

Letters to the editor

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Reader calls out climate change The problem with the theory of global warming and climate change is that governments worldwide are using it to raise taxes but do little to really change anything. The majority of pollution is caused by

wars, fires, armies, navies, air forces, global shipping, commercial airlines and power plants. If all of the private cars and trucks were outlawed it would not stop global warming because the world's cooperating governments are the major contributors and they know it. They just want us, the

common man, to pay for the excesses and abuses of the ruling class. What is happening in France with rioting and protests over excessive taxes on everything could happen here. I really doubt that anyone really denies climate change as the climate changes all of the time, every day all year long,

as does the global warming and cooling worldwide, it always has. It's just another word game that I have to believe sounds more like a state religion. Mark Wichers Cave Junction

Obituaries

Lou Ann Tarbell, 60, of Cave Junction, died Dec. 4, 2018 at her home. Lou Ann was born Oct. 28, 1958 in Charleston, South Carolina. As a child, she moved to Folsom, California where she lived her young adult life. She gave birth to four daughters and in 1990 moved her family to

Crescent City, California. In 2000 Lou Ann moved to the Illinois Valley where she lived out the remainder of her life. She volunteered with the local Food Bank and children's Bible release time. Her hobbies included yard sales, gardening, church and family events.

Survivors include four children, Sarah Moore of Cave Junction, Oregon, Jessica Moseley of Redding, California, Darlene Bearden of Crescent City, California and Danielle Jackson of Crescent City, California; a sister, Laurie Conway; a brother, Michael Harvey; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father Henry Harvey and mother Ruth Bryan. Family services will be held. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

The holiday season is in full swing. People are complaining about the removal of Christ in Christmas. The reason many people say, "Happy holidays!" is because they don't know what holiday you celebrate and they are trying to be all inclusive. People are complaining about a 70-year-old song, "BabyIt's Cold Outside," saying it's about date rape. People are complaining about a 54-year-old television show, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," saying it promotes bullying. People are complaining about everything and anything.

I have always been under the impression that the overall theme regardless of your religion was peace and goodwill to all men. Isn't that what Jesus brought to the world? Didn't Isaiah call Jesus the "Prince of Peace"? On a high note, two families are getting the best present they could ever expect. Five years after the Oct. 29, 2013, deaths of Robert Calvin and Jarred Houston the families will have resolution. This horrendous accident has taken so long to solve, due in part to the outrage and threats made toward the, at that time, unknown driver. I ask that folks realize that the only crime this man committed was not stopping. Instead of getting angry,let's try to focus on the fact that the unknown is now known and hopefully those who are angry can now find peace. What better time of year for this to happen. A friendly reminder: there will be no paper the first week of January. I wish you all a happy Hanukkah, merry Festivus and merry Christmas, or as I like to say,"Seasons Greetings!" Thank you for picking up this week's paper, enjoy! ~ djm

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.

County warns of package thieves

Josephine County Sheriff's Office deputies say now is the time to plan ahead to prevent thefts by "porch pirates." Deputies urge residents to think ahead about how their packages will be delivered before making online purchases this holiday season.

Throughout the year, law enforcement agencies receive reports of thefts of delivered items, often snagged from a mailbox or front porch. But with a higher volume of deliveries during the holiday shopping season, the potential for thefts goes up. While deputies will

work to keep an eye on area neighborhoods, there are a few things residents can do to help: • Check your package tracking information so you know when to expect deliveries. • If you're not home during the day, have

your packages delivered to a neighbor or to your workplace. Some shipping companies also have options to customize your delivery or to pick up your packages at their facility. • Install surveillance cameras around your home. The presence of cameras will

often deter thieves. If not, the video can help us track them down. •Be a vigilant neighbor. If you see a person or vehicle following a delivery truck around, call dispatch so we can check it out. Try to get a good description of the vehicle, a license plate

number, and a description of the people involved, if possible. Thefts or suspicious activity in Josephine County can be reported to dispatch at 541-474-5123

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Save the date

Dec. 23 Our final Advent Service will be held on December 23 at 10 a.m. The sermon is "What In the World?" Dec. 24 Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be on December 24 at 7:00 p.m. The sermon is "The Manger Isn't Just in Bethlehem." Dec. 25 On Dec. 25 we will Host our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner at 3 p.m. with food and fellowship. Make your reservation by texting your last name and number in the party to: 541-507-7458, or by calling 541-592-2290 and leaving a message with your name, phone number, and number in the party. Reservations must be received no later than Dec 23. The dinner will be held at the church. There is no charge, but seating is limited. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 150 Lewis Ct., Cave Junction, Oregon. Phone # 541-592-2290 or 541-507-7458. All services

and events listed below will be held at the church at 150 Lewis Ct. Jan. 13 Please join us for a Stomping out Cancer in the I.V. fundraiser at Sportman Tavern, Sunday, Jan. 13 from 2 - 6 p.m. There will be an auction plus chili and cornbread for donation and dine-in only. 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.

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 hours. 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. *The Illinois Valley Democrats meet quarterly at the I.V. Family Coalition. Join with like-minded people Saturday 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! *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.

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