

From the mayor’s desk: by Meadow Martell



Last week five candidates for the RARE AmeriCorps job position were interviewed. They were energetic, creative recent college graduates, with impressive

resumes, from all over the county. Many thanks to a dynamic team-Lindsey B. Jones (IVCDO), Megan Pugh (I.V. Chamber of Commerce), and Ethan Lane (Grocery Outlet). Their community perspective was invaluable. We will hear by July 9 the Cave Junction placement decision facilitated by the RARE AmeriCorps staff. This person will be a great addition to our community and will help move some projects forward. We need to assist them to find housing, so let me or anyone on the interview team know if you have any leads. They receive a living allowance so they can pay some rent. Their term in Cave Junction starts Sept. 13, 2021

through July 2022. It is good to see Jubilee Park hosting gatherings again after a year of COVID-19 restrictions. Last weekend I stopped by the Pride in the Valley celebration at the park. There was great live music, speakers, colorful booths, and delicious food from the Folk Food truck. Sunday, July 4 there will be a joint Alumni Association and Fire Fighters fund raiser breakfast at the Pavilion and the Pavilion dedication will be at 10 a.m. Other weekend events - noon Saturday, July 3 at the corner of Caves Highway and 199, E Clampus Vitus will be dedicating a monument at the corner of Caves and 199 to the beginning of the

Caves Highway and Cave Junction. Cave Junction has a golf course again! At the last City Council meeting the council approved a lease with the Illinois Valley Country Club. July 3 there will be an Alumni Golf Tournament (sign-in 8 a.m.) fundraiser for IVHS girls’ basketball team and IVHS Alumni Scholarship Fund. June 30 is the date statewide COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted, independent of our vaccination rate. As of June 25, Oregon was at 69.1% vaccinated, close to the 70% target. We can thank the eight counties that have done the heavy lifting and had vaccination rates over 65%. That does not mean that

vaccination efforts will stop. 98% of new Covid-19 cases and deaths are unvaccinated people. The underlying emergency and risks are still there, but the responsibility for keeping our community safe and healthy will shift to local public health and county commissioners. Josephine County is one of 14 counties with vaccination rates under 50%. Individuals will continue to make personal choices about how to deal with the continuing COVID risks. Be safe, stay cool and I know it is asking a lot, but please do not use fireworks this Fourth of July weekend. It is way too risky.

Obituaries

Carla F. Korrell, 55, of Cave Junction, died June 21, 2021 at her home. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Donald “Joe” Schiffler, 94, died in Grants Pass. Joe was born in Bell, Calif. on April 19, 1927. He attended and graduated from Huntington Park High School in California. He was also a graduate of University of Southern California (USC) having attained his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. In 1951

Joe married his high school sweet-heart Mary. Together they raised two daughters Susan and Janice, and a son Tony. Joe was a World War II veteran having served in the United States Navy. During that time his father was also in the Navy and his mother was a “Rosie the Riveter” working at Vultee Aircraft. He retired as a Lieutenant from his local police department after 28 years of service. Upon retirement, he and his wife moved to Oregon where he oversaw and participated in the building of their house.

His passions over the years were taking his family to the beaches of southern California, and then further enjoying the great outdoors in the Oregon and northern California mountainous regions doing hiking, fishing, hunting, skiing, sailing, and taking his family camping. Joe was also an avid classic car enthusiast and owned several early car models that he lovingly restored. He was a member of Rogue Rovers car club and would enjoy getting together for car shows and road trip outings. Joe is survived by daughter

Susan and husband Ed, son Tony and wife Rosie, daughter Janice and partner Billy; grandsons Shane and Trajan; great-grandsons Cayden and Cameron.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary. Joe’s final resting place will be at Eagle Point National Cemetery, Eagle Point, Oregon at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 8, 2021.

Please visit the obituary and sign the family guest book at www.since1928hull.com.



Letters to the editor

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Reader says to unite against criminals

“Divide and Conquer.” This is one of the oldest and most effective strategies known to humanity. It has been used time and time again throughout history. It is being used today against us. Whilst we bicker amongst ourselves regarding politics, religion, ethnicity and sexual orientation, our enemies discreetly infiltrate our fractured and weakened society and plant the seeds of our demise. Today, in our wonderful valley, we face a threat which looms on our very doorsteps.

Criminal organizations have taken hold here, and due to our ignorance, greed and short sightedness, have flourished within our community. These criminal cabals are not only domestic in nature, but stem from south of the border, eastern Europe, Asia and elsewhere. They thrive because of our disunity and weakness. However, like most criminals, they are by nature cowards, and will shrink and flee from the light. We the People, must be that light. Only by setting aside our differences, and uniting with other good people with a common cause, can we defeat these threats to our Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness. We can do this by providing our

Law Enforcement agencies with valuable information and support. We can deny services and materials to these criminal elements. We can refuse to sell, lease or rent our land to those we suspect of criminal intent. We must let them know that they are not welcome here. Only by presenting a united resistance can we rid our valley of the scourge that threatens us all. Awaken, organize and rise up together. We must prevail. Do not fear. You are not alone.

JR Barringer “Bear” Cave Junction

Save the date

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 ruskranchnature-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. 7
“Wine Stroll” Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Downtown, Grants Pass
Calling all wine lovers!!! Tickets are now available for the Annual Wine Stroll. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to stroll last year. We eager to resume hosting this wonderful event for our community.
The Wine Stroll is hosted by the Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce. For over 20 years this special event has been held in beautiful downtown Grants Pass. Participants stroll from location-to-location sampling amazing wine and delicious food. The Stroll is set for Aug. 7, 4 p.m.-8: p.m.
Tickets can be purchased at www.grantspasschamber.org or at the Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce. Pricing: \$35 Pre-Sale and \$40 Day-Of if any remain.... Price includes commemorative glass, re-usable tote bag and an event map.

Check-In Location Change: Day of the event Check-in will be at Elegance Antiques-311 SE 6th St, from 2 p.m until 5 p.m. Host locations and Wineries will be released at a later date.
Please note this is a 21 and over event and each participant must personally check in with a valid ID. OLCC regulations also stipulate that children may not accompany adults attending this event.

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 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!

****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.

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