

From the mayor’s desk:

by Meadow Martell



This is going to be a busy week for me. We have five candidates from the RARE Americorps program to

interview. All the applications look like great possibilities for helping our community move forward. I am grateful that we have a good team with representatives from IVCDO, I.V. Chamber of Commerce and city council to help with this process. Each candidate will be ranked and the city doesn’t always get their number one choice. You can help by thinking about housing possibilities for this person who will live in our community from September 2012 to July 2022. It is not a free situation. RARE Americorps members get a modest living stipend.

The dedication of the newly

remodeled Jubilee Park pavilion will be at the firefighter’s fundraiser breakfast during the Alumni Association Reunion Sunday, July 4. The dedication and ribbon cutting will be at 10 a.m. Come out and support our firefighters and Jubilee Park!

I noticed a recent article in the Courier about two nonprofits that have teamed up to bridge the affordable housing gap in Grants Pass. One non-profit had the land and the other the resources to build. That is good news for Grants Pass. However, the Oregon Housing and Community Services lists

20 affordable housing options in Josephine County. There is only one affordable housing option in Cave Junction. There is a desperate need for affordable housing in Cave Junction and the Illinois Valley. Maybe it is time to step up. There are a lot of resources in our valley. All it takes is land, money and people who care.

This weekend I took a walk with my neighbor on the trail past the Chinquapin Group Campground located at the former site of the Oregon Caves Civilian Conservation Corps camp. It is about 10 miles up Highway 46, about a quarter mile

past the Grayback Campground. There is a beautiful easy hike on a well-maintained creek side trail with meadows, marshes and spring wildflowers. The masses of brilliant pink sweet peas, that are just starting to be in full bloom, are not to be missed. However, it was very sad to see that someone had recently taken a hatchet and hacked down several small trees on the trail and damaged other trees on the creek. It is beyond my comprehension why someone would want to damage and destroy such an amazing public resource. It is important that we protect our natural resources from wanton destruction.

Obituaries

Memorial Service There will be a Memorial Service for **Dennis H. Strayer** June 30, 11 a.m. at the Eagle Point National Cemetery. He will be remebered with military honors.

Doris Ann Robinson, 87, of Cave Junction, died June 11, 2021 at Celia’s House in Medford. Arrangements by Hull & Hull Funeral Directors.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Siskiyou Folk & Bluegrass Festival

Saturday June 26, 2021 @ Lake Selmac

\$20 per person (+ \$5 per car, parking) Gate opens 10 a.m. Music 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bring your lawnchairs, blankets family & friends. Please NO DOGS or outside alcohol

Featuring:

White Oak Wood

The Brothers Reed

Ginger Creek

Blades of Grass,

Antonucci Collective

33 String Drive &

The Muddy Souls

Rotary

Club of Illinois Valley

Save the date

June 23

Math ART Fun (Oh Yes. It IS!). The Southern Oregon Guild invites you to come experiment with us on Wed., June 23, 5-6:30 p.m., to explore how math and art can be linked to enhance creativity. If you struggled with long division and solving word problems, do not let that discourage you! This workshop will help you discover some of the fun math that you typically do not learn in a school classroom but can be applied to many fields of art —notably with both Möbius strips and Mandalas. The event takes place virtually over Zoom (link provided with registration), and so is open to everyone from ages 10 to 110, near and far. Math ART Fun will be facilitated by experienced teachers Donna Parrish and Ryan Forsythe, who provide the time, space and inspiration for you to find the inner mathematician you didn’t know was there. \$15-30 fee/\$10 for students. Learn more and register online at SouthernOregonGuild.org.

June 25

Dinner in the Vineyard, June 25 at 6 - 8.p.m Hosted by Rock N R Ranch, 400 Brown Rd, O’Brien, \$40 per person includes dinner, wine and brew. This is a fundraiser benefitting and supporting the youth in the Illinois Vally for the Boys & Girls Club. For tickets please call Jenna Larkin at 541-244-8490 or 541-479-5258, Limited seats available dut to COVID .

June 26

“Come join us for a day of fun and community! Act Out IV, with the Rogue Action Center, presents Pride In The Valley, an all-ages family friendly celebration of our LG-BTQ+ community. On June 26, come hang

out at Jubilee park in Cave Junction from 12-4 p.m., and enjoy food, live music, speakers, and more! Bring a blanket, some friends, and help us lift up our diverse family.”

June 29

Tuesday, June 29: Death Sovereignty/ Advance Healthcare Directives: A workshop to understand how one can have autonomy through the end of life by utilizing legal documents to help appoint advocates and make healthcare wishes clear. This is especially important to those in the queer community and people estranged from family. 6pm at the Earth Scouts Sky Lodge, 9044 Takilma Rd Sliding scale \$5-10 email: crossroads-deathcare@gmail.com

SUN School, Rusk Ranch Nature Center’s child-centered experiential nature camp, returns for our 6th summer. We will continue to meet online for 2021, which makes it possible for children to join from outside the Illinois Valley. There are two age-based groups: Dragonfly Circle and Adventure Club.

Cost: Free. Registration is required and space is limited.Register at rusk ranchnature-center.org.

Dragonfly Circle (for children entering grades 1-3 for the 2021-2022 school year) July 6 - 29, Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-10:45 a.m. Online with Zoom

Adventure Club (for children entering grades 4-8 for the 2021-2022 school year) July 9 - 30, Fridays 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Online with Zoom

Campers will receive a SUN School Box filled with nature and art supplies, a

camper t-shirt, and curriculum materials. SUN School Boxes can be picked up Tuesday, June 29 from 12-2 p.m. at Rusk Ranch Nature Center, 27746 Redwood Highway in Cave Junction.

For questions, please contact the SUN School Coordinator, Kaci Elder, at SUN-SchoolAtRusk@gmail.com or 541-363-8806.

July 13

Tuesday, July 13 : Dying in the Illinois Valley: A workshop exploring one’s options for final disposition, natural burials, home burials and home funerals. This is led by Angela Franklin of Crossroads Community DeathCare, 6 p.m. at the Earth Scouts Sky Lodge, 9044 Takilma Rd. Sliding scale \$5-10 email: crossroadsdeathcare@gmail.com

Aug. 24

Tuesday, Aug 24: Death Sovereignty/ Advance Healthcare Directives: A workshop to understand how one can have autonomy through the end of life by utilizing legal documents to help appoint advocates and make healthcare wishes clear. This is especially important to those in the queer community and people estranged from family. 6pm at the Earth Scouts Sky Lodge, 9044 Takilma Rd Sliding Scale \$5-10 email: crossroads-deathcare@gmail.com

Ongoing

****APHOTOGRAPHY CLUBfor 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 CJCamerClub@gmail.com if you might be interested in joining us!

****FOOD PANTRY Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Cave Junction Adventist/Community Services Food Distribution, 265 S. Old Stage Rd. Volunteers are needed to help stock, date check, sort food, pack boxes and handout food boxes, etc. to volunteer please email cavejunctionacs@gmail.com. **Contributions** can be made out to the CJ Seventh-day Adventist Church and identify that they are in support of the Community Service by writing “CJACS” in the memo section of your check. mail to: Cave Junction Seventh-day Adventist Church PO Box 330, Cave Junction, OR 97523

**** 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.

****Every 3rd Tuesday of the month, Community Grieving Circle**, 6 p.m. at Earth Scouts Sky Lodge 9044 Takilma Rd. This is led by Crossroads Community Death Care. July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21 email: crossroadsdeathcare@gmail.com

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