

Summer pool funding looks dried up

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contract to the city last year, and sold \$20,000 worth of passes and received \$6,000 in donations, said City Recorder Jim Polk. The Y spent some \$13,000 on salaries and about \$5,000 for expenses including electricity and office supplies.

But the city had to come up with an additional \$14,000 for chemicals, fixing pumps, fence repairs and other expenses, Polk said.

The city, he said, used reserve funds during the past two years to pay for pool expenses. However, funding is looking short this year, although the council and Budget Committee have not made a decision yet.

Hobbins said that she has been involved with the pool since 1984. "I have volunteered, been on several Pool Committees, life-guarded, taught children to swim as an instructor, taught water aerobics, been a swim team

coach, and been involved in management," said Hobbins.

"I want the community to know that we need to find a way to ensure that our community asset becomes a community priority. If the pool does not open this summer," she said, "it will be the first time in 20 years.

"I know of five I.V. High School teen-agers who spent more than 40 hours of their spring break or free time to become certified as lifeguards in hopes of a summer job. There are too few jobs for our young adults."

Hobbins listed a number of reasons for keeping the pool open.

"Our rivers are good for dipping and playing," she said, "but they do not provide a place where there are swimming lessons for our children; classes for our senior citizens and others to exercise in an environment of less gravity; a place to rent for private parties, including church activi-

ties, birthdays and family reunions."

The pool provides, she said, "a safe place for Boys & Girls Club members to cool off; a place for lap swimmers; a place for summer teen dances. Parents can leave their children there during the summer when they need a break or time to get some work done.

"It's a safe place for our children to gather," said Hobbins, "and those are only a few of the benefits of our community pool."

Because of the apparent funding problem, she said, "Now is the time to come forward with ideas, skills, knowledge, hopes -- even your money -- if we are to save the pool."

She said that anyone with grant-writing skills could help. And she urges those with ideas to contact Mayor Tony Paulson or Councilmen Rita Dyer, Dan Fiske, Margaret Miller or Russell Ehrman.

Mishap on Illinois River claims life

A Grants Pass naturopathic doctor died during a kayak trip on Illinois River Friday, May 6, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO).

He was identified as Erich Fleischman. In his hardshell kayak, he became lodged against a boulder underwater in a small rapid, said JCSO.

He was pulled from the river, but died approximately 90 minutes later, reported JCSO. Some persons in the kayaking group continued on, to obtain help.

Those assisting JCSO were Search And Rescue volunteers from Josephine and Jackson counties, Galice Resort, Oregon Air National Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, Curry County Sheriff's Office, and several river guide services.

OSP arrests Grants Pass wrong-way driver on Interstate 5

Grants Pass resident James Robinson II, 29, was arrested by Oregon State Police Sunday, May 8 on charges including driving the wrong way on Interstate 5 at Gold Hill.

OSP said that Robinson was charged with driving

under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, two counts of recklessly endangering and driving while suspended violation (wrong-way driver).

His vehicle, said OSP, was reported at 2:45 a.m. as traveling northbound on the

lanes for southbound traffic. A trooper saw the vehicle stopped on the lanes for southbound traffic, facing north.

As the trooper used an interchange to reach the car, he saw it turn around and begin heading south.

Once stopped, the trooper said that Robinson was too intoxicated to take field sobriety tests. He was taken to a jail, where his breath sample for alcohol registered .23 percent. (.08 is the legal Oregon limit).

His car was impounded.

Nine-tenths of wisdom is being wise in time. - Theodore Roosevelt

Valley obituaries

'Pat' Sale

Cave Junction resident Patricia "Pat" Faye Sale, 60, died Sunday, May 8, 2005 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 14 at 2:30 p.m. at her residence, 475 Pinewood Way, Cave Junction.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1944 in San Bernardino, Calif. She moved in 1996 to Illinois Valley from Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Sale was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in Cave Junction. She was an employee of The Original Cut Co., a beauty salon in Cave Junction, for 18 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Laurie Morton, of Cave Junction, and Carol Fielder, of Medford; her mother, Winnie Stephens; a brother, Michael Stephens; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Illinois Valley Funeral Home. Cremation is planned.

Bertha L. Foutch

Bertha L. Foutch, 89, of Cave Junction, died Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

A private graveside service will be held in California at a later date. Grants Pass Funeral Alternatives is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Foutch was born on Jan. 2, 1916 Middletown, Calif. She married Carl Foutch

on March 20, 1937 in Napa, Calif. He preceded her in death in 1985. She moved to Cave Junction in 1991 from Williams, Calif.

She is survived by three sisters, Lily Enderlin, of Lower Lake, Calif., Martha Cook, of Healdsburg, Calif., and Edna Vesper, of Cave Junction; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kenneth 'Virgil' Forthun

Kenneth Virgil Forthun, 69, of Cave Junction, died Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at his home.

A graveside service was held Friday, May 6, 2005 at Eagle Point National Cemetery. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors handled arrangements.

Mr. Forthun was born April 7, 1936 in Fort Ripley Township, Minn. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Military Police stationed in Germany. On Aug. 21, 1978 in Las Vegas, Nev. he married his wife, Nancy.

He lived for more than 20 years in Las Vegas, where he worked as a carpenter for Gary Day Construction. He later moved to Gold Beach, where he lived for six years and owned and operated Gold Beach Travel Park. He moved to Cave Junction a year ago.

He especially enjoyed woodworking in his shop and tinkering with gadgets.

Besides his wife, Nancy Ann Forthun, of Cave Junction; he is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Smith, of Ocean-

side, Calif.; four brothers, Melvin Forthun, Don Forthun, Darryl Forthun, and Jerome Forthun all of San Diego; a sister, Janet Hennington, of Minneapolis, Minn.; and one grandchild.

Earlynn M. Lewis

A memorial Mass was celebrated Wednesday, May 11 at St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church in Cave Junction for former Cave Junction resident Earlynn M. Lewis, 78, of Grants Pass, who died in a Grants Pass nursing facility on May 4, 2005.

The Mass was celebrated by the Revn. Harry Howell. Arrangements were directed by Hull & Hull Funeral Directors. Remembrances can be made to Parkinson's Resources of Oregon, 1015 N.W. 22nd Ave., Portland OR 97210.

Mrs. Lewis was born in Los Angeles. In 1943 she married Donald M. Lewis, who was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps. She moved to Cave Junction in 1959 and lived there for more than 40 years before moving to Grants Pass in 2000.

She attended St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church, where she served with the Altar Society, and participated in the Rosary Making Prayer Group. She also served on the church school board, and was a CCD teacher.

She was known as a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She especially enjoyed crafts, sewing,

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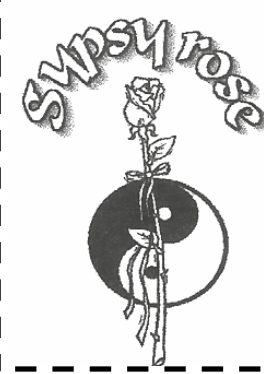
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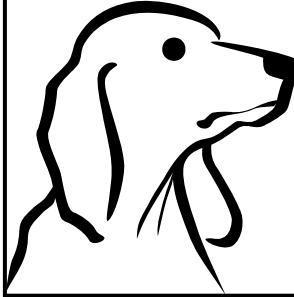
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