

Letters to the editor

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***(Editor's note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact are strictly those of the letter writers.)

Oceans Away

I had to laugh at the writer from O'Brien who said, "I think that is safe to say that the monies spent in the city of Cave Junction by inhabitants of O'Brien, Selma, Kerby, Takilma, Holland, etc., go a long way in supporting the fiscal solvency of the city." Reality check, business license fees do not support the city. The tax-paying citizens of Cave Junction pay for the infrastructure that allows business to come and grow in the city, thus allowing the surrounding areas to benefit from the convenience. Living in Kerby I greatly appreciate the city of Cave Junction for making the quality of my life much better. As far as the

staff that makes it all happen, 11 people, 3 clerical and 8 maintenance personnel keep everything up and running. Are you kidding, that is an amazing feat by itself, and deserving of a giant well done from us all.

Thank you City and Citizens of Cave Junction.

John Plute, Kerby

Jo Co Spay & Neuter Fund's would like to thank the following donors to the Winner's Dinner: Taylor's Sausage PAPA Mary Reynolds Cascade Auto Repair Diggin' Livin' Bagel Junction

PAPA'S Sporting Goods Wild River Pizza Big Foot Printing Napa Perfect Pizza Plus CJ Pet Spa & Grooming Wild Bill's Oregon Outlet Lighthouse Music & Skate Forest Edge Farm Reflections Salon Riverside Physical Therapy Cabin Chemistry Illinois Valley Real Estate Tony's Appliances Carlos Restaurante TC Computers Service Center & Tires CJ Video The Funky Kitchen Dr. Joe's Pet Hospital Cave Junction Liquor Northwest Hair Lines Precision Glass

Crystal Kaleidoscope Annita Legaux (Junction Realty)

Glenn Morrison American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 seeks donations

Glenn Morrison American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 is holding our fund raiser "HAM BINGO" on April 12, 2019, at the Illinois Valley Senior Center. The proceeds from this fundraiser will allow us to continue our work helping our heroes, the veterans of our great nation. We also give scholarships to the children in our community. We are looking for

things we can raffle off. Gift certificates and/or prizes. We are also in need of cash donations to be able to purchase the hams. This is a great way to advertise your business and give back to our veterans.

If your business or organization can help in any way, I would be greatly appreciative.

Our non-profit ID#23-702-6607.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 541-287-2288.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

For God and Country, Cindy Soria Unit 70 President

Obituaries

Villa Dolores (Saffer) Gallagher, 84, of Grants Pass died Friday, March 29, 2019.

Dolores was born a true "10" out of 11 children, May 9, 1934, in Wellston, Okla., to William Arvel Saffer and Laura Evelyn (Haggard) Saffer. Her family was a large and loving family including sisters: Oleta Ruth Vessel, Juanita Evelyn Vessel, Wanda Curtis Howard, Mary Azzlee McCarter, Anna Pauline Smith, Ida Lorene Love and Martha Marie Nutter; and brothers: Harold Arvel Saffer, Leslie William Saffer and Garland Wayne Saffer.

After many years traveling between Oklahoma and California, the Saffer family settled in Cave Junction. Dolores graduated from Illinois Valley High School in 1952 where she had quickly made friends and was selected Homecoming Queen.

For many years Dolores had been a waitress in restaurants in Cave Junction and Rogue River, also working many years for Lee's Fruit Stand in both cities. She was a

sharp dresser and a good dancer who enjoyed fun adventures and gaming with her good friends through the years. She enjoyed her large close family and the fun, music, good times and meals they shared.

She is survived by her sister Martha Marie Nutter of Monmouth, Oregon; her sweetheart and dancing partner of many years Charlie Legg of Grants Pass; her daughter Laura and her husband John Nolan of Cave Junction; her son Terry Bankston and his wife Liz of Myrtle Creek; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Marjorie Elizabeth Brown, 85, of Cave Junction died Feb. 10, 2019 in Grants Pass. Marjorie was born April 10 in Wilderville, Ore. to Ed and Nila McKinnon. She attended school in Kerby, Ore. and graduated high school in Cave Junction. Marjorie married Dale Brown June 8, 1951 in Grants Pass. She was a bookkeeper and also a

manager for Shell Gas. Marjorie loved to crochet and knit and was known for her homemade pies and German chocolate cake. She also liked to play bingo.

Marjorie is survived by her daughter, Debi Springer (Jeff) from Montesano, Wash; daughter, Kathy Jimenez (Marty) of Santa Rosa, Calif.; grandson, Jeffrey Springer (Jolynn) from Aberdeen, Wash.; grandson, Chris Springer (Katrina) from Aberdeen, Wash.; granddaughter, Casey Bergman (Mike) from Turnwater, Wash.; grandson, Matt Jimenez from Santa Rosa, Calif.; great-granddaughters, Remi and Reid Springer from Aberdeen, Wash. and Hailey and Trinnity Bergman from Turnwater, Wash.; great-grandsons, Garrett, Grady and Shane Springer of Aberdeen, Wash.; sister-in-laws, Jean Beard and Donna McKinnon; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by grandson, Michael Jared Jimenez.

Marjorie will be buried in Laurel Cemetery and will have a Celebration

of Life at the I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River St. CJ May 25 from 1 – 4 p.m.

Dale William Brown, 91, of Cave Junction died Feb. 2, 2019 in Grants Pass. Dale was born Feb. 20, 1927 in Eureka, Calif. to Joel and Alina Brown (Sandberg). He attended school in Cave Junction and was in the Navy from January 1945 to July 1946. Dale married Marjorie McKinnon June 8, 1951 in Grants Pass. Dale was a logger and construction worker by trade and worked at Granite Construction until he retired. He enjoyed playing poker and bingo and liked to fish and hunt with his son-in-law Marty and grandsons. He was also a Mason for 50 years.

Dale is survived by her daughter, Debi Springer (Jeff) from Montesano, Wash; daughter, Kathy Jimenez (Marty) of Santa Rosa, Calif.; grandson, Jeffrey Springer (Jolynn) from Aberdeen, Wash.; grandson, Chris Springer (Katrina) from Aberdeen, Wash.; granddaughter,

Casey Bergman (Mike) from Turnwater, Wash.; grandson, Matt Jimenez from Santa Rosa, Calif.; great-granddaughters, Remi and Reid Springer from Aberdeen, Wash. and Hailey and Trinnity Bergman from Turnwater, Wash.; great-grandsons, Garrett, Grady and Shane Springer of Aberdeen, Wash.; sister-in-laws, Jean Beard and Donna McKinnon; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by grandson, Michael Jared Jimenez and his parents, Joel and Alina Brown.

Dale will be buried in Laurel Cemetery and will have a Celebration of Life at the I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River St. CJ May 25 from 1 – 4 p.m.

Ryan Phillip Borth, 34, of Cave Junction, died March 21, 2019 in Grants Pass. A memorial service will be at 11:30 am, April 13, 2019 at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

ILLINOIS VALLEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS WWW.SINCE1928HULL.COM 541-592-4110

Save the date

April 3

*IVHS varsity track meet 4 p.m. at North Valley High School leaves 1:45 p.m. return 9 p.m.

April 4

*IVHS varsity baseball 4:30 p.m. at Gold Beach High School Leave 12:30 p.m. return 10 p.m. *IVHS varsity softball 4:30 p.m. at Gold Beach High School Leave 12:30 p.m. return 10 p.m.

April 5

*IVHS varsity track 10 a.m. at Brookings Harbor High School leaave 7 a.m. return 9 p.m.

April 6

Once again Community Bible Church will be hosting a series of food preservation classes for parents and students. These will be taught by a Master Food Preserver who is certified to teach such classes. The first class will be April 6 at 1 p.m. The class will cover the fermentation process and dehydrating foods. Dehydrated foods are excellent snacks for children and great to take on summer activities. These classes are free to the public. Please contact Tracey Raggi at bizzylizzy51@gmail.com if you are interested and plan to come. All classes are hands on, so it is helpful to know for how many people to prepare. Children are welcome to accompany their parents.

April 12

Ham Bingo at the Illinois Valley Senior Center April 12 Doors open at 5 p.m games start At 6 p.m. 50 Cents 3 On Sheets Raffle Prizes. Pass the word. Tell your friends. We hope to see you at Glenn Morrison American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 Ham Bingo!

April 12-14

RiverStars Performing Arts celebrates 5 years with production of QUAKETOWN- is a post apocalyptic fable about teenage resilience in the face of adversity.

Performances are Friday, April 12, at 7:00 PM; Saturday, April 13 at 7:00 PM; and Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 PM, at the Lorna Byrne Cafe Theatre. Premiere seats can be purchased at Brown Paper Tickets (https://quaketown.brownpapertickets.com) for \$20 adults, \$12 youth and Group Discounts available. Walk up tickets are pay-what-you-can, starting 20 minutes before show time.

April 13

Portland Gay Men's Chorus is thrilled to return to Grants Pass to perform their Spring Concert April 13, 7 p.m. This concert is a fundraiser for Hearts with A Mission. Hearts with A Mission serves homeless and at-risk-youth by providing shelter, educational support, mentoring and transition planning with a faith-based approach. Our Audacity to Hope | Newman M.ethodist Church | Grants Pass, OR

April 20

Rough & Ready wildflower hike Saturday, April 20. 10 a.m. meet in the parking area at Rough & Ready Botanical Wayside south of Cave Junction on Hwy. 199 at mile marker 34. This is a great opportunity for folks to come out and enjoy the spring wildflowers no matter what your skill level on plant identifications might be.

This is a short hike on rocky, but relatively level ground, with lots of beautiful wildflowers to see, many of them are rare or of limited range. A portion of the hike will be along a wheel chair accessible path so folks of limited mobility can come out and enjoy the wildflowers too.Bring water, dress in layers

and wear comfortable shoes. Bring lunch if you like, there's a picnic table overlooking Rough & Ready Creek. For more information: Call Suzanne Vautier at 541-659-7407. Sponsored by: Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network (CEEN) the Southern Oregon Native Plant Society and KS Wild.

Ongoing

Cave Junction Homeless Alliance (CJHA) Meeting Sunday, 4-6 p.m., St. Patrick of the Forest, W. River St. St. Patrick Soup Kitchen Sunday is a new weekly soup and bread feed held in conjunction with CJHA meetings. The event is sponsored by Street Services, supported by a caring community, and serves those who are hungry. NOTE: If you are interested in providing a soup, bread, beverage, or volunteering for this weekly community service please contact: Jimmy Evans E-Mail: jevans@cjhomeless.org Phone: 541.592.2407 (Message) PM: Messenger

*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 call 541-734-5628 or visit the website at www.getSMARToregon.org.

*The Sheriff's Office Substation in Cave Junction is now open 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.

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