



Our life in the Valley of Riches

by your community members, Dan & Laura Mancuso

He said:
In 2008, Cynthia Lummis ran and won the only United States Congressional seat in Wyoming. As a Republican in Wyoming, the victory was pretty much a given. Lummis was so confident of her victory that she spent a whopping total of \$480 in newspaper

advertising.
What Lummis did was create a letter-writing campaign, whereby her name was plastered in all 38 papers that were in operation at the time in the state of Wyoming. You couldn't open a paper without viewing multiple letters of endorsement for Lummis.

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So she spent \$480 to get a job that pays \$174,000. Wow! That was quite an impressive return on investment.
It was at that point in time that I decided to never knowingly participate in such a swindle again. I have never published a letter of candidate endorsement again, until now.
I still feel strongly about not being used for the benefit of a political candidate, but I am no longer the sole decision maker at the Illinois Valley News. Laura has a different view on this topic and she is going to give her side on it.
While I have many reservations about this decision, I have decided to give it a try. (She is my partner and editor of this

paper – happy wife, happy life.) Hopefully residents and candidates also realize that if they do not advertise in their local newspaper, there will not be a newspaper to run letters to the editor in.
Thank you for picking up this week's paper. Enjoy!
~djm
She said:
Over the past nine years that I have been at the Illinois Valley News we have not accepted letters to the editors about local politicians during election season. But during this political season, it will be different. In light of the contentious local, state and national political views, and to further support freedom of speech in a constructive

manner, as co-publisher and editor, I have decided (with Dan's agreement of course) to allow local political letters to the editor.
What I mean by "a constructive manner" is that all letters must be factual without being scurrilous in nature. I have grown weary of the name-calling, pot-stirring, cruel nature of social media. I would like people with opposing points of views to go back to more of a civilized manner of debating ideas and communicating opinions. And what is a better way of doing that, than allowing your local newspaper editors to hold you accountable?
Your letters of opinion are most welcome. To be honest, letters are my favorite

part of the Illinois Valley News. So, if you have a political opinion or anything else you would like to share about our community, please feel free to email me at laura@illinois-valley-news.com Monday by noon. Letters will be printed on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline for political letters is Monday, Oct. 19 because of the voting date of Nov. 3. (If a political letter ws to printed in the Oct. 28 edition, there would not be ample time for an opposing response – fair is fair.) Please try to keep your letters to 200- 400 words.
Thanks for picking up this week's issue and I look forward to hearing from you.
~ lmm

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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'Illinois Valley News' encourages letters to the editor provided they are legible and not libelous or scurrilous. All letters must be signed, including name, address and telephone number. The latter need not be published, but will be used to verify authenticity. The "News" reserves the right to edit letters. Letters are used at the discretion of the publisher.

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

Reader says don't fall for profiteers slate of candidates
Voters in Cave Junction should know that three of the candidates running for office are doing so at the behest of a disgruntled developer. Chris Hall, Jason Gill, and Joel Dierkas are running for the benefit of David Garcia

who has blamed the City for his inability to build a single house in over 2.5 years. There are homes being constructed every day in Cave Junction.
This same developer was a guest speaker at a broadcast Zoom meeting hosted by Jerry Allen on July 13. During the interview the developer made inappropriate and inaccurate comments regarding the City and County. He clearly stated that he intended to take over the city by putting people on the council that would see things his way.
Chris Hall's campaign has been provided financial support from the developer and has even used his attorney to file a lawsuit against the City Elections Officer for not being able to certify his unqualified candidate application. Although the sworn Elections Officer was not authorized to go outside legal parameters, the City's legal counsel advised accepting a document other than standard protocol and

Mr. Hall was subsequently certified as a candidate. He went on to sue for his attorney's fee but that attempt was dismissed.
These three candidates are not running for City Council because they want to represent the citizens of Cave Junction and their best interests but instead represent a developer whose sole purpose is for monetary gain. Before the election they are already deceiving the public.
Revenge is really not a valid motivation to run for public office. It is not healthy for the City.
Please vote responsibly for your City Council. Vote for candidates that want to do something positive for the people. Vote for candidates that have integrity.

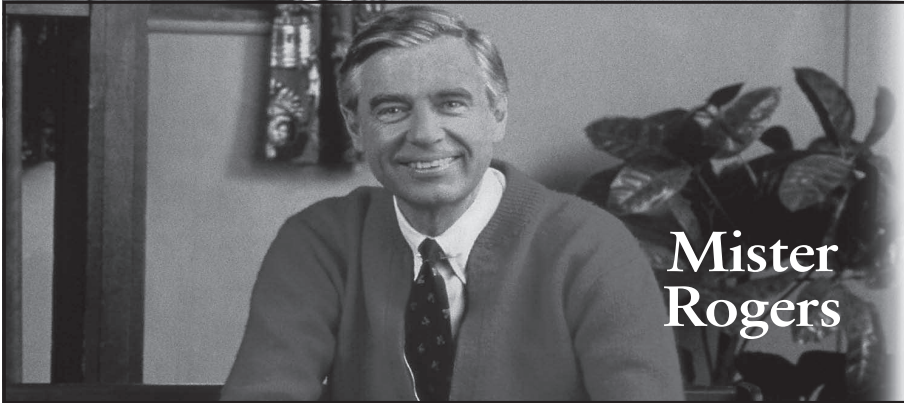
Mark Dillinger Cave Junction
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**Reader says Allen makes for better laws**

Jerry Allen has been reading to children at our Cave Junction library for several years and this well-rounded man will provide the Oregon State senate a treasure of thoughtful insight and deserves our vote.  
He received an undergraduate degree from U.C. Berkeley, a graduate degree from U.C. Berkeley School of Public Health, and his professional experience includes retired hospital executive, clinic founder, social work supervisor, organic farmer, and elected pension trustee.  
He received certification as a California Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Public Health Educator, and Oregon Licensed Emergency Medical Responder.  
For better law making, vote Jerry Allen for Oregon State Senate District 2.  
**Sue Lily Illinois Valley**  
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Reader agrees, we need bridges over bombs
Kudo's to Kate Dwyer, for her social honesty and political bravery. She said that mayoral candidate Chris Hall is a bomb thrower who could damage our town, and having closely associated with volunteers for many years, I know that this is true. Ms. Dwyer is a thoughtful and compassionate leader, so I also know she did not make that charge lightly.
Our city is small and we have many challenges, which means we rely on our numerous caring volunteers and the grants they apply for from both private entities and state agencies. Successfully securing these grants helps us to improve our city, our parks, adds art programs to our schools, protects our water supplies and improves our public safety.
It is always best to present a united front to these granting authorities to secure these critical

funds, but more than once now, a disgruntled Hall has contacted the highest levels of grantor's boards and commissions to complain about other volunteer grant writers in the Illinois Valley because they had differing visions. Instead of working issues out at the local level, he took his complaints up high, and jeopardized our ability to secure these key funding opportunities.
This is why I will vote to keep Mayor Meadow Martell in office! Like Kate Dwyer said, our current Mayor really is a bridge builder with a solid vision for productive growth in the valley who works well with others. As we go forward into an uncertain future, this is a critical trait, to empower people who want to work together in a positive fashion. This is what's best for Cave Junction, and by extension, our whole valley.
Alan Laurie Cave Junction

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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. **New this year Upcycle Kids Contest!** Same rules apply! \$100 prizes to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (kids age 8-12 and \$50 prizes to 1st and 2nd places (kids under 8 years old).

Oct. 14
"THRIVE II" is showing Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. at Ascension Art & Tea House, 200

W. Lister St. The Global premiere documentary "THRIVE II - This is what it takes." released Sept. 26 will be the featured film. Space is limited. Contact Christie or myself for check in or booking. Experience one of this decade's most constructive film series, along with the Thrive Movement on practical global paradigm shift solutions. Visit: WWW.thrivemovement.com Guenter 541-415-1929 or text me.

Tuesdays
New Food Pantry Welcomes Public Tuesdays 9-11 am.
Cave Junction Seventh Day Adventist Church Reopens its Community Services Center, 265 South Old Stage Road in Cave Junction. Assistance to everyone, with no church attendance required. Due to COVID-19 precautions, all food

will be pre-boxed. After this crisis, the food pantry staff hopes to return to a "shopping model," where clients may select the foods they prefer. In the future the CJSDA Community Services Center will also offer clothing, houseware and hygiene items.
People wishing to make contributions to this effort, as volunteers or in donations to feed local people, are encouraged to contact Patti Delk at patti47delk@gmail.com or to send a check to the Cave Junction Seventh Day Adventist Church marked "food pantry" to PO Box 330, Cave Junction Oregon, 97523.

Ongoing
**** The dog walking group** is open for more participants! Monday through Friday we walk our dogs either in town or at The Forks,

from 9 a.m. to about 10:15 a.m. Our in-town walks feature stops at local businesses for dog treats. In the summer our Forks walks include a dog swim. Dogs must be vaccinated and masks are recommended. For more info. call or text Becky at 541-660-2032. (After smoke clears.)

**** 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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