

## Letters to the editor

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### Reader treated like a criminal at football game

Excited to see my oldest daughter, a Junior, honor Society student, and extremely competitive person perform

her newest skills of cheer leading, I was confronted with a small army of money hungry ladies at the gate. Having just paid \$100 for sports activities for a single child in cheer, I had brought our 5 pound Chihuahua to take pictures (learned that no dogs are allowed). So I refused to pay more and clearly stated, "I am going to tell my daughter I will not be in attendance, as we had planned" (I cannot sit for long periods of time due to back problems). Once reaching the bleachers where all the cheer girls were gathered and sitting next to my lovely daughter, I noticed a woman stalking me as if I'm some criminal. She stood there awkwardly while I discussed a plan involving friends who could take my two daughters home after the game, since I would not be staying. This woman was still there, staring at me, contemptuously, as I got up to leave. On the way back out of the football field I inquired as to who this woman

was, and what credentials she has to perform security detail, only to learn she was in administration at IV high school. Chiding with this impersonal woman about her stalking prowess, I became concerned that the safety of my child is in the hands of someone like her. Not only was she accusing me of lying about my intent to let my child know I will not be there, she also managed to treat me like a criminal with her stalking actions, as she walked behind me like a prison guard would, forcing me to turn and walk backward to speak to her. While she pursued her authoritarian tendencies to impose her power on a loving parent, something really dangerous could have been happening as well. Where was I going to go? Hide under the bleachers for 2 hours with a bad back and our Chihuahua to save 5 bucks? Perhaps this is why school shootings are not noticed until it's too late. She came off like a prison guard- not a thinking,

feeling human being. Using charisma, reason, compassion, and wisdom should be a vice principals strong suit. But this woman seemed to thrive on power thrusting and embarrassing people as publicly as possible.

What has happened to our culture that makes it so easy to ignore the have nots, unable to pay the entry fee? Students of IV High School flanked the entry gate, unable to get in. One of my daughters friends tried to get in, but had no money, even though she is a straight A student. Sadly, her mom works full time and is barely making it, so I paid for her to get in after I paid for my youngest to stay and support her sister.

It amazes me how cold and divided our society has become that even good students, of that very school, are not allowed to go support their own friends if their parents cannot pay the 5 dollars per game (or are unwilling, cre-

ating very small audiences in attendance). It is shocking that an administrator would disrespect and stalk behind me as I tend to my family, over a five dollar bill, with no concern for my child, myself, or her job. Is it really the job of administration to stalk a well-known name, like Shinerock (carrying a 5 pound Chihuahua), in a tiny little town like Cave Junction over a five dollar entry fee, after being told I'm just letting my daughters know I won't be staying? People wonder why so many kids are now home schooled, or do alternative education. It is this heartless, monetary, capitalist mindset that turns administrators into cold hearted, walk behind you, security guards, and innocent children of poor families into outcasts that are made fun of by other kids who's parents can afford to get in the game. It is pure segregation based heartlessly on monetary principals (no pun intended). I am saddened that the school

allows such a person to be in a position of power, especially with all the amazingly loving staff therein, (like; Mr. Polen, Mr. Erb, and High School principal Mr. Smith, who have always treated me with respect), and of American citizens to consider this monetary entitlement as somehow normal or acceptable even to the point of paying a person in administration for security detail with tax payer money. The result is very small audiences as team support, and children coldly turned away from their own school's sports activities, and entire generations of children with lower self esteems. I think we can do so much better, if even by selecting to ensure the less observant and sensitive people are instructed to not sweat the small stuff and consider the children's' feelings as top priority, rather than a five dollar bill.

**Daniel Shinerock Kerby**

## Obituaries

**Katheryn Grace Buckendahl, 74**, of Cave Junction died, Sept. 23, 2018, at her home.

Katheryn was born May 6, 1944 in De Queen, Ark., and graduated from De Queen High School. A year after graduating Katheryn married Arthur in 1963, making De Queen their home for many years with their five children. Katheryn worked as a CNA and an activities director for many years at a nursing home facility. Years later she moved to Oregon making a home in Gold Beach for several years, and eventually settling into Cave Junction. Her love of traveling often took her to Arizona, a place she was very passionate about. She loved Arizona so much she made it her home for the winter months, coming back to Oregon for the summer. Through the years she made some wonderful friends and memories during her travels.

Katheryn enjoyed spending time

with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a woman of many loves from taking care of her plants to her weekly hairdressing appointments, and going down to Taylor's for dinner and listening to country music.

Survivors include her four children, Sheila Shaw of Burns, Kim Holesapple of Bend, Angie Dixon of Eugene, Albert Dixon of Coquille; her siblings Betty (Lou) Tipton and John Cox of Little Rock, Ark.; 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; as well as her two fur children, Little Bit and Bee-Bee; and one fur grandchild Finn. She was preceded in death by her father and mother John and Hazel Cox, first husband Arthur Dixon, daughter Teresa Cox and long-time friend Dennis Peterson.

Arrangements are pending with Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

Please visit the obituary and sign the family guest book at [www.since1928hull.com](http://www.since1928hull.com).

## Cave tours available, Chateau closed

Oregon Caves ranger-guided tours are still available.

The Oregon Caves Chateau will be closed throughout 2019 for repairs and rehabilitation, but ranger-led tours of the cave will continue as usual.

Repair and rehabilitation work has started. The project will address a number of life, health, safety, and accessibility concerns while retaining the historic integrity of the building. Work will continue throughout 2019 and possibly into 2020.

Cave tours will not be affected and

will be offered as usual through Nov. 4, 2018, and will begin again in 2019 from March 23 through Nov. 3.

The Oregon Caves Chateau is a National Historic Landmark. Planning for the Chateau repair and rehabilitation project began 15 years ago. The effort looked long and carefully at necessary goals to address life, health, safety, and accessibility concerns while minimizing impacts to the historic character of this national treasure.

Safety issues addressed include an enhanced fire suppression

system, increasing fire barriers and exit points, putting in alarms and emergency lighting, and reducing exposure to toxins. The project will increase accessibility with improved ramps, handrails, accessible restrooms, and the installation of an elevator for persons with mobility limitations. The building will also go through a seismic structural retrofitting. Alterations will respect the historical integrity and character of the National Historic Landmark, including rebuilding the historic balconies for visitors to enjoy the forest views.

Construction work on the Chateau will have no impact on park cave tour operations, which will continue as usual. Ratings of cave tours and visitors' experience of the park have now received TripAdvisor's Certification of Excellence six years in a row. Park staff look forward to continuing this tradition of excellence with cave operations in 2019 and beyond.

For more information, visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/orca](http://www.nps.gov/orca) or call 541-592-2100.

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## Save the date

### Oct. 7

A Town Hall style Workshop will be hosted, Oct. 7, 4-7 PM at Wild River Pizza, in Cave Junction, with a presentation by Ron Gibson - Counselor of law, on: land rights, land patents, taxes and codes, corporate municipalities v representative government, the Powers of the sheriff, and the historic to current; "Monetary, Banking and Law systems.", sponsored by Illinois Valley Community Media and Education. Scheduled to attend are: Jonathan Knapp and Ron Smith, with all other candidates invited. Contact us at [cmecc@cavenet.com](mailto:cmecc@cavenet.com) or Guenter 541-415-1929

### 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](mailto: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 Arttoberfest 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, Nov 14, 2018 at 11 a.m.; and Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018 at 11 a.m. Illinois Valley Family Coalition, 535 E. River Street, Cave Junction, OR 97523

### Oct. 27

3 Rivers Chorale presents IN THE SPOTLIGHT: SONGS FROM THE STAGE featuring solos, duets, ensembles and the entire 3 Rivers Chorale on Saturday, October 27 at 6 pm at the Grants Pass Golf Club Banquet Room. \$30 ticket price includes full buffet dinner. A no-host bar is available. Advance tickets are available at Oregon Books, 150 N.E. "E" in Grants Pass. Tickets will not be available at the door. Visit [3riverschorale.org](http://3riverschorale.org) to find out more about the Chorale and to listen to music from past performances. For information phone 541-592-2981

### 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](mailto: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](http://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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