

## 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.)

### What are the city policies on landscape and public health?

I want to thank Mayor Martell for her wise decision to cease spraying pesticide on West River Street and Daisy Hill Road this

month. It is a great relief to my family and our alpaca farm not to be directly poisoned again by our local government.

Many questions remain about how Public Works will treat City Residents now and going forward, with respect to landscape poisons used in public places. Can the City Council embrace the 'Non-Toxic Rogue Valley' movement and commit to creating new jobs to manage our valuable public spaces? I promise that there is funding out there if the City will create the community team to ask for it.

I trust that 'Non-Toxic Illinois Valley' will be one of the issues to be considered by the new Parks and Recreation Commission. To the new Parks Commissioners, I hope that you'll welcome public contributions to your discourse. Please seek engagement with the many people who live in this valley who care, and who are qualified professionally to advise a Parks Commission on subjects in public landscape management, including non-toxic

"weed" management.

Going forward, our civic policies and City Ordinances need review, to reflect the recent scientific research linking landscape with public health. This is a large and fundable range of subjects that need public engagement. It turns out that kids with access to walking, bikes and parks are healthier than kids who don't. How ironic is it that our rural children are underserved in access to walking, bikes and parks?

Our community, the IV, is entering into a new era of public discourse. We need leadership from the City to engage public opinion about what matters to the residents, citizens, voters, renters, business owners and employees who all live, work and play here. Why not start a weekly poll at the City of Cave Junction website to begin to engage with public opinion? Why not ask people what they think and want? Folks at the IVCDO can help the City get started, since they surveyed public opinion

three times in the 20/20 Strategic Planning process.

Why not ask the city utility rate payers if they want to be sprayed again with poison? Or would the residents prefer to live in a 'Non-Toxic Cave Junction'?

Why not conduct regular surveys, in order to help to inform city policy and important decisions?

**Christine Perala Gardiner  
Cave Junction**

### Thank you!

A sincere thank you to everybody involved with the funeral for Thomas Pope. The cards, prayers, food and moral support were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
**Agnes Pope, Jim and Julie Pope,  
Lonnie and Sandra Box and their families**

## Obituaries

Former Cave Junction resident, **Janet Ellen Milner, 81**, of Coos Bay, died Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at her home. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

**Marlene Francis Peters, 82**, of Cave Junction died April 9, 2019.

Marlene was born in Newburyport, Mass. Oct. 15, 1936. She was a full-blooded Yankee, who grew up in a one room cabin on Lake Massabasic in Manchester, N.H. Her father was the lake master there. She graduated from Union High School in 1954. During her high school years Marlene was a competitive couple's freestyle roller skater. She won many competitions until a knee

injury in her 18th year. After surgery, 14 years later, she returned to skating as a professional teacher, coach and mentor. Marlene was married in 1955 and gave birth to her only child, Thomas in 1956. Soon after, she began her career as a professional secretary. In this capacity, she worked many places including the Apollo mission and F111 flight jet. She was also the head secretary for a Vermont Senator. In 1972 Marlene relocated to Searcy, Ark. with her second husband. Here and later in San Diego, Calif. they owned and operated several car lots. She also worked for years at the San Diego Zoo in charge of fundraising and gala event planning. After retiring in 2001 she moved to Cave Junction to be with her son and grandchildren.

During this time in Cave Junction she started a women's support group which still meets to this day.

In 2004 she headed for warmer weather moving to Brooksville, Fla. There she was an active member of the Red Hat Society until returning to Cave Junction in 2014. On March 10, 2019 Marlene celebrated 35 years sobriety. An accomplishment she was greatly proud of. She was an inspiration and mentor for many in this regard.

She loved her kitties, chocolate, dancing and Tony Bennett.

Marlene is survived by her son Thomas James Legay; three grandchildren, Arron Wissler-Legay, Ashly Wissler-Legay and Jasmine Box; and seven great-grandchildren. A celebration of Marlene's life will be held May 11 at noon. It will be at Forks Park Pavilion in Cave Junction.

**William T. Chirrick, 70**, a Cave Junction resident, died

April 10, 2019. Chapel of the Valley L. B. Hall Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

**Jeanine Marie Shelton VanderWoude, June 17, 1962 – April 3, 2019**

Jeanine Shelton died peacefully April 3, 2019. She is survived by a son Michael Wayne Hubbard and two sisters Sherry Patton and Charlene Miller. She was born in Mountain View, Calif. and moved to Southern Oregon in 1976. She would light up any room she walked in and her spark will be truly missed. Her service was held April 19, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Perl Funeral Home in Medford, Oregon.

On behalf of the family, they wish to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes and other expressions of kindness during their

time of loss.

Special Music played at her service: "Jealous of the Angels" by Donna Taggart and "Stairway To Heaven" by Led Zeppelin.



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## Save the date

### May 1

Healing Hearts and Hooves is starting their recycle drive again on May 1st! Collect your recyclable cans/bottles to help the HHH scholarship fund. Call or text 541-659-8604 to arrange pickup.

### May 4

**I.V. Children's Fair & Pet Parade**, Saturday, May 4 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Jubilee Park, free activities, resources, hot dogs, snacks, drinks, prizes, Pet Parade Registration 10 -11:15 a.m. Parade 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Win a free bike or Kindle.

### May 4 & 5

**\*Sasquatch Wine, Art & Golf Festival** May 4 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. May 5 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Music, art, wine vendors NEW LOCATION 1701 White School House Road, Cave Junction, Free entry, \$5 fee per car for parking

**\*Stomping Out Cancer in the I.V.**, Ponytail Donation 8" Min. (Must be clean & dry) 2 - 4 p.m. "Lisa from Reflections will be cutting" Fun & prizes for the kids at the Sasquatch Festival Booth #83

### May 11

**\*"Spring Wine Stroll"** Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. downtown Grants Pass Calling all wine lovers- Tickets are now on sale for the Annual Spring Wine Stroll. The Wine Stroll is hosted by the Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce. For over 20 years this special event has been held in beautiful Downtown Grants Pass. Participants stroll from location to location sampling amazing wine and delicious food. The Stroll is on May 11 2-6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 Pre-Sale and \$35 Day-Of. Tickets are available for purchase at Blind Georges, Frank N Stene's, the Chamber and online www.grantsspasschamber.org. Check in and glass pick up is 12 - 4 p.m. the day of the event in front of Blind Georges. Host locations and wineries will be released at a later date. Please note this is a 21 and over event and each participant must personally check

in with a valid ID. OLCC regulations also stipulate that children may not accompany adults attending this event.

### May 11

**\*The Illinois Valley Garden Club Plant Sale** will be held on May 11, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Western Plaza (True Value Hardware). For sale will be house plants, garden start plants and vegetables, outdoor plants and trees, a country store, bake sales with yummy goodies, Mothers Day gifts, cut flowers in vases, and other gift and garden items. 50% of all items sold are used to provide a scholarship, two if we earn enough money, to a graduating senior from Illinois Valley High School with experience and an interest in horticulture and gardening. Come early, they sell out of many plants early.

### May 18

Pregnancy Center of IV is holding it's Annual Spring FUNdraiser at the Senior Center in Cave Junction on Saturday, May 18th noon to 2:00 pm. Picnic lunch @ \$10 per person with Food, Silent Auction, Music, Fellowship, and more Food.

Come join us for some good ole fashioned Picnic Fun!!

### 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.

**\*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.

**\*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](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.

**ComParrot** by Bonnie J. Malcolm  
Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



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Solution: 1. Stripe on boy's shoe is missing. 2. Flower on cactus is missing. 3. Stripe on man's pants is missing. 4. Arm on cactus is missing. 5. Stripe on girl's shirt is missing. 6. Hat on girl is missing. 7. Hat on boy is missing. 8. Hat on girl is missing. 9. Hat on boy is missing. 10. Hat on girl is missing. 11. Hat on boy is missing. 12. Hat on girl is missing.

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