

Letters to the editor

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Illegal Grows, JoCo Funding, etc

An article in the 6/17/22 of the Daily Courier re: the reduction in local bulk water sales is great news for us law abiding citizens. Last year, as the sale of our water to illegal cannabis grows was exploding, several of us got very vocal regarding how to control bulk water sales to illegal grow operations. As a result, in Sept 2021, a very common sense presentation was made to the CJ City Council, which included the Sheriff’s Dept, the OWRD, and other interested parties, on ways for our local municipalities to track bulk water sales, to identify the illegal sales, without impacting legitimate sales. While the city of CJ wasn’t particularly interested, we thank our legislators for listening, and responding with HB 4061 which requires that bulk water sales be tracked when sold & received. While this will help a great deal, it is only one tool for combating the illegal

grows problem. Since another common sense approach, the code enforcement measure was defeated by ballot, then there are only a couple of options left. One would be for the OR Water Resources Dept (OWRD) to take action against blatant water theft. However, it appears that they are unable or unwilling to do anything, despite their massive budget. Which leaves our primary “force” - the Sheriff’s Dept, which has done a great job in coordination w/ other agencies, but once again, has major budget problems. So, how much illegal activity are we willing to deal with year after year after year ? I’m sure that the answer is different for everyone, but for this place to be livable, don’t we need a stable law enforcement force (ie, deputies, DA’s, prosecutors, jail staff)? It’s not just the grows, but car theft & burning, illegal dumping, drug dealers, squatter properties and on & on. To fund law enforcement, why is the idea of a voter controlled sales tax so

unpopular, since it is the fairest and least impactful way to solve these year after year money woes ? No one wants a repeat of the runaway CA sales tax here, so ours would be voter controlled: ~3% on retail sales. Any increase would require voter approval. This is hardly a burden and everyone contributes. So, as the Sheriff’s dept is forced to lay off personnel, and no qualified replacements will come here due to the uncertainty of their jobs, isn’t it time to put a more permanent funding system in place ? The idea of selling county properties and other ideas regarding trying to increase the efficiency of our hard working personnel is nonsense since the \$ 5 million dollar gap, year after year, cannot be filled via a “yard sale”. No one likes taxes, but I wish that someone would offer a better long term solution to solving this financial mess.

Brad Vincent O’Brien

Obituaries

James A. “Jim” Loyd, 77, of Cave Junction, died June 18, 2022 at his home.
Arrangements with Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

Tina Marks 8/25/1961, longtime resident of the Illinois Valley, passed away on 6/15/2022.
Tina was born and brought up in the San Francisco Bay area. She with her partner Ed Derda, moved to the Illinois Valley in the early eighties. Here she settled and raised her daughter Sydney, son Anthony and made the Valley her home.

POPA
*Shadows move across faces of people you knew
They're full of sorrow, but the sun shines through.
If you hear the ringing the bells that shine within
Don't fear, your light has not gone out.
Just walk right in.
There's a crystal at the heart of every tear
What your future holds, you may not fear....
You are ascending to the stars
Where you'll see beauty ringing clear.
There's still an open door through which
we havenot passed*

*You'll never be a memory for your soul lives on forever
With everyone who loved and knew youas I did*
**Tina Marks
May 9, 1979**

A devoted mother and friend Tina is survived by Ed Derda, daughter Sydney Miller, son Anthony Derda, son in-law Matthew Miller, grandchildren Melia and Cameron, her extended circle at Carlos’ Restaurant and many more throughout the community.
She will be missed.

ComParrot
by Bonnie J. Malcolm

Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



Solution: 1. Man's sock is missing. 2. Stripes on flag are colored in. 3. Feathers appear on bird. 4. Pattern is different on man's pants. 5. Plant in flowerbed is colored in. 6. Grass behind golf bag has moved. 7. Flag on hillside has moved. 8. Neckline on vest is lower. 9. Pocket on golf bag is larger. 10. Man's shirt collar is different. 11. Flag pole is taller. 12. Design on shoe is reversed.

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Save the date

July 1-3
**Mark your calendar for ReunionMania, Golf tourney July 2 (see ad).

July 1-3
**To Celebrate the Nation’s Birthday, the Kerbyville Museum invites all veterans to come help them celebrate! FREE to all veterans July 1 & 2 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and July 3 from noon to 4 p.m. We hope to see you there so we can thank you for serving our country!

July 2
**Illinois Valley Senior Center (IVSC) annual Flea Market. Saturday, July 2 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. IVSC, Cave Junction. 520 E. River Street. (East on River off 199)
*CJ Soapbox Derby from noon to 4 p.m. on Schumacher St.

July 3
I.V. Fire District Pancake Breakfast. Support I.V. Senior Scholarships and I.V. Firefighters Association! IVHS Senior Scholarship Donations Accepted. Sunday, July 3, 2022 at Jubilee Park Pavilion at 8 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. Adults \$8, 12 & under \$6, senior \$6. Sponsored by IVHS Alumni & Friends.

Tuesdays
**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 may 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

**** WeThePeopleUnited of Josephine County** will be hosting John Chambers, also known as Mr. Constitu-tion, on Tuesday July 12th, 6pm at Wild River Pizza in Cave Junction.
John started teaching the United States Constitution in 1991, is the author of The Constitution of the United States: A Study Guide, and believes self-government is the key to a productive and prosperous life. Come out and relish the knowledge and a local icon. This is a free event. For more information, please contact: wethepeopleunitedjoco@protonmail.com.

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

Wednesdays
**GAME ON! Grab a friend, drop in, and Game On at your local public library. Try your hand at a variety of games, including chess, Pictionary, Uno, cards, and BUILDZI, the fast-paced block-stacking game!
Every Wednesday from 4:30- 5:30 p.m.209 W Palmer St, Cave Junction. For more information call 541-592-4770.

Starting July 7 and running every Thursday through August 25, at Jubilee Park Music is on from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.. The first three bands for sure, they are 7/7: Trouble No More (an Allman Brothers Tribute band); 7/14: Circle of Stone (Traditional, Original, & Contemporary Celtic music); & 7/21: Dale & Sharon Hopper-Country Western/Americana

Saturdays
Take your bottles and cans to IVCanDo’s Cans for Kids behind the Chevron Station 10 - 2.

Volunteer Opportunities
Adopt-A-Senior Volunteers wanted to assist senior and disabled residents in their home with light duty activities and to drive residents to doctor or grocery store. Background check required call 541-592-9781 or email ivwellnessresources@gmail.com.

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