

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.)

Dear Editor,

Clean Slate continues BLM'S tradition of wiping out forest ecosystems and reducing forest productivity, and other benefits. The

Environmental Assessment, and draft Finding Of No Significant Impact have been released. Comments from the public are due before the end of July. These documents fail to convey in honest language the severe conversion of valuable public forests into defacto corporate tree farms.

This project targets mature forests and old growth ecosystems, prized for their recreational and wildlife values as well as their productivity and increasing fire resilience, by removing most of the trees <36". In the name of diversity and fuel reduction, BLM will replace shaded, limbed up, multi-layered groves, with cleared, sunny ground or "regeneration," ripe for decades of flashy fuels production.

I urge recreationists and forest lovers to get out, soon,

into the forest and see what is at stake. Two units slated for heavy cutting are adjacent to Selma's most iconic and economically important recreation destination, Lake Selmac. They sport numerous trails and shaded stands of large sugar pines and Douglasfir with mixed understories, and are easily accessed from the Osprey Loop Camp area or the parking lot at the Southwest corner of the lake. Unit 13-4 is bound on its North by roads 38-8-13.0 and 38-8-13.4. Unit 13-3 is further up this scenic ridge off of road 38-8-13.1.

Up Thompson Creek Road is unit 3-10, and others, where numerous old growth trees, over 200 years old, in prime Northern Spotted Owl habitat are slated for harvest.

**Clay Knopf
Selma**

Dear Editor,

Teachers and parents hear it from young people every day: "What's the point of learning all this stuff, anyway?"

Yet, education matters because:

- Education is one of the most important determinants of an individual's earning potential.
- Educated people are much more likely to get and keep jobs than are less educated people.
- Lower high school graduation rates translate into more children living in poverty.
- In recent decades, the largest increase in life expectancy has been for people with the most education; life spans of those without high school diplomas have dropped.
- College graduates are

about 15 percentage points more likely to be married than are those who never attended college and the health benefit of being married is equivalent to being in an age category 10 years younger. (Journal of the American Medical Association, CNN Money, Brookings Institute).

The first step to making change is to believe that change is worth it. Help Healthy U (HU) promote education in the Illinois Valley by joining our "Education Matters" campaign. We will publish an ad in the Illinois Valley News over Labor Day weekend with a quote from you and other residents sharing why you value education. For example, HU Board member and I.V. Wellness Resources coordinator Laura Mancuso shared, "I value education because it has helped me

get the job of my dreams." Printed copies of the ad will also be posted in the halls of each of our local schools.

By contributing \$10-\$25 to cover the costs involved, you can influence community values, encourage parent support for their children's education, and be a role model for Illinois Valley youth.

Please send your quote and contribution today.

Sincerely,
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Obituaries

Robert (Rob) Middleton Thompson,



January 08, 1957 – June 02, 2018, husband, father, grand-father, entrepreneur, died on June 2, 2018 after a courageous battle against cancer. His wife Patty prayerfully supported him throughout their marriage. Rob's life was founded on providing for his family, being a friend to many, and having a commitment to serving his customers faithfully.

Rob was born in Long Beach, California, to Lloyd and Nancy Thompson. The family moved to Turlock in 1968. Rob graduated from Hughson High 1975

and after serving in the Navy, he returned to Turlock and married his high school sweetheart, Patricia. They set up home there and started their adventures as a family.

In 1986 Rob started Turlock Chimney Sweeps by sweeping his first of 12,000 chimneys. The family started a new adventure in 1992 by moving to the little community of Takilma in Southern Oregon, where they then called home. Rob was a passionate man and his life was defined by his enthusiasm. Whether it was starting his own successful chimney sweep business and continuing it for 30 years, building his family's dream home in the woods or working the fair circuit, Rob had undeniable energy.

Rob was a successful business man but he never let that consume him, he was open and honest about the fact that his first love was his family. Camping at Pinecrest Lake or staying at a cabin in Mi-Wuk Village when his kids were younger changed to tahiti rafting down the Smith River, trips to the beach, a spontaneous helicopter ride and scuba diving in Belize. These adventures were all done with the intent of spending as much time as possible with his wife and children.

Rob is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years, Patty, three children, Bryan Thompson (Leila), Angela Tillotson (Shane), and Jennifer Phlaum (Justin); and nine grandchildren (one of which is soon to arrive); his father Lloyd

Thompson, and his siblings Roger Thompson and Sarah Casken.

His loving mother, Nancy Middleton Thompson, and granddaughter, Anarazell Joy Phlaum, pre-deceased him.

The family invites you to join them on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 3:30 pm as they remember and celebrate Rob's life. This memorial service with military funeral honors will be held at Takilma Bible Church, 10343 Takilma Rd., Cave Junction, OR. Condolences can be shared on-line at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com or via mail to P.O. Box 1129, Cave Junction, OR 97523

Paula Ann Springhart

was born May 5, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan to George and Florence Springhart. Paula died in Takilma, on July 13, 2018 at the place she has called home for 46 years. Paula's home, the land and house on the Illinois River is filled with her spirit of creativity, hard work, beauty, and love. She shared the heart and soul of her life with her partner and husband Scott MacAdam. She leaves behind her son Teal Springhart and her two step-children Keddy and Eppie Williamson, and the rest of The Grubbles.

Since 1983 "Pastry Paula" has been baking sumptuous Danish pastries and delivering them throughout the Illinois Valley. She has written two children's books and, in addition, it has been widely known for years that Paula and

Scott's home has been "the place to be" on Halloween night for warm cinnamon rolls, hot cider, and scary spiders.

Paula has been a longtime member of the Siskiyou chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society. Those wishing to make a memorial donation in her name may send it to Margaret Meierhenry, 1520 Hammel Rd., Eagle Point, OR 97523 (payable to: Siskiyou Chapter NARGS).

Paula was a gardener, an artist, a baker extraordinaire, a grand story teller, a wilderness canoeist, and one of the most curious and inquisitive people you might ever encounter. If

you were lucky enough to sit and visit with Paula for any length of time, you got the benefit of someone who was genuinely interested, concerned, and completely curious about you and whatever you were doing or excited about at that time. She would engage you in a way that left you feeling like you really mattered-because you did to Paula. Her gift of gab and her focus and attention usually made you laugh, sometimes made you cry but always left you wanting more and feeling connected.

Her curly silver hair, her smile, and her endless energy will be greatly missed.



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Save the date

July 28

Here's a way to support local kids' programs while recycling. IVCandO, in partnership with Oregon Caves Chevron, Shop Smart, Southern Oregon Sanitation and the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative, present IVCandONATE Starting July 28, on Saturdays from 10-2, you can drop off your clean, sorted containers behind Oregon Caves Chevron and we will turn them into opportunities for IV youth.

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 talk 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.

*FIRE SEASON SAFETY Meetings, EVERY MONDAY, 5:30 TO 7 p.m., AT WILD RIVER PIZZA, in Cave Junction, back room. Includes: Fire Preparedness handouts, latest updates on conditions, building local resources and current 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 or assistance with a Neighborhood Fire Plan.

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