

From the mayor’s desk: by Meadow Martell



This week has been a difficult time for me- filled with a mix of high and low emotions. This past weekend, America celebrated 4th of July, the day commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

A lot of changes have happened in this country in the last 244 years. We have grown from 13 colonies to a country with 50 states and two jurisdictions - Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico. As a nation, though, we still have a lot to learn about caring, inclusion, respect, and appreciation for everyone- regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex.

I hope your holiday weekend was fun and safe. I was grateful for the opportunity to spend some time with dear friends from Eugene who camped nearby. It was a small group and all our visiting time was spent outdoors. I was com-

fortable socializing because I knew everyone practiced and respected individual responsibility and safety. My time with them reminded me how much I have missed simple interactions and conversations during these times of isolation.

That was the high point of my week. The low point of the week for me has been observing the rapid surge of positive COVID-19 infections since moving into Phase 2. Oregon, as of July 5, had 10,230 positive cases. Josephine County has more than double in the last three weeks to a total of 55 cases. And it looks like these numbers are not slowing down. It is even worse in some other states that are reaching record high numbers and their hospital systems are being overwhelmed. How has this great nation reached such a low point in controlling

COVID-19?

You have heard it before: frequent hand-washing; practice physical distancing- six feet between you and people who you do not live with; wear a face covering in public; cover coughs and sneezes; stay close to home and especially stay home if you are sick; and please respond if you get a phone call from a contact tracer. Even if you think you are young, invulnerable and won’t get very sick, please do this. If you do not want to do this for you, than do it to protect your friends, neighbors, family, your parents, grandparents and people you know who have underlying medical conditions.

Come on Oregonians. We are sliding backwards and not moving forward at this point. Let us get this together and beat this bug. We can do better!

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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(Editor’s Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact are strictly those of the letter writers.)

Gag Writers
Continued from previous experiences with Round Up on the roads of our Valley, or how to stop the military industrial complex and robots from poisoning us all.

Why don’t they at least put up signs to the effect that extreme poison has been doused

upon this Earth? Signs, so we can keep our pets and children in the house for 4 days. They must post and publish maps to warn us what days they will be poisoning us in advance so we are ready; allow us to prepare before you poison us. Tell us the antidote. The buds can’t read and the raccoons are out

all night so they get poisoned. Check out River St. to see the no spray zones, nice small native plants reasonable Earth grown under human care. Then leaving the no spray zone you notice nothing is growing there. It is not necessary to do that to the Earth. You create a place where nothing will grow

after they spray. The poison is dangerous for 4 days on the ground in the open

Just say “Hey, no way, no spray!”

Shalom,
Mrs. Peno
Cave Junction

Obituaries

Kenneth Anthony Timmons, 70, of Kerby, died June 26, 2020 at his home.

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Jonathan O. Rolfe, 68, of O’Brien, died June 29, 2020 at Royale Gardens.

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Jimmy (Jim) Hampton Rogers, 76, died June 10, 2020 following a shockingly brief bout with cancer. He was born June 28, 1938 in Amarillo, Texas to Albert

Rogers and Perna White Rogers. His parents divorced while he was still a baby and his mother took him to Calif. and then on to Oregon, where she met and married Eugene W. Robinson and settled in Holland, Ore. Jimmy was joined by little sister Jeanna Sue in 1947 and lived in the Illinois Valley all of his child and young adulthood. Growing up in Cave Junction he was the guy to beat at arm wrestling and was not bad a billiards (pool) either! While not getting into any serious trouble, he never-the-less had a reputation of being a pretty tough guy that not many wanted to mess with. His little sister, Sue, benefited from

this and had very few problems with boys in her growing up years! He and his best friends, Alfred Kamps, Steve Lemon, Mike Kennedy, Frank Blair and Bob Bruner shared many experiences and memories. He married Elizabeth Weyhe and had three children, Denelle, Steven and Jeanna. They later divorced and he married Sharon Lima and so her 5-year-old son, Quincy also joined the family. Jim worked in the woods and drove logging trucks for several years, moved to Washington where he drove for a dairy for a number of years, moved to Laurel, Montana and drove logging trucks again and eventually

moved back “home” to Oregon, settling in Grants Pass, where he again drove logging trucks until he retired in 2006. He loved to hunt and fish as a young adult and gradually shifted to fishing and shooting sporting clays. Though he was right-handed, he shot left-handed and entered and won or placed in numerous tournaments over the years. Jim, an avid story and joke teller, had a way of keeping you engaged and laughing, even if you had heard it before! He had accepted Jesus as his Savior as a young person, but wandered away from his faith, returning and renewing his commitment to the Lord only weeks before his death

and was so happy and thrilled with his renewed relationship. He leaves behind his wife, Sharon; sons Steven (Becky) and Quincy (Heather); daughters, Denelle Julian (Jeff) and Jeanna Senif (Scott); 11 grandchildren and great-grandchildren and his sister, Jeanna Sue Hurtgen of Cave Junction. There will be a private memorial potluck-picnic later this summer at Lake Selmac, one of his favorite fishing spots. Jimmy, it’s great to know that you are home safe with our Savior, but there will be a little less laughter in this world and you will be so greatly missed.

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Save the date

Oct. 9

The 5th annual Upcycle Art & Furniture Cotnest: Time to get busy. Judging for the 5th annual Upcycle Art & Furniture Cpontest 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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