

Obituaries

'Two-Shoes' concludes long walk



'Tony' Betchik

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"Charlie Two-Shoes," also known as Anthony Francis Raphael Betchik, 53, wants his friends to know that he has traveled toward infinity and soft shoe-shuffled off this mortal coil on Memorial Day, May 31, 2004 at St. Francis Extended Health Care in Bellingham, Wash.

Cremation was handled by Jerns Funeral Chapel in Bellingham. A funeral service will be held at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction in August. The time and date will be announced.

Mr. Betchik was born Feb. 2, 1951 in Cleveland, Ohio to A.J. and Ollie Betchik. At 17 he left Cleveland, hitch-hiked to the West Coast, and arrived in Takilma in Illinois Valley in 1968.

During the years he bucked hay, peeled poles, was a firefighter, and a forest service park ranger. He was a free-lance writer for the Grants Pass "Daily Courier," and a disk jockey and copy writer for the former Illinois Valley commercial FM station, Radio KBIG.

Mr. Betchik also worked as a reporter/photographer, dark-room technician and layout aide for "Illinois Valley News." It was his last job before his health began failing.

A prolific poet and writer, he also was a

singer, painter, and one "Dapper Dude." During his illness he created one-of-a-kind watercolor cards. Plus, health permitting, he was primary day-care provider and a wonderful grandfather for his grandson. He entertained with wit and charm, and has indicated that he will be waiting on the other side with more songs and jokes, wearing his signature white suit and carrying his favorite cane.

Mr. Betchik is survived by his mother, Ollie Betchik, of Cleveland; a son, Dylan Betchik, of Bellingham; two brothers, John Betchik of Santa Fe, N.M., and Peter Betchik, of Cave Junction; two sisters, Mary Anne Finucan and Debbie Cotton, both of Cleveland; his ex-wife, Joyce, of Cave Junction; and their grandson, Andrew Betchik, of Bellingham.

Jane Payne

Selma resident Jane Payne, 88, died Thursday, June 17, 2004 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

Southern Oregon Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Gwendolyn DeBord

Gwendolyn Noreen DeBord, 84, of Cave Junction, died at home Wednesday, June 16, 2004.

Mrs. DeBord was born on Dec. 29, 1919 in Stafford, Kan. She moved to Illinois Valley in 1995 from Tucson, Ariz.

A memorial service will be held in July. The family suggests memorial donations to the donors' favorite cancer society.

Illinois Valley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. DeBord is survived by two daughters, Trudy Stehelin, of Cave Junction, and Judy Stephens, of Tucumcari, N.M.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Church News

St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church

Next Sunday, we will hear readings from Kings, Paul and Luke.

In the Old Testament, Elisha gave up everything he had and followed Elijah. In Luke, Jesus asked his disciples to follow him, but they wanted to take care of personal things at home first.

However, Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

Clubs & Organizations

Marine Corps League Rogue Valley Chapter

The annual convention of Marine Corps League Dept. of Oregon will be held in Medford at Rogue Regency Inn on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 25-27.

Special guest will be Dianna Dills, former National Marine Corps League commandant. Principal speaker will be retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Rick Francona, who will comment on the Middle East.

For more information, contact phone (541) 471-1944 or (541) 665-2196.

Waldo Mining District

The Waldo Mining District will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, June 30, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction.

Items on the agenda include: Election of Waldo officers and Board members; the Siskiyou Regional Education Project's suit against the Siskiyou National Forest (SNF) designed to severely limit or prohibit suction dredging; the Waldo Mining District's counter-suit against the SNF designed to allow suction dredging pursuant to the current laws and regulations; the current state permitting process; SNF Supervisor Scott Conroy's recommendation for 64,000 acres of new Wilderness; and other mining issues.

The Waldo Mining District, established in 1852, is Oregon's oldest mining district. The purpose of the WMD is to preserve, protect, and promote mining in S.W. Oregon.

Anyone interested in mining and protecting your rights to mine on public lands is welcome, and urged to attend. The public is invited.

Executive dean listed for RCC

Dr. Nancy Maxwell, an educator in the Washington Community and Technical College system for 30 years, will become the next executive dean of Rogue Community College's Redwood Campus.

She is currently project manager/consultant for the Northwest Workforce Development Council in Bellingham, Wash.

Maxwell has a doctorate in community college education from Oregon State University at Corvallis. She received a master's degree in human development and a bachelor's degree in home economics from University of Illinois.



A fire of unknown origin burned approximately 1/10th of an acre of vegetation on the west side of Hwy. 199 between Z Coffee and Illinois Valley Golf Course on Tuesday evening, June 15. (Photo by Dale Sandberg/I.V. Fire District photographer)

I.V. Volunteer Firefighters to the Rescue

Monday, June 14

*1:15 a.m., medical aid, 1200 block Arrowhead Drive.
*10:13 a.m., districtwide medical standby for American Medical Response.
*2:18 p.m., medical aid, 400 block Raintree Drive.
*2:33 p.m., medical aid, 6000 block Upper Deer Creek Road.
*2:40 p.m., smoke investigation/fire, Jubilee Park.
*3:46 p.m., open burn, 200 block Manzanita Lane.

Tuesday, June 15

*4:22 a.m., smoke investigation, 100 block S. Redwood Hwy.
*7:55 p.m., brush fire, 20000 block Redwood Hwy.
*10:16 p.m., medical aid, 30000 block Redwood Hwy.
Wednesday, June 16
*7:35 a.m., medical aid, 2000 block Chapman Creek.
*8:42 a.m., medical aid, 9000 block Caves Hwy.
*10:13 a.m., medical aid, 1000 block Rockydale Road.
*2:58 p.m., motor vehicle accident (MVA), 3000 block Lakeshore Drive.
*3:18 p.m., MVA, Hwy.

199 at milepost 23.

*5:43 p.m., medical aid, Schumacher Street.
*6:59 p.m., trash fire, Speedy Mart.

Thursday, June 17

*8:05 a.m., medical aid, 2000 block Laurel Road.
*8:06 a.m., districtwide medical standby.
*10:19 a.m., MVA, Hwy. 199 at milepost 33.
*2:38 p.m., public aid, 1000 block Laurel Road.
*6:33 p.m., medical aid, W. Schumacher Street.
*8:37 p.m., smoke investigation, W. River Street/Daisy Hill Lane.
*9:06 p.m., medical aid, Schumacher Street.

Friday, June 18

*10:24 a.m., medical aid, 1000 block Iron Way.
*4:55 p.m., medical aid, 300 block Caves Hwy.
*5:44 p.m., medical aid, 17000 block Hwy. 199.
*5:55 p.m., medical aid, 17000 block Hwy. 199.
*7:37 p.m., medical aid, Schumacher Street.

Saturday, June 19

*8:08 a.m., smoke investigation, 1000 block Lake-

shore Drive.

*10:28 a.m., medical aid, 24000 block Hwy. 199.
*4:13 p.m., medical aid, 24000 block Hwy. 199.
*4:20 p.m., MVA, Hwy. 199 at milepost 21.
*4:55 p.m., open burn, 17000 block Hwy. 199.
*6:34 p.m., structure fire, 600 block Lone Mountain Road.

*6:41 p.m., medical aid, 8000 block Takilma Road.

*8:33 p.m., medical aid, Hamilton Avenue/Redwood Hwy.

*8:44 p.m., medical aid, Hamilton/Redwood Hwy.

*11:10 p.m., smoke investigation, 300 block Kirkham Road.

Sunday, June 20

*12:02 a.m., fireworks complaint, 10000 block Illinois River Road.

*12:58 a.m., medical aid, 100 block Hwy. 199.

*1:23 a.m., medical aid, 35000 block Hwy. 199.

*11:18 a.m., medical aid, 1300 block Caves Hwy.

*9:12 p.m., medical aid, 300 block June Drive.

BULK FOOD SALE

Wednesday - Tuesday
June 23 through June 29

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\$1.98
per lb.

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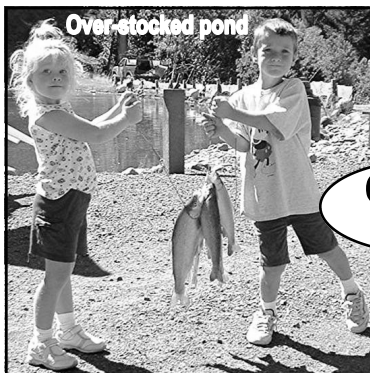
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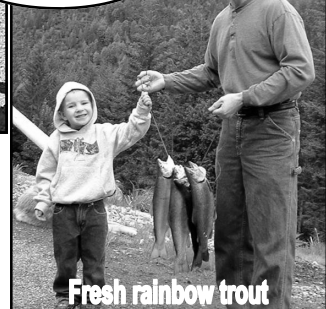
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