

From the mayor's desk: by Meadow Martell



Here are some of the things that keep our Public Works Department

busy.

There was a walk through with Copeland and Civil West on the new ADA ramps being installed. Unfortunately, not all the panels and approaches met ADA standards. ADA requires very specific slopes to be consistent from end to end and meet minimum width and a maximum length requirement. Panels that did not meet these specifications had to be demolished and removed. Copeland will be back to first form and then pour the needed panels.

In Jubilee Park, our Public Works Director Alex Ponder has started putting lines on the ground

to be sure the playground and splash pad will work together. You will see some work begin as concrete for new sidewalks will be going in soon around the playground which will be expanded for three new pieces of ADA playground equipment. A waterline for the spray pad will also begin. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be announcing a groundbreaking day for the public to attend when the new equipment is installed.

Our crew recently installed a new water service for a residence. This is not a simple project. It involves cutting a hole in the asphalt, then exposing the water main, tapping the

water main while it is "hot", and then boring, and installing a new meter for the customer to plumb into.

The Public Works Department gets constant reminders that we are working with aging facilities and equipment. Last week a water analyzer went down at Well #4. Staff has had to take manual tests on a routine basis to make sure we are staying within the required parameters. Our new analyzer was delivered Friday and will be installed this week.

Water backflow prevention is a crucial issue in water systems. A water backflow prevention device protects potable water from contamination or

pollution. Without a water backflow preventer, water can flow in either direction, which is a significant hazard. Backflow preventers must be tested every year. Testers must be licensed, and it takes at least two months to dig out and inspect approximately 430 devices.

I take my duties as a mayor seriously and it is also important to balance this with taking care of myself. Next week I will be on a "bucket list" trip to Alaska, hopefully to see the Aurora Borealis. My next letter will be the first week of November. I hope I have good news to report!



Life in the Valley of Riches

by Dan Mancuso, publisher

On Friday, Sept. 16, late in the afternoon, I received an email from our newspaper print staff at the Medford Mail Tribune, stating they were going to go all digital and shut down their press

operations at the month's end.

They gave me two weeks' notice to find a new printer, which seems quite the daunting task and I spent the weekend with my mind doing backflips trying to come up with suitable alternatives.

As I write this, I have spoken to a few options, but have not seen any prices or press slots yet.

What blows my mind is that while I knew the owner Mr. Steven Saslow was not a true paper man and figured he planned on moving to an all-digital format at some point, I had no idea it would be so soon.

The money from public notices for the city of Medford and Jackson County alone is likely more than my annual operational budget. I won't even try to assess the loss from sales flyers being inserted into his paper.

I cannot take away from Mr. Saslow's prior success in life, but I fail to understand why anyone would buy something just

to destroy it, because that is what he is doing. For example, do any of you remember the Seattle Post-Intelligencer? I barely do. When the PI went all web, it was bleeding money and the owners thought it would be a great idea to go web, if the paper didn't sell during the 60 days it was on the market. When they did this back in 2009, they still had over 100,000 subscribers.

My largest concern is for all the public notices from the many Jackson County cities and taxing districts, as they will not have a daily newspaper to publish in. The Rogue River Press and the Upper Rogue Independent will be the only print newspapers and they are both weekly newspapers.

Hang in there with us as we try to sort out our current dilemma. I am sure we will find a suitable place to print, as the Illinois Valley News is committed to print news.

Thank you for picking up this week's paper. Enjoy! djm

Obituaries

Three family members who have died **Margie M. Sambrana 1982, Delores R. Noble/Sambrana 2016 and Virginia M. Sambrana** Remains will be taken to San Francisco Cemetery in October 2022. 541-415-6184

Leonora Maria Hooker, 79, of Selma, died peacefully at home on Sept. 12, 2022. Arrangements with Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

Johnny Porter, 45, Nov. 15, 1976, to Aug. 10, 2022

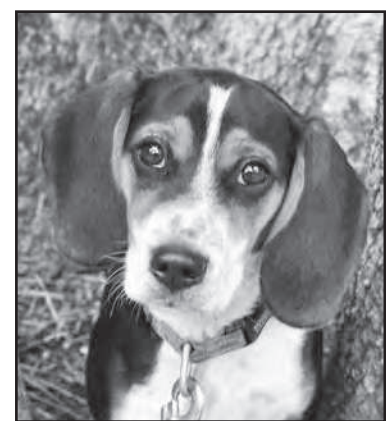
Johnny was born in Riverside, California. Johnny was a great motorcycle rider. His love for motorcycles started with his first bike around the age of 7. Johnny always had a smile always left an impression on everyone. He had a big heart and considered everyone not just a friend but his brother or sister, he treated you as family.

Johnny smiles for miles, is survived by his mother Kris, his stepfather Kamron. Two sons Zach and Justin. One brother Joshua "Budgie." Two sisters, Deanna and Kristy. One aunt, Nancy.

Rest in Peace Johnny!



Johnny Porter



Lucy the news hound says

"Birth and wedding announcements and obituaries are free!"

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Save the date

Oct. 14

****Mark your calendar now!** The CJ Farmers' Market and Southern Oregon Guild presents the 7th Annual Upcycle Art and Furniture Contest with Trash Fashion show! First place \$500 plus more cash prizes for all ages! Reuse and repurpose found objects to make a piece of art, sturdy piece of furniture or clothing item! Bring your finished piece to display at the Cave Junction Farmers' Market Friday, Oct. 14 at 3:30 p.m.. Judging and awards will be given at 5 p.m. Questions? Contact cdfarmersmarketinfo@gmail.com

Oct. 22

Acorn Festival: Kerby Belt Building, 24353 Redwood Hwy.

Kerby, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. More information coming soon.

Sept. 24

****Dome School Rummage Sale, 50/50 Raffle & Snack Bar, 9-2 at 9367 Takilma Rd. Seeking clean, lightly used donations for Dome's booth. Booth Spaces \$10; 541-592-3911**

Sept. 27

****A sheriff candidate forum** will be held at 6 p.m. at Wild River Brewery & Pizza - Sheriff Dave Daniels and Jon Knapp will be present.

Nov. 3

****SAVE THE DATE for the Four Way Community**

Foundation's 16th annual Celebration of Community Spirit Dinner and the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Brenda Patton, Thursday, November 3, 5:30-8 PM at Evergreen Bank's Bear Hotel. Featuring a keynote speech by Michelle Wilde Anderson, author of The Fight to Save the Town: Reimagining Discarded America Tickets available here

Mondays & Fridays

****Line dancing 10-11:30am** Mondays & Fridays at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints 541-287-0088.

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

JoCo Public Health/OHA COVID vax public clinics:

Monday 9/26 and Monday 10/3 11-1 in Jubilee Park, Cave

Junction then 3-6pm at Clear Creek Family in Selma

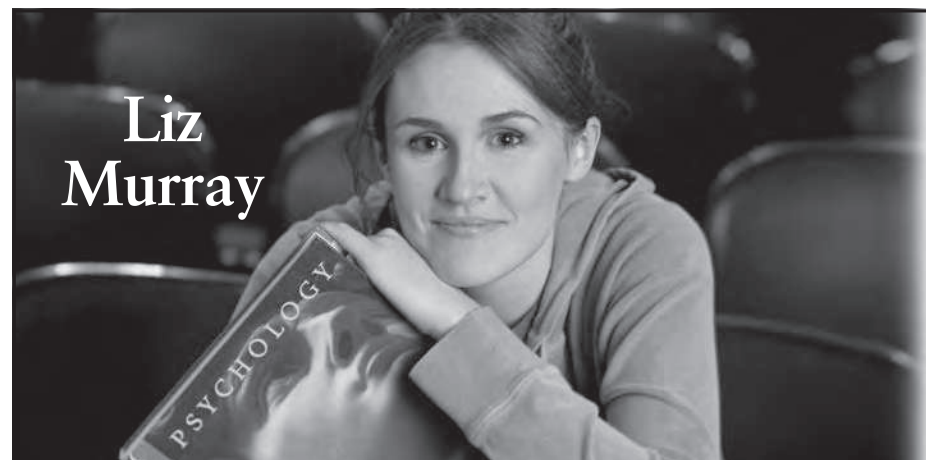
All Covid 19 vaccines available: primary, pediatric and bivalent boosters. No appointments, all welcome. No seasonal flu shots.

Siskiyou Community Health Center in Cave Junction. Every Thursday at SCHC in CJ. Vaccines not limited to established patients.

All COVID-19 vaccines as above. Additionally, seasonal flu and pneumonia vaccines available. Call 541-592-4111 for appointment

Saturdays

****Take your bottles and cans** to IVCandO's Cans for Kids behind the Chevron Station 10 - 2.



Liz Murray

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