

Letters to the editor

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Reader says thank you!

I just want to thank those who supported and donated to I.V. Wellness Resources and Stomping out Cancer in the I.V. fundraiser May 4 and 5 Five women got their ponytails cut to donate to cancer patients including one from Borger, Texas. I also wanted to thank all the kids who en-

Obituaries

Natalie Mitchell, 80, a Cave Junction resident, passed away on May 03, 2019. Chapel of the Valley L. B. Hall is entrusted with the arrangements.

joyed playing with darts for the fundraiser. Look out for our next fundraiser!!!!

Thank You
**Susan Hatch
Cave Junction**

Reader response to reader

I am responding to the Letter to the Editor published in last week’s edition oon Wednesday May 8 by Laura Kupac. I want to first say that I am gratified to hear that the community garden did what it was meant to do: help people who really need it.

As the grant writer who secured the funds for the Il-linois Valley Safe House Alli-ance to fence, plow and equip the garden as well as install a pump, build a pump house and ask Clouser Drilling to donate the drilling of the well on IVSHA’s private property, I am distressed to hear ugly, incorrect rumors flying around the community and on Face-book in reaction to the IVSHA Board of Director’s decision to close the garden. I’m writing to add a little history to the discussion.

It’s been 10 years since the opening of the IVSHA garden. It was originally in-tended to provide women and children a safe place to gather, grow food and be in commu-nity with others who are in the same situation of dealing with domestic violence. We chose to offer it to the public as well and to the delight of everyone involved it took off. Through the years IVSHA has footed the bill for the electricity to run the pump, replace lost, stolen or vandalized tools and equipment, mediated disputes

amongst gardeners and kept the garden open. Earlier this year the Board of Director’s chose to close the garden, not to penalize anyone or deny them access to the therapeutic aspects of gardening and nutri-tional food, but because it was deemed untenable to keep it open due to increased vandal-ism.

I was deeply moved by Kupac’s plea for IVSHA to re-open the garden but that is not in the works. I would strongly urge her to throw her love, passion and need into the other two ongoing efforts to provide another community garden space: one at the food bank and the other at the Head Start property on River St. These ef-forts need volunteers to step up.

Thank you.
**Iris Chinook
Cave Junction**

Gratitude abound

Western Star #64 “Order of the Eastern Star” would like to thank the local community and businesses for their gener-ous donations toward “PAVE,” paws assisting veterans. These P.T.S.D. service dogs are spe-cifically trained to assist vet-erans who came back from the war with P.T.S.D., brain injuries and other disabilities. If you would like to make a donation, learn more about “PAVE” or the “Order of the Eastern Star” stop by the service center at 339 Redwood Highway. Thank you so much for supporting our veterans.

**Dianna Champie
Cave Junction**

Community Laby-rinth Project

Healthy U and The Illi-nois Valley Family Coalition are working together to cre-ate a Community Labyrinth in the space behind the Coalition Building.

A labyrinth is a path you can walk that is an ancient symbol relating to wholeness. The labyrinth is a metaphor for the journey to the center of your deepest self and back out into the world with a broad-ened understanding of who you are.

Please donate today. A collaboration between Healthy U and Illinois Valley Family Coalition
**Jen Searle
Cave Junction**

Choices

I am not sure where my country went. I am not sure how hatred and bigotry were allowed to grow as ma-lignant cancers in the minds and hearts of so many of our citizens. I read and watch the news stories of the destruc-tion of the Natural world and wonder, how could anyone in their right mind want to de-nude, degrade, demolish and kill the gifts which our planet unselfishly gives to us all? Fresh air, clean water, healthy soils, vibrant forests, life giv-ing oceans, We allow them all to be poisoned or destroyed in the name of progress? I will not point the finger at any one person, whether they are in the White House or CEO of a major corporation. This sick-ness of hate and intolerance of diversity have festered for generations of exploitation, devastation, annihilation and

narrow-mindedness. Its seeds were planted beneath the first boot prints on the shores of the East Coast, as colonists began their genocide against the Na-tive Americans and all of Na-ture.

We can stop this mad-ness. We can denounce the constant rhetoric of hatred and intolerance, of injustice and bigotry. All any of us have to do is stand tall and live the words, “Enough is enough.” We can stand and celebrate the diversity of all creatures of the natural world, of all races and cultures, of all the glorious gifts our Mother Earth blesses us with each day. Reciprocity promotes healing, and healing is, exactly, what is needed. Our choice.

**Len Greenwood
Selma**

What is a weed?

Why are weeds so threat-ening to our safety, especially when there is no fire hazard involved?

Did the City of Cave Junction not read the “Notice of Pending Liability” that I handed to each Councilor in the Council meeting on April 22nd and published in IVN on April 24?

Now “the City” officially knows for certain that glypho-sate is a chemical weapon that can CAUSE cancer and many other illnesses. Glyphosate spray and drift has been iden-tified by the world scientific community as the primary cause of the decline in bees, butterflies and indeed most insects, which are the base of food for birds, mammals and fish. The US Western Mon-arch population has crashed

by over 90% this year from al-ready low numbers, according to NRDC 2019.

My recent letter thanking Mayor Martell for not spraying W. River St was prematurely printed on April 24th, the day before Public Works sprayed W River St in front of Ever-green School ON A SCHOOL-DAY. On April 25th, each child and adult at Evergreen School and in my neighbor-hood was given a significant dose of glyphosate, paid for with our tax dollars.

How could Public Works, in the last two weeks, spray glyphosate inside Jubilee Park on the lawn where children and pets play beside the City’s only playground, at the site of the Farmers Market where hundreds of people gather weekly? How can the City justify spraying the sidewalks outside schools where every-one who walks there, passes through a volatile curtain of poison for completely-certain exposure to cancer-causing chemicals?

Perhaps someone could clarify for our city staff that they are all public employees, whose business is to serve the People of the City of Cave Junction (their Employers) who pay their salaries? What kind of Employee refuses to speak with an Employer when asked, refuses to meet to dis-cuss concerns, refuses to listen to clear direction about what is needed and does the exact opo-site of what their Employer asks them to do, intentionally poisoning the very people that Employee is hired to serve? How sustainable are these re-lationships?

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Save the date

May 18
Pregnancy Center of I.V. is holding its annual Spring FUNdraiser at the Senior Center in Cave Junction on Saturday, May 18 noon to 2 p.m. Picnic lunch @ \$10 per person with Food, Silent Auction, Music, Fellowship, and more Food. Come join us for some good ole fashioned Picnic Fun!!

***“Kerbyville Museum’s 60th birthday Bash”** Saturday, May 18 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.-Annual “Free Admission Day” - Dona-tions will be accepted.--cookies and punch (as long as they last!)- -Door prizes including several One Year Museum Memberships!- Tour the Historic 1880 Naucke House and its new “Laundry Room” complete with a 1913 Judd Electric Washing Machine!-See the new “Fred Berry Barb Wire Collection” inside the new Barb Wire Shop adjacent to the Barn & Blacksmith Shop -Do you have your family’s branding iron? If so, please bring it and we will “brand” a wood block with your brand to add to the outside of the Barb Wire Shop!-see the “Crystals and Fossils of the World” exhibit inside the main museum.

***Clothes Giveaway** –Free clean clothes -Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.at Takilma Bible Church, 10343 Takilma Rd.

May 22
***The Madrone Adventist Elementary School** will be sponsoring a Student Entrepre-neur Fair May 22 from 3 – 6 p.m. at the Old Umpqua Bank Parking Lot in Cave Junction. The Public is welcome; there will be food, fun and more! The students will be learning how to run a business and they have put a business plan together.

May 23
***Grants Pass writers** will share their work, writer’s life and craft at the Author’s Book Fair Thursday, May 23, 6-9 p.m. at the Grants Pass Museum of Art, 229 SW G Street in Grants Pass. This is a great opportunity to find out what local authors are writing about, for budding authors to learn about the process,

and for the reading public to find some good summer reads. From mysteries to memoirs, members of the Author’s Innovative Market-ing (AIM) group will discuss their genres, characters, and plots so readers know the back-story of every book on display. It will be hard to leave this event without an armload of books to take home and find out how they end. For more information go to aimforwrit-ers.com.

May 24 & 25
Eight Dollar Mountain Stewardship Weekend; What: Help repair damage and protect the botanical diversity in this rare serpentine landscape. Expect low/moderate intensity hiking, digging, lifting, sign instal-lation, photo assessment, GPS documentation and educational talks and hikes throughout the botanical area with local experts each day. Potluck and campout Friday night! When: 2 Day Event- Friday, May 24th & Saturday, 25th 9AM-3PM each day
Where: On Eight Dollar Mountain Rd, just outside Selma. We will meet where the Green Bridge crosses the Illinois River, at the parking lot on the other side on the right, at 9am. Who: KS Wild, US Forest Service, Illi-nois Valley Watershed Council, Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, Siskiyou Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon.
For more information contact Allee or any one of our team members on our office line at 541-488-5789 or cell at 541-218-68690 or allee@kswild.org. Kswild.org 541-488-5789 PO Box 102 Ashland, Or. 97520

June 8
***FESTIVAL ON THE ROGUE 2019**
Upper Rogue Regional Park 7660 Rogue River Drive Shady Cove, Oregon
The second annual Festival on the Rogue will be held next to the river from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 8. The family-friendly event fo-cuses on the Upper Rogue watershed’s natural wonders and recreational opportunities, as well as on ways to assure that they are passed

on to future generations.
The 2019 festival will include: a large aquarium holding adult salmon and steelhead; a 25-foot salmon storytelling tent (weather permitting); the Stream Table and Lamprey Board; visits from Smokey Bear; a variety of interesting exhibits; raffles for prizes includ-ing free same-day raft trips; artisans selling watershed, river, and nature-related arts, crafts, and photos; and other inexpensive activities and attractions for families, friends, and individuals.
Come on out and enjoy the fun! Visitor parking and admission to the festival will be free.
June 21, 22 & 23
*Hope Mountain Barter Faire
Lake Selmac, more info to come.

June 22
***Birds & Brews** at Deer Creek Center, 1241 Illinois River Rd. 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. Selma, Fundraiser for Siskiyou Field Institute. Live music beginning at 2 p.m. Fire Your Boss and Intuitive Compass. Also birding, hikes & mini-classes from 7 a..m. Food Vendors & ice cream, critters from Wildlife Images, local microbrews activities for kids, raffles & silent auction. Tickets \$20, includes a SFI glass, and 4 taster tokens - Under 18 free with paying adult. For more info call 541-597-8530 or visit thesfi.org/birdandbrews.

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 Method-ist 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 neighbor-hood watch, fire emergency preparedness pro-gram, 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. Wednes-day 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 danc-ing group meets at Wild River Pizza, 249 Red-wood 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
***The Sheriff’s Office Substation** in Cave Junction is now open Mondays, Tues-days, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 to 2. Vol-unteers 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 Ex-ams (Annuals/Problem Visits), Birth Control (All Methods Available), Pregnancy Testing, Pre-pregnancy counseling. 3rd Thursday of every month: STI testing/treatment, birth con-trol 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.

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