

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.)

Reader likes what she read

I want to thank you (Laura) and Dan for the editorial about the Boston Globes national campaign. I too object to the constant barrage of "fake news" by a Narcissistic president to this Nations citizens. I remember being herded into an auditorium in the 8th grade

to hear another bombastic speaker on TV trying to scare Americans : McCarthy. I read over the years excerpts from Hitler's speeches to Germany to fear a religion, to blame them, and killing their members and their children in concentration camps. I was born in Phoenix, AZ and raised in So. California and I recall no more villainy in Hispanic, Blacks and Asians than in my Caucasian community. I am not willing to concede to other people's fears ANY power over my American pride and citizenship and humanity

Thank you both for your humanity.

**DeeAnn Qualls
Cave Junction**

Reader does not like what he read

Is Dan Mancuso really doing a favor for reputable honest journalists by coordinating with the majority of people calling themselves journalist across the country in it's first "great American group thinkathon!"? Will this salvage some respect after a couple years of trashing all

things Trump all the time?

In the article "Coping with bad news..." (this paper) C.J. Schatra said "it is easier and faster than ever to receive bad news." Why is the public approval of the press nearing single digits? It is because so much of the national news seems content to dispense misinformation (fake) news.

Is the news that Omarosa getting fired from the Whitehouse really so important CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS, NBC, NY Times, Washington Post, and on and on gave it top billing for the main stream media for days proving the "group think" mentality of most the press. There is a very important element for the press when it is free and that is independence. When a bunch of reporters keep slobbering over the Obamas's border policy being enforced and the children of illegals are separated is all the fault of Trump, people can see the lack of integrity of the press with their own eyes. Main Stream Media can't force feed the public their views rather the facts of real news.

When a major contributor

of false information that was the former Obama's CIA chief Brennan loses his security clearance, is it really more important than the booming economy, the record breaking low unemployment rate of Hispanics and Blacks, or the positive attitude most have for America?

Trump has a talent for pushing the buttons of his haters. They cannot stop themselves from giving out false information. Like when a reporter filed the news when Trump was first elected that the bust of Martin Luther King had been removed from the White House Oval Office as breaking news. But another person in the room happened to block the vision of this reporter when he broke this "news". The bust had not been moved.

Mancuso wrote "Mainstream media are about one thing and one thing only, sales." I also thought this when I moved here nearly 20 years ago. I just knew when people realized the information they were getting was biased, other news sources would follow the lead of the number

one news source on cable, FOX News. I thought people would follow fair and balanced news rather than views. I was wrong, ideology trumps facts in todays news world. Their determination to spread their thinking instead of the factual news beats sales. Even Jimmy Kimmel admitted he had lost a third of his viewers when he joined the hate Trump people on his show. He also said he wasn't going to change his show.

**Gregory Anderson
Cave Junction**

Dear Editor:

The bureaucratic leaders have mandated wildfires are good for the forest. For more than 25 years now smoke and fire for three months of every summer, smoke and fire for hundreds of miles. All that forest and brush could be used to co-generate electricity, create jobs, lumber and prosperity up in smoke.

Your article "Wildfires and wildlife coexist naturally" goes a long way to explain these fires burning three months every year; allowing small fires to become mega-

fires - then managing them to create the new forest of the future. If animals or a few houses burn it makes a healthier forest. The problem with this new wildfire management plan is global warming. How much are these fires adding to global warming? Maybe global warming and wildfires are just the natural cycling of the earth; necessary for humans to coexist with animals and the forest- also the creation of well paid bureaucratic wildfire forest managers.

We are called ignorant if we don't believe in global warming, but believing that smoke and wildfires are necessary and not adding to global warming is also ignorance. Huge national forest and government control of 70 - 80 percent of the West is an ongoing disaster.

Humans can be the solution not the problem.
**Mark Wichers
Cave Junction**

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Obituaries

Eugene D. Benschoter



was born on Jan. 5, 1941, in Nebraska. He died peacefully at his home in O'Brien, Ore. Aug. 10, 2018. He served respectfully in the U.S. Navy, during the early days of the Vietnam War, on the destroyer USS Henry W. Tucker, from 8-14-59 to 10-5-64.

He married "Willie" on March 22, 1964. They were married for 51 years and she preceded him in death.

They moved from California to Oregon in 1976 and have lived here ever since.

They are survived by two sons, 14 grandchildren

and 3 great grandchildren.

"Gene" was a member of the Illinois Valley Golf Club, American Legion Post #70 and the I.V. Lions Club. He did a huge and vast quantity of things for friends and community without ever wanting recognition.

He loved riding his motorcycle when he was able and loved the sound of them when he wasn't.

He retired as a truck driver who logged two many miles to count over the years that he drove.

He was a man of great honor and integrity, who served our country, our community and our families with a generosity and kindness that will never be forgotten.

He is now reunited with Willie, his wife of 51 years, where they are together once again, dancing and riding in the sky. Gene's last ride celebration was held Sat. Aug. 18 with family and friends.

Mary Janice Huckaby

Aug. 1, 1937 - July 22, 2018

Mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister: Mary was a child of the depression who took

strength and independence from those roots to live her life fully and well. She was born in LaPorte, Texas the fifth of nine siblings. Her childhood was spent in Missouri, Oklahoma and California. Whether on the farm or in the city, Mary had great stories about both ways of life. While city life sounded easier the farm life brought more smiles during



the stories.

She raised three strong daughters by herself. She worked for the State of California for 30 years as a psychiatric technician. She instilled in her daughters the love of reading, singing and traveling. Mary enjoyed reading for knowledge and for entertainment. She

encouraged everyone she knew to read and had a special fondness for poetry and history. She was a direct descendent of the Donners and was proud and fascinated with her family history.

She loved singing and sang often to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; teaching them all the older songs she grew up with and loved so much. Mary never met a road she didn't want to travel. She loved to see new places and revisit her favorite ones. She often traveled to California, Washington and Idaho to see family and friends. She was always willing to take that road not yet seen. She was always there if family needed her. She was a "force" and would do whatever needed doing.

Mary moved her home to Cave Junction in 1990. She loved the area and settled into a comfortable place on top of a hill. She loved working around her house. She enjoyed planting and primping her property in the spring and summer. She enjoyed raking up the leaves in her long driveway and burning them during fall. She loved watching it snow in the winter, snuggled

up with a warm fire and a good book. Mary had a small group of friends here that she held close to her heart. She was a huge believer in "Quality not Quantity" and led her life in that manner.

Mary is survived by seven siblings, Jackie Cottrell, Joe and Pat Hanson, Bill Hanson, Wanda Taylor, Judy Brownlee and Margie Atkerson.

Mary leaves behind three daughters and two sons-in-laws, Barbara Faley of Long Beach, Wash., Katherine and Richard Larsen of Moyie Springs, Idaho and Pamela and Tim Lenhart of Cave Junction; nine grandchildren, Kandi Eros, Frannie and David Zinsli, Jennifer Hamilton, Kevin Coker, Daniel Coker, Jessica and Daryl Stinson and Katherine Coker; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Beryl Hanson; two sisters, Roselee Brogdon and Peggy Anstine; a son-in-law Brian Faley; and a grandson, Matthew James Hamilton.

Mary died peacefully at home with her family at her side singing to her.

Peggy Joyce Levering

83, longtime Cave Junction resident and friend, passed away Thursday Aug. 9, 2018 at home, with her Loving Family by her side. She was born July 29, 1935 to Frank and Maudie Gregg in Wagner Oklahoma. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Tom Levering; her brother, Kenneth Gregg and wife Shirley Gregg of Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; her daughter, Anita Callahan of Grants Pass; sons, Douglas Ryan of Grants Pass and Cliff Mifflin of Aguana, Calif. She raised six children, has seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Maudie Gregg; son, Randy Callahan; grandson, Sean Turkins; daughter, Lisa Mifflin; great-granddaughter, Aubrie Turkins; and son, Jim Ryan. She was a beautiful, talented, strong woman, whose love, kindness and wisdom will be forever felt by all of us. A Celebration of Her Life will be held in San Bernardino, Calif. Celebration details to follow...

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Save the date

Aug. 21 - Sept. 30

Native Plant Sale: Online Pre-orders Aug. 21- Sept. 30, 2018, Wildflowers - Shrubs - Trees - Bulbs Order Online: Rogue Native Plants.org. Plant Pickups: Oct 6, 2018, Cave Junction & Medford, Rogue Native Plant Partnership & Illinois Valley Conservation District

Aug. 27

A Parent's Guide to Resilience: An Evening Event by Three Rivers and Grants Pass School District and the Why Try Organization. This fun, hands-on evening event will give you tools to improve your relationship with your children and create a family culture of motivation and resilience. Monday Aug 17, 2018 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Grants Pass School District, PAC 725 NE Dean Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526 For more information, Contact: Grants Pass School District 541.474.5700; Three Rivers School, District 541.862.3111 Ext 5276. To RSVP for childcare, Contact: Dawn Werner

dwerner@grantspass.k12.or.us.

Aug. 31 - Sept. 2

Join the American Legion Post # 70 Auxiliary for BINGO at the I.V. Lions Day Labor Day Festival in Jubilee Sat. Aug. 31 - Monday, Sept. 2 from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Sept. 6

KXCJ Concert: Freddy and Francine! Thursday, Sept. 6, 6 - 10 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Concert 7:30 p.m. Catch the Nashville-based duo Freddy and Francine as they swing through town on their way to the Sisters Folk Festival. Not quite folk, not quite pop or Americana or vaudeville - and yet a mix of all these things - the word "authenticity" is probably the best way to describe Freddy and Francine. But wait, there's more! It's outdoors! Mediterranean dinner will be served! Adult beverages, desserts, and more! Did we mention it's a benefit for KXCJ-LP 105.7, our local community radio station? All ages welcome. Costumes encouraged (because

... why not?). <http://kxcj.org/>, info@kxcj.org 541-592-4112 <https://www.freddyandfrancine.com/> Takilma Community Building, 9367 Takilma Road, CJ

Sept. 11 - Nov. 3

Land Steward Short Course, Fall 2018 for Josephine County, Learn how to manage your property's natural resources more effectively with this new course blending online and field instruction. Brought to you by Oregon State University (OSU) and OSU Extension. Questions? Contact: Max Bennett, Forestry & Natural Resources, OSU Extension, 541-776-7371, max.bennett@oregonstate.edu. Class details: Classroom: Tuesday, Sept. 11, 6-9 p.m., OSU Extension, 215, Ringuette Street, Grants Pass; Weekly online lessons (self-paced) beginning Sept. 17; First field session: Saturday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m -4 p.m.; and Second field session: Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. -4 p.m. Course Fee -Early bird registration by Aug. 17: \$125; By Sept. 7 registration deadline: \$150; Scholarships

and payment plans available by arrangement; and for online registration visit: <https://pace.oregonstate.edu/catalog/land-steward-short-course>.

Sept. 22

New program developed by cohorts of the Ford Family Foundation: Food Security Free Trading Post, 9 a.m. at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction to trade food such as fruits and vegetables fresh from the garden. All gardeners who have extra fruit and vegetables, please join us and share your crop with your neighbors in Cave Junction. Any leftovers will be donated to a local church and the food bank. Please call Kim at 541-415-1125 for any questions. All are welcome to receive the blessings of our harvest. There are also Food Security Free Trading Post scheduled for Oct. 20 at 10 a.m.

Sept. 22

IVHS football fundraiser changed to Sept. 22 due to smoke. See ad on page 5.

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