



Life in the Valley of Riches

by Dan Mancuso,
publisher

When it comes to COVID-19, I am not afraid. However, I am concerned. There is a big difference in my opinion between being blind and running scared. The

governor came out Monday and put the whole state on mandatory masking. I don't like wearing my mask any more than the next guy. I also hate wearing a seat belt, but

I was forced to do that too, because they work. So, just put on the mask, please.

Like many of you I have become complacent as our cases are low. But it's summer and we have people traveling through that are not from here. Laura and I just had four people visit us from Seattle because they were passing through. Did they have it? I don't know. Did I hug them? Yes, as I am a handshaker and a hugger, and now I am concerned.

My daughter and son-in-law are supposed to visit this week with my first grandchild

and I am concerned for them. At this point in time, she still may cancel her trip and then I will have no idea when I will meet Miss Grace. At the rate she has grown in her first two months, I fear she will be a teenager before I meet her.

Josephine and Jackson counties held a news conference June 29 and said that most of the new cases stemmed from "two parties." Most of the new cases are in the younger ranks. When I asked how long an asymptomatic person can spread the virus, the answer was "as long as they have

the virus." They really have no idea because the virus is different for everyone. I followed up by asking what the typical time for people who have tested positive to be cleared is. The answer was there is no typical. They have no idea because this virus is so new. Currently, the health authorities still haven't even reached everyone who attended the two parties. How many others who came from out of state or out of county now have it and are spreading it to others while having no idea they have it? Just put on the mask, please.

The Illinois Valley News business hours will be erratic if my family comes and we will be closed for sure July 3. Starting July 1, we will not allow any access into our office unless you have a mask. I will ask you to use hand sanitizer before you touch anything. If we don't start taking this seriously we will be back on lockdown and speaking for myself, I don't want to go back to that. Just put on the mask, please.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper, enjoy!
~ djm

Letters to the editor

Illinois Valley News welcomes letters to the editor. Please e-mail them to dan@illinois-valley-news.com

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Criminal Injustice

I feel the top criminal injustice if Josephine County is committed by the timber industry and all the people in the agencies responsible for the protection of our water supply and our farm lands.

What's the difference between a meth cook and the timber industry?

Meth cook, openly admits that he's killing his community for a profit. Their customers know that they are killing themselves and their families, just for a high.

The timber industry pays for commercials to brainwash the public them. That they honor and uphold the strict laws of protection for our watersheds and water supply. (Not true!) That they plant two trees for everyone they cut. (I don't see this happening!)

The last 40 years has been nothing but the Desertification

of the United States, courtesy of blind greed and intentional ignorance, by us all!

They have even been spraying tons of Poison in the headwaters of all our river systems and killing the Pacific Ocean fisheries system of the Pacific Northwest.

Seven major rivers dead, is that upholding the laws?

The five Mandates that BLM, bureau of land management, are responsible to enforce for the survival of our country's ability to feed ourselves, are:

Maintain permanent for-

estry production, (hard to do when the forest is gone), protect the watersheds, protect the water supply, (impossible without the forests), maintain economic stability for communities that depends on the forests for their livelihoods and maintain open access to the public for recreational use.

All of which they have failed to do. Along with Oregon Dept of Forestry, Agriculture and the 14 agencies in this state that are tasked with the protection of our watersheds, water supply and our ability to grow our crops.

Committing suicide for a paycheck? I thought we were more intelligent than that. Doing nothing to end all forests from being destroyed, will definitely guarantee that we will lose everything.

No water, no beer, no crops, no shower, no toilet water to flush your line of BS down the drain.

Once the aquifers collapse they cease to exist. No forests to recharge them. No water, no life.

Nina Horsley
Cave Junction

Public Notice

State shared revenue distribution process

Taking into consideration the difficult and unusual times our community is currently working in, the City of Cave Junction's Budget Committee has suggested extending the standard time to receive testimony for use of State Revenue Sharing (SRS) funds. The City of Cave Junction wishes to provide support to its community by sharing the SRS and has developed a plan to distribute funds equally and fairly among organizations that have been affected by COVID-19. A process has been designed and the public now has an opportunity to request SRS funds until July 17, 2020. The City will be accepting written

testimony from non-profits and local business owners within the city limits of Cave Junction. Actual amounts distributed will be determined by your elected City Council members but will not exceed \$1,000.

When can I ask for assistance from the city's SRS?

Written requests will be accepted by the city anytime until July 17, 2020 at 4:00pm.

Who can request assistance?

Non-profit organizations or businesses with a business address within the city limits of Cave Junction.

How do I submit my request?

All written requests must

be delivered to the city no later than July 17, 2020 at 4:00pm. Emailed or faxed requests will not be accepted. City hall is currently open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you need to submit your request on Thursday or Friday, call (541) 592-2156 and a staff person will meet you outside City Hall to collect your written submission.

Who will be making the decision about how much will be awarded?

The city's elected City Council and Mayor will convene on July 22, 2020 to review the written requests and make decisions about the distribution of the SRS. This meeting will

be conducted at City Hall. The public is invited to view the meeting, but Council will not be opening the meeting for public input or comment.

What do I need to say in my written request?

Entities making requests for SRS should provide written testimony/requests to the Cave Junction that includes the following:

- Proof that you are a licensed non-profit or licensed business who is operating within the city limits of Cave Junction;
- Ask how much funding you wish to receive up to a maximum of \$1,000.00;
- Tell the council how

you intend to use the funds and demonstrate that this use will happen within the next 3 calendar months or before 10/31/2020;

- All requests must be signed by the business owner or authorized signer for the licensed non-profit organization; and
- Provide a mailing address and contact information.

When will the funds be disbursed?

Council will meet on July 27, 2020 at its regularly scheduled council meeting and pass a Resolution stating all distribution of SRS. Checks will be mailed out no later than July 31, 2020.



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Save the date

Oct. 9

The 5th annual Upcycle Art & Furniture Contest: Time to get busy. Judging for the 5th annual Upcycle Art & Furniture Contest is Oct. 9 at 3:30 p.m. at the Farmers' Market. Remember - use junk - make something really cool; furniture must be sturdy. Judging and awards will be given at 5 p.m. You can sell your piece if you would like. Judging will be on creativity. You could win \$500 for 1st place, \$300 for second or \$200 for third.

**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.

*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.

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