Monday Sept 3, Tuff Truck Competitions Saturday & Sunday with continuous activities throughout the weekend, For set-up & registration information call David Anderson at 541-597-4486

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, Breakfast 10 – 10:30 a.m., Supper 3 – 3:30 p.m., Monday – Friday Jubilee Park June 18 – August 17, 2018

302 South Junction Avenue, Cave Junction, Lunch 11– 11:30, Monday – Friday

Josephine Community Library District – Illinois Valley Branch June 21 – August 11, 2018, 209 W. Palmer Street, Cave Junction, Lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturdays only

Illinois Valley High School July 1 – July 26, 2018 625 E. River Street, Cave Junction, Breakfast 8:30-9 a.m. Lunch 11:50 a.m. -12:20 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Selma area:
SFI July 9-13, 24-31, August 1-3. 1241 Illinois River Rd., Selma, Oregon 97538. Breakfast 9-9:30 a.m.. 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 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.

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