

From the mayor’s desk: by Meadow Martell



There is a lot going on in the City.

At the workshop meeting this Monday, the Council will be reviewing the contract for the Illinois Valley County Club to establish a golf course. The new dugouts are almost finished at the ballfield. Work will be starting soon on remodeling the pavilion at the park. If everything goes smoothly, we are hoping for an early July dedication. Last week some problems with an older motor control system at the water treatment plant developed. Fortunately, we have skilled staff who are manually running the plant until a new electronic system is installed. The Watkins–Highway 199 water line replacement is going out to bid. This is a big project and we are estimating it will take at least three weeks to complete.

Saturday, May 1 there is a Paint Recycling Drop-Off Event at Jubilee Park.

This is a great opportunity to recycle your old house paint, stains, deck and concrete sealers, varnishes and shellacs. You must register and there are specific instructions about how to participate. Flyers are available at City Hall or you can call (855) PAINT09.

The city is sponsoring a green waste disposal opportunity May 10-15. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. City residents can drop off leaves, branches, small stumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 200 N. Sawyer. No construction material or trash will be accepted. Cleaning up your area and dropping off your green waste helps reduce fuels, decreases the need for smoldering piles around the city, and lowers the amount of debris in our stormwater drainage system.

The Josephine County Library District is moving forward with plans to expand the Illinois Valley Library Branch A Grants Pass engineering firm has been contracted to look at the overall costs and come up with three different options. The District wants public feedback to help determine what is important to the community. A presentation of the different design options is tentatively scheduled at the next Council workshop, Monday, May 24 Zoom meeting. This will be a great opportunity to get feedback from as many community members as possible. What improvements do you want to see to see in our library? The City is exploring the possibility of partnering with the Library District to apply for a Community Development Block Grant to help fund this large project.

Letters to the editor

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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.)

Dear Editor,

I was sorry to hear of the dismissal of Karen Delarme and friends at Laurel Cemetery. In my

dealings with her she was very business-like and correct. All papers were properly made out and duly recorded including any monetary transactions. To err is human, to forgive is divine.

**K. Rich
Cave Junction**

Dear Editor,

So, I see that Mark Seligman, perennial candidate for commissioner has decided to run for Three Rivers School District Zone 1.

He calls himself a political activist but in fact is a constant critic of local government, with no viable solutions other than promoting marijuana as a fix all. His opponent is highly qualified. Mark would be an impediment to functional government

or board function. Let’s ask these questions: What board has he sat on? What civic organizations does he belong to? Fraternal organizations? Chamber of Commerce? Food Bank? Anything? Please, don’t be a dope – anyone but Seligman. These are my own thoughts and not those of any organization to which I belong.

**Steve Lyons
Cave Junction**

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by Bonnie J. Malcolm

Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



Solution: 1. Extra note on computer. 2. Note is missing from bulletin board. 3. Envelope on floor is missing. 4. Buttons appear on sleeve has moved. 5. Lady's foot is hidden. 6. Paper in trash can is colored in. 7. Note on bulletin board has moved. 8. Flower on pot is different. 9. Lady is laughing. 10. Handle on pot is different. 11. Frame behind chair is taller. 12. Cat's tail is different.

Save the date

May 3
Neighborhood Community Watch Meeting and Public Forum This is an Illinois Valley Neighborhood Watch and Fire information meeting scheduled for Monday, May 3, 5 - 6 p.m. at Wild River Pizza in CJ, at 1/2 capacity, 30 people. From 6 -8 p.m. we will host a Public Forum of the most pressing community topics. Also simultaneously the meetings will be hosted via ZOOM and by phone, all welcome. Contact me Guenter @ 541-415-1929 to RSVP and get ZOOM info. Also see: www.ivemedia.org/forums for more details. (Physical location may change.)

Ongoing / Through May 31
**Cobra Lily: a review of southwest Oregon literature & art seeks work for the 7th annual issue. Cobra Lily is a print publication celebrating our region. Send fiction, poetry, memoir, essays, regional history, photogra-

phy, paintings, illustration, and more (don't feel the need to limit yourself to these genre categories). Deadline is May 31. Email cobralilyreview@gmail.com or visit leftforkbooks.com/cobralily for more information.

Ongoing
**APHOTOGRAPHY CLUB for teens is forming in Cave Junction! We'll start with socially-distanced outdoor hikes, to look for great photo opportunities. Future activities will include indoor editing collaborations, guest speakers, and a photo show and contest. Please contact CJCameraClub@gmail.com if you might be interested in joining us!

Tuesdays
Food Pantry **New Hours: Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cave Junction Seventh Day Adventist Church reopens its Dorcas/Community Services Center, 265 South Old Stage

Road in Assistance to everyone, with no church attendance required. Due to COVID-19 precautions, all food will be pre-boxed. **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 SDA Church marked "food pantry" to PO Box 330, Cave Junction, OR, 97523.

Every Tuesday at 6 p.m., an online **Community Grieving Circle is held through Zoom. This gathering is to honor our loss in all its many shapes and forms. This is a space to process our individual grief together. If you have questions or would like to join, email: crossroadsdeathcare@gmail.com or call 541-450-5336. Facilitated by Angela and Michael Franklin of Crossroads Community DeathCare.

** **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.

** **HIV Alliance** offers services in Cave Junction every Monday from noon – 3 p.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church (across from ShopSmart). Services include: Free and confidential HIV and Hep C testing. Needle Exchange and drop box (all syringes welcome), and overdose response and Naloxone training.

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