

From the mayor’s desk: by Meadow Martell



I often hear complaints about how our downtown looks. If you feel this way, it is time to get out

and do something about it. Real change happens slowly, from the bottom up - one gesture, one person, one moment at a time. What are you willing to do to make this happen? There are so many possibilities to upgrade our downtown and transform it into something we can be proud of and you can be part of this shift. Here is one example of someone who took charge and made a positive change happen.

Have you noticed that some places around the Valley seem brighter? The collaboration with the City of Cave Junction, the Chamber of Commerce,

IVCDO and Energy Trust of Oregon has so far resulted in almost 20 businesses and service organizations receiving LED lighting upgrades – at no cost – with more being scheduled. Energy Trust provides the lights and the contractors to do the work. Churches, offices, restaurants, manufacturers, and stores, and the historic I.V. Grange have taken advantage of this offer to lighten up and save energy. One more round of LED lighting upgrades is being organized. If your commercial-type building has fewer than 20 employees or is less than 20,000

square feet, call to see if you might qualify, and sign up! Call Forrest at IVCDO: 541-592-9279.

Other changes are happening in the city too. Copeland will soon be upgrading and adding ADA ramps. The bulk water station is being moved to a better location. The plans are being reviewed by an engineer to be ready to go out to bid mid-July. The CJ welcome sign on the north side of town is part of this project. So far, we are seeing less bulk water sales than last year. It is hard to say whether this is due to the cooler, wetter spring season or less

grows. I want to assure everyone that the city of Cave Junction is following all the rules for cities selling water as outlined in the 2021 House Bill 4061. There is also a false rumor floating around that the city has raised its prices. There have been no changes in the price of Cave Junction bulk water in five years.

I hope you had a great Fourth of July holiday.

“If you look at what you have in life, you’ll always have more. If you look at what you don’t have in life, you’ll never have enough.” ~Oprah Winfrey

Obituaries

Alleia Marie “Sis” Collins, 59, of Grants Pass, died on June 21, 2022 at her own home.

Arrangements with Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

Please join us to Celebrate the Life of SKYE DILLON July 24, 2 p.m. The celebration will be held at the Illinois Valley Senior Center. Bring your smile, your instruments and a snack to share if it pleases you. Snacks and refreshments will be provided as well. We hope to see you there.

A celebration of life and memorial service for

Mike Palmer

will be held noon, Saturday, July 16, in the Forks Park Pavilion.

fried chicken will be provided along with plates and utensils. Please bring a dish to pass and a story to tell.

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Save the date

July 10

****Illinois Valley Historic Laurel Cemetery Reminder:** The next IVHLC board meeting will be Sunday July 10, 2022, at 1 p.m., at the chapel.

July 11 & 18

****Aglow 2nd & 3rd Mondays,** The 11th ‘How God See You.’ the 18th guest speaker is Mark Sola, who is also our anointed worship leader. 10:30 Fountain of Life, 451 S Junction Ave. C. J, More info, call Victoria 541-592-4743.

July 23

****Healing Hearts & Hooves,** 6th annual dinner and auction night, ticket for sale at <https://ticketstripe.com/hhhdinner>. At the beautiful Augustino Estate Vineyard, 400 Brown Road, O’Brien, Saturday, July 23 at 5 p.m. There will be a raffle, silent/

dessert/live auction. Music by Gary Margason and food catered by Casa Amiga tickets. \$25 per person (12 & under free). For more information call 541-659-8604.

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 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

**** 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.

Thursdays

****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 IVCaDo’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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