

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.)

Protecting our Home
Deer Creek Watershed is once again, under severe at-

tack. Our watershed is one of the many located within a very unique and beautifully biodiverse area in Southern Oregon. Our watershed has been pillaged, clearcut, poisoned and ravaged for over a century. Clean Slate Management Project is just one of many assaults on our water, our air, our forests, our non-human habitat, our spirituality and our health. As residents of the Deer Creek Watershed, we have come to learn Her rhythms and rhymes, we have listened to Her songs and serenades, we have endeavored to understand the canvas and contours of Her moods and gifts. And in our simple ways, have tried to reciprocate each and every day.
BLM is now poised to auction off more old growth in our watershed, allowing more timber barons who could care less about our watershed to en-

ter and destroy even more public lands.
Deer Creek Watershed is our home and the home of countless species, all attempting to live peacefully within one of the last remaining stands of ancient forests. Our watershed is our church, our spirituality, our creativity, our physical and mental health. We heal here, as our watershed heals from past assaults. It is incomprehensible to think that BLM believes their attack will have, in their ignorant term, “no significant impact” on our watershed, and the life within. We ask that Not One More Tree be cut nor removed and that if BLM truly lives up to their mission statement, they work with the residents and restore, revitalize and renew the health of our watershed. We have proposed Educational Forest areas where tourists and local

residents could come to hike and learn about our watershed. A Project whereby school children visit and renew their connection with a living, healthy ecosystem and watershed. BLM has told us this just could not be accomplished, yet, killing an ecosystem and ravaging a healing watershed is easily within their hearts and minds.
Enough is truly enough. It is time to reciprocate, to defend and protect.
Len Greenwood Selma

Letter to the editor
I want to congratulate Dennis Strayer for his excellent August 29, 2018, letter to the editor. I totally endorse everything he proposed. After becoming a retired Lockheed Martin “rocket scientist” I returned to Southern Oregon. For the last eighteen years as a

resident of Medford we have regularly been victimized for being westerly downwind from the results of incompetent forest management.
I along with my three siblings arrived in Cave Junction in 1955 when my parents acquired and published the Illinois Valley News. I immediately started as a printer’s devil and worked my way up to linotype operator. It was during this time the Valley was a thriving community supporting at least four large lumber mills and numerous owner/driver logging trucks. It was during this time that two of my classmates, Ken Rosenberg and Gary Meredith, landed a summer job jumping out of perfectly good airplanes. Smokejumping. Random thunder storms; yes. Out of control forest fires; no. Slow forwarding to now and a 650,000 acre Biscuit fire is considered the

“new normal”.
Another classmate of mine, Howard Ollis, helped his father in the summer building logging roads with their fleet of at least three D7 Cats. Meanwhile always on call for any forest fire emergency. Joe Ollis had another claim to fame. During the off season one year he built the dam for Lake Selmac. That site is now a ready water source for fire suppression if authorized.
The suggestion for renewing the CCC by Dennis is spot on. My first exposure to the Illinois Valley was our family camping trip to Grayback Park along Sucker Creek in 1954. That facility was built by the CCC. My first exposure to an honest to goodness cave was just up the road.
Michael McDermott Medford
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Obituaries

Roy J. Mowles died peacefully in his home Aug. 25, 2018 in Cave Junction, at the age of 89.
Roy is survived by his wife Rosalie, daughters Karen Sinnwell and Sherry Rogers, both of Cave Junction, son George Sibert of Wenatchee, Washington, 16 grandchildren



and 18 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son Michael Mowles, February 1998 and Suzanne (Mowles) Hooper, December 2008.
Roy was born Feb. 11, 1929 in Tucson, Arizona to Roy and Bertha Mowles. He graduated from Graham High School in Bluefield, Virginia. He served in the Army from 1951 to 1953 in the Korea conflict. He married Rosalie O. Dell in Las Vegas, Nevada April 10, 1966. They moved from Garden Grove, Calif. to Cave Junction in 1978. Roy worked as an electrical engineer for the aerospace industry, retiring from the Boeing company in 1999.
A dedicated husband, fa-

ther and grandfather, Roy was devoted to his Christian faith, his community and his country. He attended Valley Evangelical Free Church and volunteered as treasurer for the Illinois Valley Lions Club.
A memorial service with family and close friends will be held at Hawthorne Memorial Gardens in Grants Pass on Sept. 7 at 1 p.m.
Nathan Paul Loncosky
Former Illinois Valley resident, Nathan Paul Loncosky, 86, of McMinnville, Oregon, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018.
Nathan was born June 29, 1932, in Kersey, Pa. to parents Albert Loncosky and

Ruth (Fischer) Loncosky. He resided in Prescott, Ariz., Orange County, Calif., Josephine County, Ore. and McMinnville, Ore.
He graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education.
He served in the U.S. Army from Dec. 3, 1952 to Oct. 13, 1955, during the Korean War. He was awarded the National Defense Service medal and the Good Conduct medal.
On July 18, 1959, he married Esther (Thornton) Loncosky. They were married for 59 years.
Nathan was a teacher for 18 years in the Illinois Valley,

including Selma Elementary, Evergreen Elementary and Community Christian Academy. He then became a Realtor for 28 years.
Nathan enjoyed oil painting, gardening, horticulture and raising pheasants, peacocks, doves, chickens and bees.
He is survived by his wife, Esther Loncosky; three children and their spouses, daughter Sharon and Neal Breazeale, daughter Celia and Craig Breazeale, son Clifford and Rebecca Loncosky; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
Nathan was preceded in death by his baby daughter, parents, two brothers and one sister.

A graveside service will be announced at a later date. It will be held at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Community Christian Academy in Cave Junction, Oregon; or Valley Baptist Church (Building Fund) in McMinnville, Ore.
Celebration of Life
Paula Ann Springhart
May 5, 1950 – July 13, 2018, Come help us celebrate her life together, Sept. 9, noon – 2 p.m., Potluck – bring your favorite dish, Forks State Park, Cave Junction, For information contact Teal at 503-866-4955.
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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
Sept. 5 – Oct. 24
Grandparenting Free Classes, Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – noon, Sept. 5 – Oct. 24 Grow your parenting skills, Gain skills for all ages of children. Register Online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSDL5L2, I.V. Family Resource Cent, River room, 535 E. Rivers St. Contact information-Kitty Waud, 541-592-4278, kwaud@frontier.com sponsored by I.V. Wellness Resources, Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative and The Family Connection.
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. 12
AWANA Starts Sept. 12; Who: Children, Grades PK-sixth; Time: Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m., (Ends at 8 p.m.); Place: Community Bible Church, 113 S. Caves Ave. Cave Junction, OR 97523, 541-592-3896. Come and have fun! There will be stories, music, games and (often) light snacks. Registration will be the 12th, so come a little bit early! Children must be registered by their parents or legal guardians. A.W.A.N.A. will meet every Wednesday night unless otherwise notified. Generally, if there’s no school, then there’s no A.W.A.N.A., i.e. Thanksgiving, Christmas vacation, Spring Break, etc. A.W.A.N.A. provides a local church sponsored program for boys and girls, regardless of their religious affiliation.
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.

Sept. 28
*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.
Oct. 14
NEW DATE AND TIME: “Making Your Vote Count,” the third event in IV Indivisible’s Democracy at Risk series, will take place Oct. 14, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Wild River Pizza. Short presentations interspersed with video and theater will illuminate the many reasons voting is more crucial than ever, despite increased threats to our election system on several fronts. We’ll also hear about those threats and possible ways to remedy them, as well as numerous other voting-related topics. Community dialogue will follow. Admission is free. For more information or to help, call 541-761-4746, or email dwyer@cavenet.com.
Oct. 19
*2018 10th Annual Valley Girls Quilt Show a project of IVCDO October 19, 20 & 21, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. I.V. Senior Center 520 E. River Street Cave Junction Entrance Fee \$3. All proceeds donated to: I.V. Youth Soccer Club I.V. Boys & Girls Club I.V. Little League Baseball. 100 Never Shown Before Quilts on display Country Store Games & Door Prizes 2018 Opportunity Quilt “A Year -in The Valley” Burgers & Desserts too! Also enjoy Artoberfest in Kerby.
*MEDICARE 101 Learn the basics of Medicare and what you need to consider before making your health care choices. Attend a free, educational Medicare workshop. Friday, Oct. 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.; and Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 11:00

a.m. Illinois Valley Family Coalition, 535 E. River Street, Cave Junction, OR 97523
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.
*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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