

From the mayor’s desk: by Meadow Martell



I stopped by the Cave Junction library which is now back to its regular hours- Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It was a delight to go inside and review the new books section and cruise the shelves for favorite authors. The computer stations are again available to use. Every other Saturday there is an art project happening. I got talked into trying foam art- food coloring dropped on a bed of shaving cream, swirled around and then photo paper pressed on it. I was pleasantly surprised how cool looking it turned out. You cannot find a friendlier and more helpful staff anywhere else. The plans to expand the library continue to move forward. An operating agreement between the city of Cave Junction and Josephine Community Library District has

been signed. City and Library District staff are working together with Business Oregon to prepare a Community Development Block Grant that will help with funding. There has been plenty of response about the bulk water station and water going to illegal grows. Cave Junction’s first priority is to get the water station moved to another location. The traffic impact on the neighborhood and the street is significant. Unfortunately, when it comes to addressing the issue of illegal grows, there are no easy answers. This is a statewide issue that needs to be addressed by a combined effort of state, county and city authorities. I will be sure that

this is discussed at the next Public Safety Task Force meeting. I am pleased to welcome Ethan Lane, the owner of our local Grocery Outlet, who has been appointed to fill the vacant Council Position #1. Ethan brings his creative thinking and good communication skills that come with 18 years of business experience. He has also serviced on the RARE Americorps interview committee. His term will continue until the end of 2022. The city of Cave Junction recently received a distinguished CIS Property/Casualty Trust Longevity Award. CIS is a member-owned and governed

organization that provides Workers’ Compensation, property, liability and employee benefits to local public entities. The award represents 40 years of continuous coverage with CIS. Now that COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, Cave Junction Council meetings will be conducted in the city chambers. City Hall is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 - 4 p.m. and will be closed the third Friday of each month as a clerical support day. Stay cool and have a great week!

Obituaries

Kyle Matthew Nelson, 29, of Cave Junction, died June 28, 2021. Family services will be held. Arrangements by Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

Dorothy Mae Danielson, 87, of Selma, died July 2, 2021 at her home. Arrangements by Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

Do It Yourself: Tips for around the house from readers

Tomato paste: by Ruth Harvie
This is for those of you who are growing lots of tomatoes. Those of you who make tomato sauce or tomato paste each year and hate boiling and boiling to get rid of the water. I did that for years and years and finally discovered a quick and easy way to do it. I grind the tomatoes up in the food processor, put them in the big pot and bring them to a boil. I boil them for about 10 minutes just to get the free water and tomato separated. Then take a big bowl and put a wire mesh strainer on top. Take a large scoop of boiling tomatoes and dump it in the

strainer. In about a minute all the water will be in the bowl. I put the tomato pulp back in the pot and take another scoop. (You could put the pulp in another pot.) Anyhow it takes less than 5-10 minutes to get it to tomato paste consistency. Then you can, “can it” but I got sick of that too. I fill a ½ pint jar and dump it in a Daisy sour cream container (8 oz or for 1 pint a cottage cheese container. I add a pinch of salt, plus 1 teaspoon of lemon juice and freeze it. It’s easy and tastes great. Submit your “Do It Yourself” articles to Laura Mancuso at laura@theivenews.com.

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 ruskranchnaturecenter.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 25

GRAND GALLERY REOPENING! The Southern Oregon Guild of Artists & Artists celebrates opening its doors and presenting the first post-pandemic arts showcase in over a year, “Bursting Forth, Moving Forward.” Presenting a wide collection of work by local Guild members, this show highlights creations made during our collective time of isolation and as we welcome a new beginning. Come join our OPENING PARTY on Sunday July 25 from 4-6 p.m.,

featuring live music, delicious appetizers, and refreshments. Free admission. The Guild Gallery & Art Center is located in the Kerby Belt Building at 24353 Redwood Highway Kerby, OR 97531. For more information on gallery retail hours and ongoing workshops, call 541-659-3858 or visit us online at www.southernoregonguild.org.

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 are 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 work-

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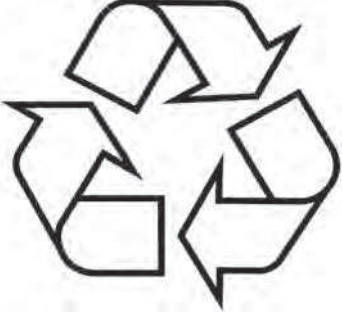
Solution: 1. Extra spark appears by girl. 2. Bush behind lady is missing. 3. Girl's bracelet is missing. 4. Large spoon is colored in. 5. Top of beach ball is colored in. 6. Spark at bottom of sparkler has moved. 7. Water splash under colored in. 8. Stripe on pool is wider. 9. Towel is shorter. 10. Pattern on arm has moved. 11. Girl's swimsuit is different. 12. Shorts have stripes. Towel is upside down.

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shop 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: crossroadsdeathcare@gmail.com

Oct. 8

UPCYCLE ART: Wondering what to do with all that junk? Instead of taking it to the landfill, consider making something special for the 6th Annual Upcycle Art and Furniture Contest! Prizes range from \$50 to \$500 (with categories for kids and adults) and will take place at 24100 Redwood Highway at the Farmers’ Market, October 8th. New this year, come join the trash fashion show! Furniture must be sturdy and clothing wearable. Judging is on creativity and not fine craftsmanship, so think outside the box and make something cool!

Ongoing

****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.

***** MONDAYS** Neighborhood and Community Watch Meeting / then a public forum Mondays through July, 5-6 p.m. at Wild River Pizza in CJ, backroom, monthly meeting check-in 7/13. All Watch Group leaders. Fire Season briefing, emergency preparedness, 2-way radios available, Alert notification system via text using GroupMe signup. RSVP if you can. Weekly meetings will follow, SD&T. ivemedia.org/iv-watch.

Then from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. is a public forum, topics: illegal grows, water - drought, homelessness, COVID-19. Also hosted via ZOOM and by phone at Wild Rivers, all welcome. Guenter @ 541-415-1929, ZOOM login info. Also at: www.ivemedia.org/iv-watch

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