



**ROLLOVER AT SIS'S GAP** - Illinois Valley emergency personnel responded to a report of a rollover accident on Hwy. 199 at Sis's Gap in Gold Canyon on Tuesday, April 27. The driver (above right) told an Oregon State Police trooper that something in the front end of his pickup truck locked, causing the vehicle to veer into the lane for southbound traffic, strike an embankment

and roll onto the passenger side. The driver declined to provide his name to a reporter, and other information was unavailable for this issue. Besides OSP, responders were American Medical Response, I.V. Fire District and Josephine County Sheriff's Office. The driver apparently was uninjured, and was not transported for medical attention. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

## Valley Obituaries

### 'Charlie' Caughel

A graveside service for Cave Junction resident Charles "Charlie" Gardner Caughel, 77, who died at home on Friday, April 2, 2004, will be held on Tuesday, May 4.

The service at Eagle Point National Cemetery will begin at 1 p.m. Chaplain Sandi Richard will officiate.

Mr. Caughel was born on March 15, 1927 in Lackawanna, N.Y. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army and Merchant Marines.

On May 20, 1976 in San Pedro, Calif. he married the former Elsie Ann Thorak, who survived him until dying on April 21.

Mr. Caughel and his wife moved to Cave Junction in 1982. He served as caretaker at Illinois Valley Airport for 18 years. He was looking forward to retirement when a sudden illness forced him to be discharged from his duties in 2000.

He enjoyed music, photography, reading and fishing.

Surviving are his sister, Bea Pietrick; a step-daughter, Valerie Edmonds of Selma; two step-sons, Robert Thorak and Steven Thorak, both of O'Brien; and a step-grandson.

Hull & Hull Funeral Directors handled arrangements.

### Elsie Ann Caughel

Elsie Ann Caughel, 70, of Cave Junction, died at her daughter's home in Selma on Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

Visitation will be on Monday, May 3 from noon to 8 p.m. at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors chapel in Grants Pass. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4 at

Eagle Point National Cemetery with Chaplain Sandi Richard officiating.

Mrs. Caughel was born on Sept. 24, 1933 in Avenal, N.J. She graduated from high school in Los Angeles. She married Charles Caughel, who died 19 days before her, on May 20, 1976 in San Pedro, Calif.

She enjoyed music, gardening and sewing.

She is survived by her daughter, Selma resident Valerie Edmonds; two sons, Robert Thorak and Steven Thorak, both of O'Brien; two brothers, Joe Bakos and Frank Bakos, of New Jersey; a sister, Rose Evans of Washington state; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are being handled by Hull & Hull Funeral Directors.

### Richard L. Bowers

A "Celebration of Life" for Selma resident Richard Leeton Bowers, 74, who died April 21, 2004, will be held at his home on Sunday, May 9 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The son of Richard L. Bowers Sr. and Nora Bowers Smith, he was born on June 8, 1929 in Memphis, Tenn., the oldest of eight children. He graduated high school in Colfax, Iowa in 1947. He married Virginia (Shepley) on Dec. 24, 1949 in Colfax. They celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in 2003.

He worked at the Maytag Co. in Newton, Iowa, becoming a certified tool and die maker by completing its four-year program. In 1962 he and his family

moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he worked at H&H Machine Tool Co. In 1971, he formed a partnership with Ed Harken and started a successful business, BlackHawk Engineering Co. Inc., Tool & Die Engineering, Design and Manufacture. He sold his share to his partner and retired in 1979 at age 49.

Mr. Bowers and his family then moved to California, where they remained until 1996, when they moved to Selma.

He spent his days golfing, working in his shop, and walking his acreage with his dogs. He enjoyed many activities, including spending time with family and friends, camping, hunting, ocean fishing, trapshooting, and using his skills as a mechanic to restore classic cars and an ocean fishing boat.

He always enjoyed problem-solving and was the person many would turn to for advice. He loved a good joke, could tell a great story and was a great Kibitzer.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Virginia; four children, Angi, Gina, Rich and Jill; his mother, Nora Smith; four sisters; two brothers; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

### James R. Myers Sr.

Cave Junction resident James Richard Myers Sr., 57, died Monday, April 19 at his home.

Arrangements were by Illinois Valley Funeral Home. A graveside service was held Friday, April 23 at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction.

Mr. Myers was born May 20, 1946 in Santa Rosa, Calif. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service. He moved to Illinois Valley 35 years ago from Santa

Rosa.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. His hobby was wood-working.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Myers, of Cave Junction; his father, James Myers, of Myrtle Creek, Ore.; his mother, Virginia Myers of Elmira, Ore.; three sons, Glen Reese, of La Grande, Ore., James Myers Jr., and Timothy Myers, both of Cave Junction; four brothers, Gary Myers, of Elmira, Brett and Troy Myers, both of Myrtle Creek, and Todd Myers, of Klamath Falls, Ore.; two sisters, Patty Goldman, of Los Angeles, and Tonya White, of Eugene; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, John Myers and Timothy Yarbrough.

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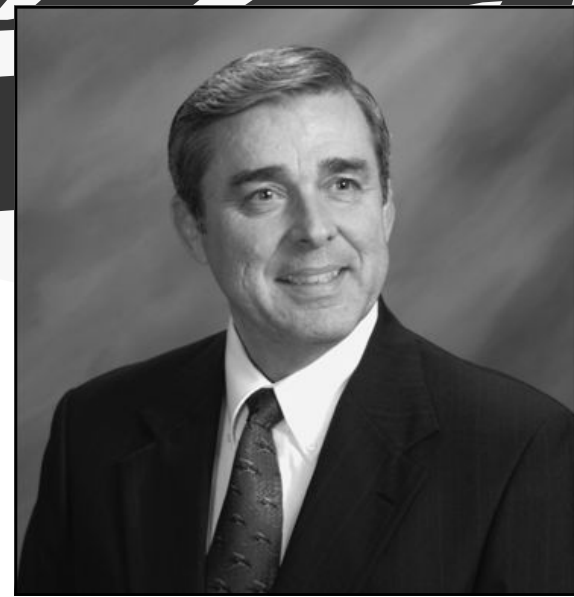
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Richard L. Bowers Sr. and Nora Bowers Smith, he was born on June 8, 1929 in Memphis, Tenn., the oldest of eight children.



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## Cougar Sports

Cougar Kim Hamilton pitched a two-hitter and a perfect game to lead Illinois Valley to 12-1 and 10-0 victories against Hidden Valley on Saturday, April 24 in Murphy.

The win put Illinois

Valley at 9-2 in the Sky-line Conference; 11-4 overall.

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I.V.'s baseball team lost to Rogue River 12-2 at an away game on Thursday, April 22.

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In Cave Junction on Thursday, the Cougars track team captured the boys and girls team titles in a four-way meet. Kim Hamilton and Kirsten Wood were standouts.

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