



Her life in the Valley of Riches

by Laura Mancuso, editor

Time flies by when you’re busy and I can’t believe that this month marks my three-year anniversary as editor of the *Illinois Valley News*.

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As a result, I want to thank my husband and publisher/owner Dan Mancuso for believing in me.

While I was sitting in an IVCDO 20/20 Vision & Strategic Plan workshop yesterday waiting to tell people about the action collaborative I am in called Senior Connections and explain the work I do for I.V. Wellness Resources, I found myself thinking about all the organizations and events in the Valley that Mancuso and I contribute to. My mind drifted back to the beginning when I first moved to the Valley in 2011 and didn’t know a soul her except for my husband. I started off doing the billing and the classified ad page and it seemed every month Mancuso would pass more my way because he saw my potential. I saw how devoted Mancuso was to his community by being on the I.V. Chamber of Commerce Board and donating money to sports teams and the Boys & Girls Club, just to name a few. It

gave me the inspiration to get more involved in the community and the next thing I know Lindsey Jones and Nicole Rensenbrink from Healthy U invited me into the nonprofit world. And here I sit seven years later a partner at the *Illinois Valley News* and involved in many I.V. organizations.

Many times I have had customers come into the office and ask for the editor. After I acknowledge that I am the editor, they are so surprised and say, “Aren’t editors usually men?” And then I smile and say, “Not this one.”

I have found that there are exceptional people in this Valley and I am grateful that I was invited to be a part of making it a better place. Thank you Dan Mancuso for being an inspiration and supporting me through every decision I have made in the Valley especially with the newspaper.

I hope you enjoy this week’s paper.

Announcing the 2nd annual Eight Dollar Mountain Stewardship Restoration Project

KS Wild is collaborating with the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest for a hands-on land stewardship restoration project in the Eight Dollar Mountain Botanical area.

DATE & TIME: Friday & Saturday, May 24 and 25, 2019. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. both days.

LOCATION: NF-4201, Selma, OR 97538, Park at the Green Bridge.

CONTACT: Allee Gustafson, Community Organizer - allee@kswild.org 541 218-8690.

Spend a weekend with KS Wild and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in the Eight

Dollar Mountain Botanical Area and participate in a land stewardship project to repair damage and protect the botanical diversity in this rare serpentine landscape.

Forest Service staff will give a short training each day on safety, the Motor Vehicle Use Map and the botanical significance of Eight Dollar Mountain. Tools will be provided but you are also welcome to bring your own. Please bring plenty of food, snacks, water (we will have water as well), durable work clothes, closed toed shoes, sunscreen and gloves. Don’t forget your bathing suit for a dip in the Wild and

Scenic Illinois River!

Illinois Valley Watershed Council will give a short presentation Friday afternoon on the Illinois River watershed and Native Plant Society of Oregon will lead a post lunch informational botany walk on Saturday through the project work area.

Expect low/moderate intensity hiking, clean up, digging, lifting, sign installation and meadow restoration.

This two-day project will take place at Eight Dollar Mountain Botanical area in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day. Camping for the

weekend is optional and we invite everyone to join us for dinner gathering where we’ll have a food truck awaiting us and hopefully a campfire Friday night. Please let us know if you would like to camp so that we can reserve enough space. All camping equipment and meals to be supplied by participants. Port-o-Potties and water will be available both during the day and in the evening.

We look forward to working alongside you to forward the responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices.

“All are welcome to join this upcoming weekend work party, it will be a great way to take action on your public lands and become a steward of the land,” said event organizer Allee Gustafson.

Event Hosts: KS Wild, the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, the Native Plant Society of Oregon, Illinois Valley Watershed Council and the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District.

Press is welcome to attend the Land Stewardship Workshop & Clean Up, please contact allee@kswild.org in advance.

Obituaries

Former Illinois Valley resident **Paul Loncosky, 86**, of McMinnville, Oregon, died August 25, 2018.

Nathan was born June 19, 1932, in Kersey, Pa., to parents Albert Loncosky and Ruth (Fischer) Loncosky.

He served in the U.S. Army. On July 18, 1959, he married Esther (Thornton) Loncosky. They were married for 59 years.

Nathan was a teacher for 18 years in the Illinois Valley. He then became a Realtor for 28 years.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Loncosky, three children and

their spouses; daughter Sharon and Neal Breazeale, daughter Celia and Craig Breazeale, son Clifford and Rebecca Loncosky; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Nathan was preceded in death by his baby daughter, parents, two brothers and one sister.

A graveside service will be held at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction May 25, 2019, 2 p.m. Immediately following is a time of fellowship at the Community Bible Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Community Christian Academy in Cave Junction.

Barbara (Bobbie) Hoving, AKA “The Honey Lady,” who lived in Cave Junction died unexpectedly May 8, 2019. She enjoyed working at the farmers’ markets and craft fairs in Cave Junction. Her hobbies were honey and soap making and sewing. Bobbie moved to Cave Junction from Douglas, Wyoming in 2013 along with her husband, Bob. Together they enjoyed bee keeping, yard sales, planting trees and flowers. She loved spending time with her family talking about bees and plants plus other things. Bobbie was a great mother and grandmother and

an outstanding wife to Bob Hoving for 56 years. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, Bob Hoving of Cave Junction, her daughters Heidi Neuharth and Brit Lawrence both of Douglas, Wyoming. Her parents are Helen and Owen Duzenberry and her sisters are Margorie, Shirlee, Linda and Kay. She has eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Jody Hoving, her mother Helen Duzenberry and sisters Shirlee Simmons, Linda Malcolm and Marjorie Doyle.

Rudolf Schmidbauer, 91, of Selma, died May 17, 2019 at his home. Arrangements are pending with Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

Gayle Rita Roux, 84, of Grants Pass, died May 17, 2019 at Regency Care Rogue Valley. Arrangements are pending with Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

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Save the date

June 1
CJ Clean Up Day, Saturday June 1, 8:45 a.m. - 11 a.m., Meet at the I.V. Family Resource Center, 535 E. River St. Organized by the Rotary Club of the Illinois Valley. Provided: Trachbags and gloves and a limited number of trash grabbers and relective vests available. For more info contact Nicole at 541-660-2419. Supported by Southern Oregon Sanitation, the Illinois Valley FamilyCoalition and Healthy U. You can also help pull weeds for **Let’s Pull Together!** June 1 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Forks State Park where you can receive free T-shirts, snacks, and prizes. Pull and clear noxious weeds from our parks and along our rivers. Bring work gloves if you have them. Register at [rogueweeds.info](#).

May 22
***The Madrone Adventist Elementary School** will be sponsoring a Student Entrepreneur 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 Marketing (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 [aimforwriters.com](#).

June 8
Earth Works! A graden fun and eco-friendly play permaculture for kids Saturday, June 8. Four Saturdays, Just for kids, 9 a.m. - noon, ages 6 - 12. Register now, space is limited. Children’s permaculture introduction featuring hugelkultur garden, living soil fun, growing food and the interactive connectedness of all nature. \$20 per class/per child or \$75 for the series, [info@ruskranchnaturecenter.org](#), 541-287-0172.

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 focuses 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 including 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 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
***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.
***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..](#)
***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.

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