

Letters to the editor

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Thank you! Thank you Dr. Nordal and Melissa for putting up with me for 38 years. I, too, am moving on! We wish you great fishing and traveling. My family and I will miss you greatly. Love forever, Christina Singh Henning Grants Pass

Dear Editor: Considering all the sad news in today's paper, May, 27 issue. I want to offer congratulations and thank you for the sweet picture of your new grand girl on page A10. She brought a smile to my face. Mara Lambert O'Brien

"Criminal Intent and Breaking the Law" I am writing this letter as a private and lawful citizen of the Illinois Valley, a place that I really love. For over 30 years. I have gotten to know many fine and hard working people through various civic groups or community events as a law abiding citizen. I feel honored to call so many people here my friends and neighbors. I have also fulfilled my civic responsibility by serving as both a juror and a witness in two criminal trials in my 30 years as a resident of Josephine County. While I'm neither a trained nor licensed lawyer, I do believe as a rational person with 74 years of life experience, I

have some knowledge of what constitutes both a legal and illegal action and their consequences as a rational person. Legal Intent: Under Oregon, and all other States, Legal Statutes, legal intent is described as actions a rational and responsible adult, age 18 or older, takes. For example, if I decide to drink and then get into my car and drive, and cause an accident that kills or injures another driver or innocent person, that is legal intent. I made the legal decision (intent), even though my thought process was flawed by alcohol, to get into my car, turn on the ignition and drive while drunk or

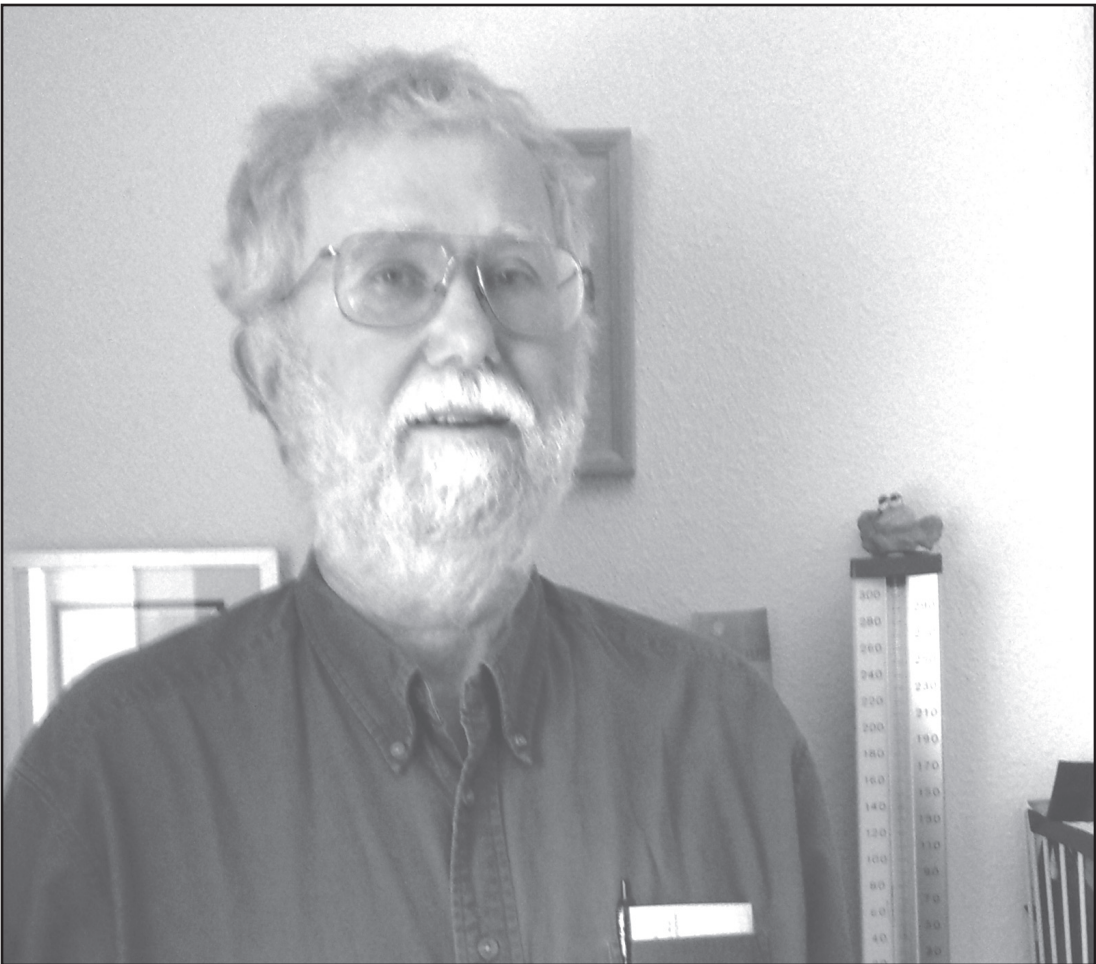
intoxicated by drugs. By my actions, as a RATIONAL and RESPONSIBLE adult, I am guilty of legally intending, and directly causing, the willful death or injury of another person. Criminal Intent: Again, by my actions as a drunk driver, by making the decision to drive my car, while intoxicated, down the road and I end up killing an innocent driver or other persons, under Oregon Legal Statutes, that is criminal intent. My intent was criminal. I'm Guilty! So, it was with a heavy heart that I read in the Illinois Valley News a few weeks ago that someone, whom I consider a friend, had knowingly vandalized (spray

painted) a new City of Cave Junction truck. I also read the 3-4 column Letter to the Editor in last weeks I.V .News, by this same friend about how the chemical companies are really to blame for her actions and that spray painting (vandalizing) the city vehicle, while illegal in most minds of rational people, was justified! I will leave it up to a Court of Law to determine the fate of my friend. I hope that they can accept full responsibility for their illegal actions. It is what a Rational and Responsible adult would do. Dennis H. Strayer Cave Junction

Obituaries

Ted Allen Evans, 57, of Cave Junction, died May 25, 2020 at his home. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Happy Retirement!



Dr. James Nordal retired effective June 1. We wish him all the best in his life's next adventure.

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Kerby Water District will be held on June 17, 2020 at 5:00 ☒ a.m. at Kerby Belt Building, 24353 RWH, Kerby OR 97531 (Location), Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the

fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as approved by the Kerby Water District (Municipal corporation) Budget Committee. A summary of

the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at KWD 384 School St. Kerby OR 97531 (Street address)

between the hours of 9 a.m., and 3 p.m., or online at _____ This

budget is for an ☒ annual; ☐ biennial budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is: ☒ the same as; ☐

different than the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are:

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY—RESOURCES

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amounts 2018-2019	Adopted Budget This Year: 2019-2020	Approved Budget Next Year: 2020-2021
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	125,000.00	135,000.00	170,000.00
2. Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges			
3. Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations			
4. Revenue from Bonds & Other Debt			
5. Interfund Transfers/Internal Service Reimbursements			
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	104,000.00	95,400.00	98,400.00
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
8. Total Resources—add lines 1 through 7	254,000.00	255,400.00	293,400.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

9. Personnel Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
10. Materials and Services	85,400.00	95,400.00	98,400.00
11. Capital Outlay			
12. Debt Service	31,300.00	31,300.00	31,300.00
13. Interfund Transfers			
14. Contingencies			
15. Special Payments			
16. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure			
17. Total Requirements—add lines 9 through 16	116,700.00	126,700.00	129,700.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM*

Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for Unit or Program		
Name N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00
FTE	0	0	0

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit Per \$1000)			
Local Option Levy			
Levy for General Obligation Bonds	25000.00	25000.00	25000.00

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

	Long Term Debt	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, but not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds		400,000.00	
Other Bonds			

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Save the date

June 15 - Aug. 14 Summer Feeding site for 2020 Meals are available FREE for children 1-18. (closed July 3) Breakfast and Lunch from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Monday - Friday, Evergreen Elementary School, 520 W. River St., Cave Junction. (Weekend meals will be handed out with Friday's meals.)

June 17 CEEN has scheduled the Helicopter Survey for Alyssum for June 17. We will be searching in areas where Alyssum has been found or suspected, and following Rough & Ready Creek and the Illinois River. The survey is scheduled when Alyssum will be in peak bloom so it can be seen from the air. Alyssum murale and Alyssum corsicum were planted in the Illinois Valley by Viridian, a company from Texas, in a failed experiment to pull nickle out of the soil. Plants escaped the fields and is now listed as a A rated weed in Oregon. Alyssum is toxic to wildlife and livestock due to the accumulation of heavy metals. The survey is funded by a grant from the Oregon State Weed Board.

JOE's Place Cave Junction is Open! We are so excited to announce that JOE's Place Ministries is opening up for food service, personal activities and socializing. NEW LOCATION: On Tuesday May 19, 2020 we will be at our new location behind River Valley Restaurant on Hwy 199 at East River St from 3:00 - 5:00 PM for youth ages 12 - 20 years old. We cannot use the school district property until they reopen. The youth will definitely see a change in how we offer our services. We will be practicing social distancing, sanitizing of tables, chairs and equipment. We will also limit the number of youth to 25 per state guidelines. All staff members with be giving out food and snacks on an individual basis. I pray that our youth return for a hot meal and fellowship. Any questions, please email me at roger@joesplaceministries.org.

Ongoing *The Food Bank at Doug Hoskins' Re-

source Center/ Assembly of God Church is still open at 481 S. Junction Ave. in Cave Junction Mondays from 2-4 p.m. The new procedure is to line up in your car and a box will be brought out to you. (Directions are available on site.) If you are vegetarian or other special needs a specific box will be brought out to you in your car. *The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance after-hours Crisis Line which can be reached at 541-415-9367. The new local crisis line will be answered any hours the Safe House is closed. The line will be answered by an advocate who will be able to respond locally, also recognizing the barriers that may come up due to our rural location. For more information contact the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance 541-592-2515. *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. *AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Service Suspended Until Further Notice As coronavirus (COVID-19) developments change hour by hour, AARP Foundation is doing its part to flatten the curve of transmission. A top priority for us is ensuring we are protecting those most at risk., including our volunteers and taxpayers. Therefore, we are suspending AARP Foundation Tax-Aide services beginning March 16 until further notice. We will continue to assess whether we can open again in some or all sites for the remainder of the tax season and if the tax season is extended. Josephine County Tax-Aide will attempt to re-open as soon as we are allowed by the AARP Foundation. Please check our website for updates: JOCO-FREETAXES.COM.

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