Obituaries



Joshua Isaac Allen

Cave Junction resident Joshua Isaac Allen, 22, died Thursday, July 7, 2004 as the result of a motor vehicle accident.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 18 at 11 a.m. at Rough and Ready Park in Cave Junction with Lydia Welcome officiating. A potluck lunch will follow.

Hull & Hull Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions can be made at Home Valley Bank in Cave Junction in the name of Joshua Allen. He had no insurance, according to a report.

Mr. Allen was born July 28, 1981 in Anaheim, Calif. He lived in Alturas, Calif. for 16 years; and for the past seven in Cave Junction, where he graduated from Illinois Valley High School in 2000.

He loved the outdoors and mountains of Oregon and Northern California. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and four-wheel driving. He also loved building items of wood and metal.

Said his family, "He was the best father to his baby girl, Shelby Linden Allen. He was wonderful to everyone who knew him and would give his last dime to anyone in need, which was often.

"Mr. Allen," continued his family, "was loyal and honest; treating his fiancé, Amanda, like a queen. He worked hard to supply everything his family needed. He always had a smile, and his girls were his pride and joy"

He is survived by his parents, Darrell and Corinne "Cory" Allen; a sister, Mechelle Northrup,

Distance awakens
longing; closeness is
belonging. Yet they are
always in a dynamic
interflow with each
other. When we fix or
locate them definitively,
we injure our growth.
- John O'Donohue

The real miracle is not to walk either on water or in thin air, but to walk on the Earth.

- Thicht Nhat Hanh -

all of Cave Junction; two grandparents, Richard and Dorothy Allen, of O'Brien; and a daughter, Shelby Linden, with his fiancé, Amanda Allen, also of Cave Junction.

Jessie E. Goodwin

Takilma native Jessie E. Goodwin, 86, of Grants Pass, died Monday, July 5, 2004 at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford.

Visitation was held Thursday, July 8 at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors Chapel in Grants Pass.

A funeral service was conducted Friday, July 9 at Hull & Hull with Pastor Cliff Meyer officiating. Private interment was at Laurel Cemetery.

Remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society, Josephine County Chapter, 31 W. Sixth St., Medford OR 97501.

Mrs. Goodwin was born Jessie E. Eggers on Sept. 18, 1917 in Takilma in Illinois Valley. On Sept. 25, 1935 in Grants Pass she married Clarence C. Goodwin, who preceded her in death. She lived in Illinois Valley until 1957 when she moved to Eureka, Calif., where she earned a nursing credential.

In 1965 she moved to Grants Pass, became nursing certified in the state of Oregon, and worked for Dr. Forsgren at the Grants Pass Clinic until her retirement in 1973.

She especially enjoyed the outdoors, including bird-watching, gardening, and walking in the woods. She was also an accomplished painter with many paintings displayed in her home. She was a member of the Neighborhood Church.

Survivors are a son, John Goodwin, of Grants Pass; a brother, Herman Eggers, of Cave Junction; a sister, Frances Gray, of Nice, Calif.; a grandson; and four great-grandchildren.

Say you saw it in the 'Noose'

Volunteers provide rounded Rangers program

By SHANE WELSH Staff Writer

(First of two parts)

The Takilma Dome School Rangers have been going strong for more than seven years, providing educational after-school activities for Illinois Valley youth.

Sarah McDonald, director of the Josephine County Commission for Children and Families, started the program in 1996 at Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction.

When the success of the program was realized, the idea was carried on to Takilma Dome School.

Dave Toler, former Dome School administrator, is in charge of the Dome School Rangers program, which took up its new home in April 1997.

Some people may have the impression that the program is for Dome School youth only. Throughout the history of the program, the majority of those attending are from Evergreen Elementary, Lorna Byrne Middle School, or home-schooled, Toler said.

There are many afterschool programs whose mission is to give children a positive place to go after school.

What's unique about Dome School Rangers is that, "We used research by SEARCH Institute, '40-assets,' a nationwide study of thousands of youth, to develop our program," said Toler.

That was the heart of the Rangers design: to build the critical assets in younger children so that they can avoid at-risk behaviors which usually get them into delinquency.

By implementing some of the 40 assets developed by SEARCH, the Rangers program could demonstrate the benefit of having a place for youth to go after school to prevent delinquent behavior. With measurable results, future funding would be easier to obtain.

"When you're identifying an 'at-risk' kid at the age of 6, it's not the same

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Rangers build bat houses. (Shane Welsh photo)

at the age of 16; we're not talking about kids that are out on the street getting into trouble," said Toler.

"We work with kids 6 to 12," he said. "At 13, some of them become assistants, but for the most part, we don't have the resources to help teens, so we have to let them go at that age. Usually, though, they are ready.

"We serve all kids at that age; not just the ones determined to be at risk for delinquent behavior. We're not an at-risk program only.

"Individual plans are designed around the at-risk kids, to make a program that will help them build their assets, whether they are school performance assets or personal and social assets," he said.

The SEARCH study showed that the program didn't need all 40 assets to work. It showed that for the assets to work, the program must contain a critical level of 16 to 20 assets. With just 20 assets being developed, the chances of a child becoming delinquent later in life decreases considerably.

Toler explained, "We needed to design a tool that

could not only implement the 20 assets into the program, but could measure the results to help obtain

future grant funding.

"We established a baseline with the help of staff and teachers that could track progress of children in the program.

"We ask asset-related questions, such as how are kids interacting with others, or tendencies to not be able to resolve issues. Once the baseline is established, we use that data further down the road to determine where the child has developed within the program," he said.

The other part of the

assets implemented relates to academics. There are several of the assets that have to do with success in schools.

"We take academic records from every school they attend," said Toler, "and measure or build a tutor program that uses the school records to work on the weak spots to try to improve and ensure a child's success in school.

"We really emphasize engagement. Your child can come here and receive tutoring in math, reading and writing, and a variety of other educational activities," said Toler.

Rangers participate in making arts and crafts such as paper Mache, ceramics, and many other art projects. During the holiday season, some kids even make gifts for friends and parents.

There is even a learning incentive for kids who participate in the program. For each completed assignment, a child can earn 50-cents to \$1. At the end of the year, the money is given to the kids to use on anything they desire.

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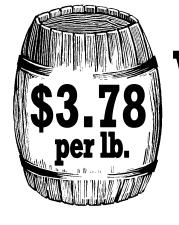
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