

From the mayor’s desk: by Meadow Martell



Saturday, June 20 marked the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year, the beginning of the season of summer. In some cultures, Summer Solstice symbolizes prosperity, extravagance, and

good spirits. I would like to believe that we will again find those values as we continue moving forward in these difficult times. If you have seen the statistics for Oregon and the U.S., we are nowhere out of the COVID woods yet.

Sunday, June 21, Father’s Day, another time of celebration, we honored fathers and celebrated fatherhood. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is not the only thing that is making life difficult. We are experiencing a time in our country when we are having to face some hard truths about who we are.

It is my deepest hope that someday, together, we will honor all fathers of every color and hue.

Last week the City of Cave Junction Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting to review State Phase Two Reopening Guidance for Outdoor Recreation. Their recommendation, that will be brought before City Council Monday, June 22, is to open Jubilee Park. What will that mean?

- No group gatherings (10 or fewer people that arrived at the site together) in parking lots for periods longer

than reasonable to retrieve/return gear and enter/exit vehicles.

- Maintain at least 6 feet between parties (group of 10 or fewer people that arrived together).
- Maintain physical distancing (at least 6 feet) between people from different households at outdoor playgrounds, on trails and around the park.
- Encouraging hand washing in and around the playground.
- The restroom facilities will be open and there will be an extra hand washing station.

- Please bring your own hand sanitizer.

It is important everyone understands that we all share the responsibility of keeping our city park a safe and happy place to be. If it becomes obvious that park users cannot follow the guidelines or the level of disrespect becomes significant, the city council may have to consider other options.

On a lighter note, the city of Cave Junction has a small amount of State Shared Revenue Funds that will be available for licensed downtown businesses or non-

profits within the city limits to use for COVID related expenses. Watch for the notice in the *I.V. News* on July 1. The process will be a simple and quick turnaround.

Enjoy the good weather. Get outside. Play in your garden or just admire how everything is growing. Value and enjoy each moment you have with your family and friends. Sometimes you will never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory.

Evergreen Elementary March Students of the Month

*Karmyn Stewart,
Jessie Villanueva,
Natalie McClanahan,
Alana Williams,
Sierra Jones,
Tayhler Pratt,
Ella Barnes,
Paisley Pierson,
Skyline Deckert,
Airedale Earley,
Paiton Patterson,
Samantha Franklin
and
Eden Ronoco*

Obituaries

James J. Lombardo, 82, died Saturday, June 13, in Grants Pass. James was born, October 16, 1937, in Erie, Pa., to James D. and Florence Lombardo. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; son, Vince (Karyn); grandson, Kyle; granddaughter, Taylor Lombardo, all of Burbank, Calif.; sister, Kathleen (Howard) Jett, of Illinois Valley. He was preceded in death by both of his parents. James started his first pet shop in Los Angeles at the age of 18, and the next, bigger pet shop in Inglewood, Calif. He retired to the Illinois Valley in the early 1970s, remarried in 1985, and gradually created a wildlife habitat forest. Arrangements by Hull & Hull Funeral Directors.

Shirley Ann Reid, 78, left this world June 16, 2020. Many Illinois Valley residents will remember Shirley from all the years she worked at Shop Smart from 1982 to 2015. She is survived by her husband Bill Reid; three children, Allen Reid, Karen Giovenco and Steven Reid; plus six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. No services are planned.



Bill (left) and Shirley Ann Reid

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Save the date

June 25
BLOOD DRIVE Illinois Valley Community. Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River St. Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. To schedule you appointment or for more information, contact American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

June 25
FREE FOOD BOXES FOR SENIORS. Are you or someone in your household over 60 years old? The Rogue Valley Council of Governments Senior And Disability Services is distributing free food boxes! This venue is planned for Thursday, June 25 from noon - 2 p.m. at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition (IVFC), 535 River Street in Cave Junction.

Please call 541-618-7572 to reserve your box and pick-up time.

****Notice of Cancellation: AARP TAX SERVICES** at I.V. Family Coalition (IVFC) has opted to cancel the season entirely due to COVID-19. So there will be no taxes done this year by AARP at the IVFC.

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 - 5 p.m. 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’ Resource 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 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.

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