

Obituaries

Smith, of Lebanon, Ore., and Patricia Norman, of Spokane; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

Jaimie M. Ripley

Former Illinois Valley resident Jaimie Michelle Ripley, 26, of Grants Pass, died on Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Chapel of the Valley Funeral Home in Grants Pass.

Ms. Ripley was born on July 23, 1976 in French Camp, Calif. She lived in Stockton, Calif. until she moved to Cave Junction when she was 15. She graduated from Illinois Valley High School with the Class of 1995. She moved to Grants Pass a year ago, where she was an in-home care-provider.

Survivors include two daughters, Sarah Luna and Alexandra Schroeder, both of Grants Pass; her mother, Betty J. Ripley, of Cave Junction; her father, Howard Killmer, of Grants Pass; a sister, Julie Killmer, of Grants Pass; and two brothers, Joe Killmer, of Stockton, and John Killmer, of Chico, Calif.

Kenneth Samuelson

Former Illinoio Valley resident, Kenneth R. Samuelson, 77, of Grants Pass, died on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002 in a Grants Pass rehabilitation center.

A graveside service was held on Friday, Nov. 29 at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction with Pastor Dennis Webber officiating

Mr. Samuelson was born on Oct. 27, 1925 in Los Angeles. On Nov. 3, 1949 in Los Angeles he married Rena Brown, who died before him.

He moved from California to Cave Junction in October 1978, and to Grants Pass approximately five years ago.

He worked at the former Cabax Mill in Kerby, and later at Chet's Garden Center in Grants Pass. He was a volunteer at Illinois Valley Senior Center, and Grants Pass Senior Center, where he served senior meals. He attended

Parkway Christian Center. In later years he enjoyed spending time on his computer.

Survivor include his son, Rick Samuelson, of Grants Pass; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Hull & Hull Funeral Directors of Grants Pass was in charge of arrangements.

William Flynn

William Francis Patrick Gabriel Flynn, 71, of Cave Junction died on Friday, Nov. 22 at his home.

No services will be held. Southern Oregon Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Flynn was born on June 21, 1931 in Oakland, Calif. During the Korean War he served in the U.S. Army. He worked as a purchasing agent for Abacus Electronics, retiring in 1982. He moved from Milpitas, Calif. to Cave Junction in 1989. He was an avid DXer (old-time radio buff).

He volunteered for St. Vincent de Paul Society in San Francisco.

He leaves behind his caregivers, Jeff, Leslie, Nicole, and Joshua Taylor, all of Cave Junction.

Vera D. Millar

Vera D. Millar, 93, of Cave Junction, died on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002 in a Grants Pass rehabilitation center.

No services are planned. Interment was at Eagle Point National Cemetery.

Mrs. Millar was born on April 18, 1909 in Albion, Neb. On Nov. 28, 1958, in Reno, Nev. she married Gerald G. Millar, who survives.

The Millars moved to Cave Junction from Reno 26 years ago.

Prior to her marriage she worked for 10 years for a feed store in Rapid City, S.D.

She was a member of Unity Community Church in Grants Pass. She enjoyed gardening, needlepoint, and bowling.

Survivors besides her husband, Gerald Millar, of Cave Junction, include two nephews. Her sister died before her.

IVFD honors, assists after deaths of 3

Illinois Valley firefighters are doing what they can to honor and assist their brothers in the fire service in Coos Bay after the death of three firefighters.

On Monday afternoon, Nov. 25, while on the roof of a burning building, the roof collapsed. It resulted in the deaths of Coos Bay Fire Dept. staff Lt. Randall E. Carpenter; and volunteer Firefighters Jeffery E. Common, 30; and R. Chuck Hanners, 33. They left behind their wives and a combined total of 11 children.

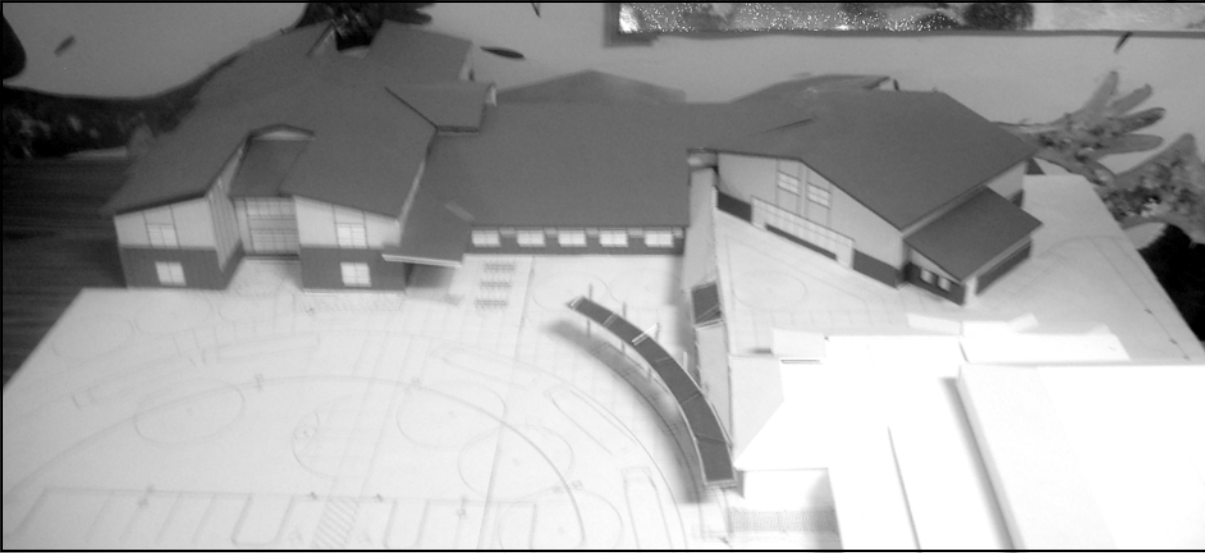
It was reported that the deaths, because of the accident at Farwest Truck and Auto Supply Store, is the worst single loss of firefighters in Oregon. It was the first time in the history of the Coos Bay service that death had occurred on duty.

Chief Kyle Kirchner, of Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District, said that Cave Junction's first-run engine was driven to a memorial service for the fallen firefighters on Sunday, Dec. 1. Making the trip and serving as the valley's representatives were volunteer Lt. Bill Hickerson, and volunteer Firefighters Jerry Lewellan, Carrie Sherman, and Waylan Sherman.

In addition, the first-run CJ engine, Unit 8901, left for Coos Bay on Tuesday morning, Dec. 3. The four-person crew was to work a 24-hour shift to assist the Coos Bay force, from noon Tuesday to noon Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Those on the assist mission are staff Capt. Jeff Gavlik, and volunteer Firefighters Julia Kirchner, Andy Mechling and Daniel Greene.

Other fire agencies from Southwestern Oregon and other parts of the state also conducted similar missions. They include Grants Pass Fire/Rescue, Rural/Metro Fire Dept., and Rogue River Fire District.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MODEL - A model of how the new and revised Lorna Byrne Middle School will look shows buildings designated A, B, and C. This view shows what will be the main entrance on the northeast side of the campus. (Story on page 1 also.)

Remember Pearl Harbor: Dec. 7, 1941.



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on Saturday, December 14th

at Community Bible Church in Cave Junction.

We will have an open house from 1 to 5 p.m.

There will be a short program at 2:30 p.m.

We hope you will be able to attend.

'Season of service' urged by Bush for Americans

By The Associated Press

President Bush is asking Americans to regard the holiday period as a "season of service" during which they marshal their own good fortunes in big and small ways on behalf of those in need.

"Taking time to count our own blessings reminds us that many people struggle every day -- men, women and children facing hunger, homelessness, illness, addiction or despair," said Bush in his weekly radio address on Saturday, Dec. 1.

"These are not strangers," he said. "They are fellow Americans needing comfort, love and compassion."

The president acknowledged that unfinished business -- including the continuing war on terrorism, the prospect of war with Iraq and the sputtering economy said -- could leave people feeling as jittery

as they are thankful this year.

"The blessings we have received take on special meaning in this time of challenge for our country," Bush.

It was the third time that the president has invoked the Thanksgiving holiday to press people to get involved in their communities.

Bush suggested a number of volunteer activities: helping at a soup kitchen, teaching a child to read, visiting a hospital patient, or taking food to an elderly neighbor, among others. He also has promoted public service, and has encouraged people toward his USA Freedom Corps, an umbrella organization to coordinate federal volunteerism.

"Every time you reach out to a neighbor in need, you touch a life," said the president. "You improve your community, and you strengthen our nation."

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