

Letters to the editor

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Reader says use your voice!
“We the People”. We all know, I hope, how those three

words honestly are supposed to govern our country. The first three words of our Constitution do NOT say “Me the President”, “Me the Congress”, nor “ Me the Senate”. They say, “We the People”, our country, our welfare, our justice, our liberty. Today, I am not certain that these three words mean much to the egos attempting to govern and protect our freedom, our justice, our welfare or liberty. I fear that partisanship and ego-centricity overshadow the will and security of “We the People.” We no longer have representatives which work as bi-partisan elected officials to solve the pressing problems of the 21st century. Instead, we have party loyalists who completely ignore our Constitution, our laws, our governing rules and squander our welfare to the hands of corporate do-

nors and CEO’s who benefit in keeping “We the People” fat, confused, stressed out and poisoned. These so-called representatives (not all but many) are too busy with re-election campaigns, raising re-election funds and donors, and denying most ideas and visions put forth by “The other party” to ever truly support and care for “We the People.”
Our Democracy has become a sham, a broken record of denial, betrayal and deceit towards “We the People.” No longer do most Americans trust the government. No longer is this a country which welcomes immigrants. By the way, most of us, if not Native American, are descendants of immigrants. Too many representatives truly forget that fact, from the top guy down. Hatred, racism, insults, sexism and bigotry are

now the “Order of the Tweeters Day”. Yet few representatives have the guts or courage to call out the haters, the racists, the bigots, even when these people who spew their troubled minds across our news broadcasts do so each and every day. Where are the passionate, the just, the truly mindful and thoughtful representatives from each and all parties, to stand and denounce such hatred and evil, such prolonged destruction of “We the People”?
What will it take to regain the trust of the American people toward their own government? It will take leadership which truly represents “We the People”, not “We the Corporation” or “We the Corporate Owned Senator or Congresswoman / Congressman”. It will take leadership with compassion for all, empathy and reci-

procity, a truthful caring for the health and well being of natural systems, for our environment, for our water, our soil, our air, our forests, our oceans and all living beings. It will take representative who understand living with the Earth, not dominating the Earth. It will take honest, moral and unselfish women and men who place “We the People” far above “We the Politician” or “we the Ego-maniacs”.
It will take each and every citizen of this country to care for each other, and to demand our representatives govern for the Good and Welfare of the Nation and ALL life.
We the People have a voice. Use it!
Len Greenwood Selma

Obituaries

Steven L. Bassett, 69, of Cave Junction, died Nov. 17, 2018 at his home.
Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

In Loving Memory,
Debby L. Strango “Blazia” April 7, 1954 – Nov. 4, 2018
A felt hat, high-heels, magnifying glass, promoting fashion, glamour, song and dance and the love of God. Her last poem called “Truly” is a gift to you.

“Truly”
A world full of love
What a wonderful place this would be
A world filled with truth
And more than honesty
A place that loves God
Is a place of peace and serenity
A place that grows
Is always filled with morality
Is there such a world somewhere
Where in the universe can it be
Is all of this actually possible
Where in our universe can it be

If the earth could share these things
Is only our futures guest
How happy we would be
To truly believe in this
Tomorrow is another day
And what we will truly see to be
Will it bring us all these things
Or what will tomorrow truly bring



Survey for new charter school available

A group of I.V. educators is exploring the feasibility of developing a free public charter high school (grades 9-12), opening in the I.V. in Fall 2020.
We seek input from the public on the need for an additional high school option, as well as what people would like to see as part of a new school.
This survey should take no more than 10 minutes of your time.
Visit ivcharter.wordpress.com to take the survey. Thank you for your time.

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Save the date

Nov. 22
* Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Free meal for one and all! Nov. 22 , 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. At Jubilee Park Pavilion Rain or Shine, Food contributions are welcome but not required.To volunteer, to donate, or if you are preparing a turkey, call Tim at 541-291-8860. Sponsored by Doug Hoskins Resource Center and Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network (C.E.E.N.)
* Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner for everyone at the I.V. Grange, 3763 Holland Loop Rd. Nov. 22 from 2 - 5 p.m.

Nov. 24
*I.V. Holiday Tree Lighting Nov. 24, 6 p.m. Chevron lot. Raffle tickets are available to win baskets filled with items donated by local I.V. businesses. Ticket are \$5 each or 5 or \$20. Raffle tickets are available at the I.V. Visitors Center, Selma Second Hand (next to Selma post office) and at I.V. News.

Dec. 1
*Holiday themed scrapbooking with local artist Sue Brockman. Create holiday tags, mini-books or cards as gifts for friends and family this season. 11am - 12pm class for ages 4-7, 12:30pm - 2pm class for ages 8 and up. Sponsored by IRVAC. Class size is limited, please call to register 541-592-4778. IV Branch, Josephine Community Libraries, 209 W Palmer St, CJ

Dec. 1 & 2
*December 1 & 2- 36th annual Dome School Winter Holiday Bazaar, Saturday from 10-5, Sunday from 10-4. Exquisite hand-crafted items, delicious food and beverages, raffle with dozens of prizes, live music, playground for the children, free admission.

Dec. 2
*Banana Belt Photography Club of the Illinois Valley. If you do enjoy photography, then:
Our local photography club is an informal, friendly, supportive environment for photographers of all levels of experience and with an interest in digital photography. Come join our club to: -Meet fellow photography enthusiasts -Improve your skills and knowledge -Share tips and information-Go on local field trips and photo shoots -Join monthly challenges and critiques -Display your photos on our Facebook page. Business meetings are held the first Sunday of every other month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. We welcome new members and visitors at our meetings. The first business meeting is non-obligatory. Banana Belt Photography Club of the Illinois Valley email: bananabelt-photoclub@gmail.com. Like Us On Facebook: www.facebook.com/BBPCIV

Dec. 9
*RCC Illinois Valley Chorus Presents Light in the Darkness, choral music and songs to celebrate the human spirit in the deepest dark of winter, directed by Kate Campbell. Sunday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. Free admission and reception to follow at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins St., CJ

Continuing
*Evergreen Elementary School is looking for **SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) volunteers**. Come read with children for an hour a week and change a life. Currently the program is on Wednesdays, but with enough readers, we’d like to expand to Tuesdays and Thursdays also. Volunteers are asked to arrive about 11:35 and will be finished reading by 12:45. To learn more about SMART you can call 541-734-5628 or visit the website at www.getSMARToregon.org.

*Community Watch weekly meetings are held every Monday, 5 p.m. at Wild River Pizza. We are there to help you build your neighborhood watch, fire and emergency preparedness program, local Immediate Alert Notification system (smart phone), and independent 2-way radio program. Come just to be informed. Contact Guenter Ambron 541-415-1929 or ivwatch541@gmail.com.
Chess Club at the library. All ages and levels are welcome. 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month. Chess boards will be provided. Drop in for a game from 3pm - 6pm. For more information contact Roberta Lee at 541-592-4778. IV Branch, Josephine Community Libraries, 209 W Palmer St, CJ
*The Sheriff’s Office Substation in Cave Junction is now open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 to 2. Volunteers are still needed to staff another day and expand month: Applications are available at the substation or online at <http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Files/Volunteer>. For information call 541-474-5123.
*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.
*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!

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