



Her life in the Valley of Riches

by Laura Mancuso, editor

Letters to the editor

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America is a Constitutional Republic

A form of democracy where each State is a pure Democracy as is each County and City. The Country has the Electoral College to give each State equal representation in the Senate while the House of Representatives members are selected by population of each State. This way States with huge populations in their cities cannot dictate to less populated States. Most States let their counties and cities make their own laws whenever possible. Oft times the State bureaucrats get an attack of "delusions of grandeur" like Oregon's Democrat controlled legislators. They feel that with their great wisdom they have the power to "control" the

cities and counties rental of all inhabitable structures like homes, duplexes or apartments. They believe, like the Gods on Mount Olympus, they are much smarter than the Free Market, or in other words, than the people.

They believe they can decide the Rents in Cave Junction or Grants Pass better than the local free markets.

Salem can make laws to make it easier for those that want to provide rentals by giving incentives like tax breaks, low interest loans, or make sure there is enough private land available to build on. Unfortunately power hungry wannabes in Salem think they can do what other bureaucrats at all levels in Cities, and Counties across the country have never been able to do successfully, dictate fair

rents.

The more government control, the fewer the investors, the fewer the rentals, and the higher the rents. This way the State "Gods" can screw up the whole State, instead of letting our Republic work.

**Gregory Anderson
Cave Junction**

Dear Editor,

What is the difference between President Trump and his personal attorney and former friend who is a convicted felon and liar? Trump has not been convicted yet.

Did you know Trump's personal foundation was dissolved by New York State and all board members (Trump & his family) were permanently disqualified forever from being

business hours.

I must warn you though; I am a bit of a science nerd and I am pretty skeptical about Bigfoot, so you will have to have an amazing tale to convince me.

I also wanted to remind everyone that the Rotary Club of the Illinois Valley will be hosting the Clean Up Day this weekend. It starts at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E. River St. When you get there you are supplied with garbage bags, gloves and tools, and assigned an area to clean up. I hope to see you there as it is such a rewarding experience to help clean up our city.

on the board of trustees?

Why isn't Trump afraid of the Zombie apocalypse? They only eat brains!

Keep smiling, loving and VOTE!

**Chris Mathews, RN
Cave Junction**

Dear Editor,

It was nice of Governor Kate Brown and the state representatives to admit that the cost of rent was way inflated. Now if Governor Brown and the bureaucrats can admit that the cost of shelter would go down, if they just stop raising taxes, regulations, permits, controlling land and real estate values. In other words, it's because of government mandated policy that rent is so high. Also because of this rent

control law, rent will only get more expensive, creating only more homelessness and poverty.

Governor Brown is mighty considerate about helping migrants. Too bad she forgot they need housing too! Governor Brown needs to tell migrants, "Sorry Oregon does not have enough affordable housing for everyone."

Once again, with leaders like these, who needs them!? We really need to vote on these laws and issues and not let those laws be changed with regulations.

The only reason there is an overproduction of marijuana in Oregon is because the law was changed with regulations by bureaucrats!

**Mark Wichers
Cave Junction**

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The last significant development is a website intended to be used to assist in finding vacancies in local adult foster care facilities. Interested parties can check out the website at www.findadulthoodfostercare.com.

President of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce Dave Garcia provided an update on the Sasquatch Wine, Art & Golf Festival,

highlighting a \$5,000 grant for the event received from Josephine County which Garcia noted had been "hand-walked through the process by Commissioner Fowler."

Mayor Meadow Martell reported that there had been eight applicants for the Parks Commission and the selection of four candidates for the positions will be tabled until the March 25 meeting, allowing all councilors time to review the applicants' backgrounds. A final decision will be made at that time.

Under councilor updates, city recorder Becky Patton advised that ODOT will be replacing necessary signals along Highway 199 June 10 and 11. Councilor Mark Dillinger reported that he is looking into having ODOT look at the "right of way" situation at the intersection of Highways 199 and 46 (Caves Highway) as it appears drivers do not understand who has the right of way on a green light. Dillinger also requested clarification on the vacancy of the Umpqua Bank building.

Martell advised that she has been in close contact with the senior vice president of the bank. The building is being donated to the community, and there is a meeting scheduled to discuss who will be given the option of tenancy March 19 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Councilor Miles provided an update on the Cave Junction Homeless Alliance (CJHA) and said the new nonprofit is partnering with the Grants Pass Homeless Alliance to share ideas and best practices. Miles recommends residents check out the

CJHA Facebook page, especially "Mythbusting Mondays" to get the straight scoop on matters of interest that have a tendency to get twisted. Martell commented on the concern of the councilors over the length of meetings and advised that (in her opinion) meetings shouldn't run longer than two hours, so the meeting planned Monday, March 25, will discuss MOU action items as well as the CJ Farmers' Market location at Jubilee Park and appointees to the Parks Commission.

Obituaries

Karen Jones was born Feb. 24, 1939 in Eureka, Calif. to Ernest and Mildred Schreiner. She died March 1, 2019 in Eugene, Ore. of complications from melanoma. As a child she grew up in Vancouver, Wash. and McMinnville, Ore. She attended schools in Eugene, graduated from Eugene High School in

1957, and U of O in 1961 (majoring in education.) She was in Pi Lambda Theta Education Honorary and Delta Kappa Gamma. She taught school in Eugene, Santa Clara, CA and Cave Junction, OR – kindergarten to 10th grades – for a total of 30 years. She was an art teacher and taught many other subjects. She was named Teach-

er of the Year two times.

Karen and her husband Bill opened Talents Unlimited in Cave Junction, which they operated for many years. Her interests included art, books, crafts, travel and music. She was a lover of cats and animals. She was a caregiver for others, especially her mother with Alzheimer's.

She was active in the Lutheran Church and was secretary of the Women of the ELCA State Board for six years. Both she and her husband were members of Emmaus Lutheran Church.

Karen is survived by her husband, Bill, of 50 years; her son Kris, and her grandchildren Kaleb and Emily, her sister Jerrie, niece Sheryl and

nephew Nathan. She loved her family very much.

Arrangements entrusted to Lane Memorial Funeral Home. Please access the obituary and you are invited to sign the guestbook at musgroves.com. She requested no funeral service.

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Save the date

March 15

*Chili Cookoff for CJ Famers' Market and KXCJ, 6 p.m. at the Kerby Belt Bld., Bottomless Chili Bowl, \$5 to \$20 donation. Cornbread, tea, beer, jun, wine and desserts.

March 16

*Clean Up Day, meet at I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E. River St., CJ 12:45 - 3 p.m. Organized by Rotary Club Of I.V. Trash bags and gloves are provided. For more information call 541-660-2419.

*Little League tryouts March 16, 2019 Last day for in-person registration - gear swap, cleats, gloves and more Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Location: Jubilee Park (weather permitting).

*The Josephine County Master Gardeners are having their 30th annual Seeds of Spring Seminar March 16, 2019. Registration ends March 8. This seminar consists of four sessions with 39 different classes offered. This seminar is at RCC in Grants Pass from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Saturday, March 16. Kick off that winter frost and join other gardeners in sessions that will prepare you for those glorious warm spring days in your garden. Call RCC at 541 956 7303. For general information regarding the JoCo Master Gardeners, call 541 476 6613

March 17

*A pesticide action group will meet 2 p.m. March 17, at the Kerby Belt Building. For further information, call 541-226-6766 or contact bballara@beyonotoxics.org.

March 18

*COMMUNITY WATCH Assembly meeting, Monday, 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Wild River Pizza, CJ. INCLUDES: Committee Elections, I.V. Fire update, Sheriff's Report - by sheriff or local deputy, Crime Watch Program, FIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS Planning Session, All Neighborhoods and Watch Groups invited. Contact: Guenter 541-415-1929 or ivwatch541@gmail.com

March 29

*On March 29 a national celebration will be held to welcome home all veterans who served during the period of the Vietnam War. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Riverside Park Trevillian Pavilion 304 SE Park Street Grants Pass,

A BBQ lunch, service providers and guest speakers will be at the event. Please come and show your support. All are welcome!

Ongoing

*Learn How to Write Grants Aspiring grant writers are invited to join an eight-week course titled Ultimate Grant Proposal Blueprint, taught online by nationally renowned

expert, Maryn Boess. Group viewing sessions offered Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 209 Junction Ave., Cave Junction, (next to Jubilee Park). Cost: \$75 per person, includes handouts. Information: 541-592-4444.

*CJ NEX (Needle Exchange) Mondays from 12-3 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church across from Shop Smart. Free HIV and Hepatitis C testing as well as needle exchange, overdose response and naloxone training.

*Weekly Community Watch meetings are every Monday, 5:30 p.m., at Wild River Pizza, CJ. We help you build your neighborhood watch, fire emergency preparedness program, Immediate Alert Notification system (smart phone), 2-way radio service. Contact Guenter 541-415-1929 or ivwatch541@gmail.com.

*Line dancing in Cave Junction, Free, for more information call 541-415-1410. Wednesday beginners line dancing group from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. meets at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 207 South Junction Ave. Entrance and parking in the back. Friday beginners line dancing group meets at Wild River Pizza, 249 Redwood Hwy. Line dancing practice from 5 - 6 p.m. and dancing from 6-7 p.m. to live music from Jay Barley. Saturday beginners group

meets at the Healthy U, 535 E. River St. beginners 11 a.m. - noon and more advanced noon - 1 p.m.

*GET YOUR TAX RETURN FILED FOR FREE! The Josephine County Tax-Aide program offers free federal and Oregon state tax preparation to low and moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to those 60 and older. We are trained volunteers certified by the IRS.

We will be offering our free service to Illinois Valley residents at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition, 535 E. River St., on Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 2. Please call 541-592-6139 to make an appointment.

*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.

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