

Letters to the editor

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Dear Editor, On the weekend of Sept 8-10, the Association for Women Geoscientists Pacific NW Chapter conducted a field trip through the Cave Junction region. Known informally as the AWG, the group is composed of professional and academic geologists and students, both men and

women. The trip was very well attended, with several members of the Geological Society of the Oregon Country and NW Geological Society attending along with the AWG members. The field trip attracted attendees from as far away as Illinois (the state), Colorado, and Victoria, BC. Local geologic educator, Roger Brandt, led a fabulous, interesting and well-organized field trip along the Smith and Illinois Rivers. At the Oregon Caves National Monument, the group was treated to an excellent custom tour, led by geologist Marcy Lang. All participants marveled at the level of expertise of these individuals, and as well as their professionalism. We would like to thank the many businesses in the Illinois Valley for excellent service, in particular, Country Hills Resort, who treated campers and motel residents alike with exceptional consideration. Members of our group also ate at most of Cave Junction’s fine restaurants and enjoyed their meals. In

addition, we wish to extend our thanks to the thoughtful staff at the Oregon Caves Chateau, who provided us a place to conduct a geologic lecture. Many of us wish to return to the Cave Junction area again for further explorations on our own. Thanks to all for a great experience! Marcia Knadle (AWG-PNW field trip organizer) Maple Valley, WA & Sheila Alfsen (field trip co-leader) Dallas, OR

IV HAUNT Life is no fun without a good scare. Dear Local Businesses, You may not be familiar with our organization. IV Haunt is a non-profit that puts on family oriented events in the Illinois Valley. All of our events get our local youth involved in volunteering, earning their volunteer hours that are required for graduation. We

do many different events, such as haunted houses, 5k runs, All Night Grad parties, Senior Night, and disc golf tournaments. And we don’t just put on events, we support our community in other, smaller ways. Such as kids’ sports scholarships, we loan out our equipment to events such as the Senior Safe Night, the middle school dances and other fundraising events for the youth in our community. These are all things we take pride in, and it is kept possible because of businesses like you who help support us. IV Haunt is about helping and entertaining our community and our youth all year long, in any way we can. People may think we are only about Halloween but that is a misconception. We are about fun, safe, family based entertainment in this Valley. With help from our local businesses, we are able to broaden our horizons and reach further than before. 100% of our earnings are donated back into the community, mostly to youth based programs,

but we have also donated to our local Fire Department, and other organizations that work towards improving our community. This year is special. It represents our 10th year operating out here in our little valley and every year we see our numbers grow and get to see the faces of our visitors light up with delight. This year, we hope to give them the best show in Southern Oregon. To accomplish this, we are asking for your support and we hope you join us in the celebration. Donations can be made to: Paypal via iv.haunt@yahoo.com or checks can be mailed to 305 Merlot Dr. Cave Junction, OR 97523 or we can pick it up. All business donations will be advertised on all our flyers, advertisements and websites. Thank you for your support.IV Haunt 2008 Non-profit ID# 87744190 Sincerely, IV Haunt Board Members

Reader questions Jones’s honor Lindsay Gilette (Jones) is a city councilor. When she was elected she satisfied all the requirements to have a seat on the city council. There are a number of people who feel now that she has moved outside of the city limits the seat should be declared vacant. An interpretation that she can serve out her term based on the city charter is debatable. One solution is a charter change that the requirements be maintained throughout ones term. The larger issue is one of honor. Is it honorable to pass laws that effect city residents but not you because you live outside the city. Honor is important in government became we trust their judgement as elected officials In Grants Pass and Medford if an elected official moves out their seat becomes vacant. Honor should always be the deciding factor sincerely Mark Seligman Selma

Obituaries Chamber seeks help for tree lighting

Floyd Allen Eldred, 86, of Cave Junction died, September 5, 2018, at Royale Gardens Health and Rehabilitation Center. No services are planned. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

The I.V. Chamber of Commerce is conducting a fundraiser to help buy lights and other related items for the holiday tree lighting ceremony that will happen in November 2018. Since last year’s community Christmas tree was cut down due to the construction of Grocery Outlet, the chamber has found a new location for the Christmas tree and holiday lighting ceremony. Caves Chevron owner Jeff Stiles has

agreed to allow this year’s ceremony to be held at station on the corner of Redwood Hwy (Hwy 199) and Caves Hwy. Nancy Garcia from the I.V. Chamber is hosting a fundraiser on Facebook named “The Cave Junction 2018 Holiday Tree Lighting and Community Outreach,” as a place that community members can donate for the new Christmas lights. Donations will also be accepted

by Angela Graves, Chamber of Commerce administrator at the Caves Visitors Center located at 201 Caves Highway during Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to noon. If you have any questions or input about the fundraiser, please call Graves at 541-592-9397. (Please direct input to Graves located at the Visitor Center instead of the Chevron staff.)

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Save the date

- Sept. 26 *IVHS boys’ varsity soccer at home against Lakeview 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 27 *IVHS volleyball away at Lakeview 4:30 and 6:15 p.m.
- *Thursday, Sept. 27, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Candidates Forum TOWN HALL and Potluck. LOCATION: Illinois Valley Senior Center. Scheduled to appear are candidates for Sheriff: Dave Daniel and Jonathan Knapp; and Commissioner Candidates: Ron Smith and Darin Fowler who is on vacation, may participate remotely. CJ Council Candidates included. Topic Order will be on the Sheriff’s and Commissioners Office, law enforcement, patrols, Neighborhood Watch, fire and emergency preparedness, then all topics from public. For submissions and to subscribe to topic updates email us at: ivwatch541@gmail.com. Event Sponsored by I.V. Community Watch. For more info. contact Guenter Ambron 541-415-1929 event coordinator.
- Sept. 28 *IVHS boys’ varsity soccer away at Rogue Valley Varsity Adventist, 3 p.m. *IVHS varsity football away at Glide, 7 p.m.
- 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’ 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.
- Sept. 29 *IVHS volleyball away at Lost River Girls, 12:30 and 2 p.m. *IVHS girls’ soccer away at Cascade Christian, 10 a.m.
- Sept. 29 *CJ Clean Up Day, Saturday, Sept. 29, 8:45 a.m. - 11 a.m., meet at I.V. Family Coalition, 535 River St.

- Sept. 29 *Back by Popular Demand! Drive-in Movies return to the Selma Community & Education Center for the final two Saturdays this year. Sept. 29 is Comedy Night with three of the funniest movies ever made. Charlie Chaplin’s “Gold Rush” and Buster Keaton’s masterpiece, “The General” are both silent films set to music. Third film, “His Girl Friday” is a hilarious war-between-the-sexes romp with Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell. Admission is only \$5 per carload. Gates open at 7 p.m. with cartoon funnies until dark. Food Vendor: Hot dogs courtesy of Taylor’s, Veggie Soup, Pastry, Popcorn, Drinks & Candy. Bring lawn chairs and blankets if you want to sit outside your car. Final Drive-in for the year will be “Horror Night” Oct. 6! Info: 541-592-4444 during business hours.
- *Come and have dinner with your firefighters and your Community Emergency Responds Team (CERT). Tour your fire station and see the equipment. Help raise money for the purchase of Rescue Jacks that prevent a vehicle from falling onto a firefighter or patient. All you can eat! \$7, \$5 & under eat free. 4:30-7 p.m. this Saturday the 29th at Station One, 681 Caves Hwy, Cave Junction. Hope to see you there!
- 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 a.m.; Wednesday, Nov14, 2018 at 11a.m.; and Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018 at 11 a.m. Illinois Valley Family Coalition, 535 E. River Street, Cave Junction, OR 97523
- Continuing Saturdays *Stretch your summer at the Selma Center! Classic Movie Nights every Saturday this month. Drive-In Deal: only \$10 per car. Gates open 6:30 p.m. Bring jackets and seating for outdoors. Smoke or rain? Screening in the gym! Refreshment Booth: baked goods, popcorn, candy and sodas.
- 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
- *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.
- *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.

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