

‘Final edition’ of the ‘News’ a memento for Johnson kin

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Many in the valley who read the “News” recognize the names Cheryl and Hany Johnson.

The recognition is in fine print each week on the page with the O’Brien weather box. With no weatherman to call our own, they provide us the highs and lows, plus rainfall and snow figures for each week’s issue.

Wednesday, March 15, Cheryl experienced a personal low. Her father, Simon Azevedo, died.

She and her husband left immediately to be with her mother, only to be delayed by the late-season snow and storms.

Refusing to let setbacks keep them from family, they arrived at her mother’s ranch in California’s Marin County by 11:30 a.m. the next day.

The weekend was spent spinning yarns of yesteryear, as friends and family shared a mixture of emotions, laughter and tears.

Through faith, family and food, the ceremony -- rife with Portuguese tradition -- transformed a sad situation into a cleansing, powerful experience.

“I was amazed,” said Harry.

Monday, March 20, the family held a closed casket

ceremony. Afterward, the doors to the room were closed, and the casket was opened for family.

The family approached one-by-one for final good-byes and to place special mementos with their loved one.

Cheryl’s turn arrived. She spent her moments in thoughtful recollection -- for how do you thank someone who has made the sacrifices for family as does a good father?

Before she turned and walked away, she slipped a copy of the “Illinois Valley News” into his hands to take with him on his journey.

“Before he passed away, I used to send him the ‘Illinois Valley News’ every week,” Cheryl said.

“He would look for the weather column first to see what we had printed,” she said, “and then would sit and read the paper from cover to cover.

“He loved getting it, and especially enjoyed Police Blotter,” she said.

On a hill overlooking the southern part of Tomales, Calif., amid sheep grazing and cows meandering in the fields, lies a casket peacefully placed.

In it rests a man and his newspaper.

Maybe he’ll tell some of his new friends about his story in the “I.V. News.”

Tessie T. Graham
A small memorial service and gathering for former Illinois Valley resident Tessie Terry Graham, 64, who died at home in Grants Pass Saturday, March 25, 2006, will be held Wednesday, March 29.

It will be conducted at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors Chapel beginning at 2 p.m. Arrangements are directed by Southern Oregon Cremation Services.

Mrs. Graham was born on July 12, 1941 in San Francisco. She married George “Bill” W. Graham in 1958 in Santa Ana, Calif. They owned Illinois Valley’s Holland Store from 1980 to 1985. He died in 1984.

Mrs. Graham moved to Grants Pass in August 2000 with her partner, Jack King.

She was known for loving her children and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a volunteer at Josephine County Humane Society for two years, and was an aide for the American Cancer Society. She enjoyed reading, drawing, playing with her cats, and collecting cat paraphernalia.

She leaves behind her partner, Jack King; and is survived by two sons, William “Eddy” E. Graham, and George “Andy” A. Graham, both of California, two daughters, Julie M. Nichols, of Portland, and Frances “Frannie” M. Hill, of Beaverton; three sis-

ters, Marcia Wright, Janelle Wainwright and Linda Pulley, all living out-of-state; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Donna.

Dorothy Mae Woodcock
Former Selma resident Dorothy Mae (Gividen) Woodcock died Saturday, March 18, 2006 at her home in Grants Pass, seven weeks shy of celebrating her 94th birthday.

Visitation was held Friday, March 24 at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors Chapel in Grants Pass.

A graveside service followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Grants Pass, conducted by Bishop Ken Pennington, of the LDS Church. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors handled arrangements.

Mrs. Woodcock was born on May 4, 1912 in Sperry, Okla. As a child she moved with her family to Joplin, Mo. She and her sister, Agnes Waite, moved to the Rogue Valley in 1928, where Dorothy met Ernest Woodcock from Footh Creek, and they were married Sept. 19, 1929. In 1931 their first child, Betty Ann, was born on Graves Creek (Sams Valley).

Later the family moved to Illinois Valley, locating on Deer Creek (Dryden/Selma). It was there that they were

blessed with five more children: Edward, Nora Mae, Thelma, Ernest, and Theodore “Ted.”

In 1966 the couple and their youngest son, Ted, moved to Grants Pass, where they built the home in which Mrs. Woodcock resided until her death. She always had an abundance of cherries, apples and vegetables to share, as she had a great love of gardening and canning.

She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary and the Dry-

den Grange.

Preceding her in death was her husband in 1990; two of their daughters, Nora Mae and Betty Ann; one son, Ernest William; and four sisters, Berdine McClure, Delores Dunkeson, Agnes Mayberry, and Viola Hardie; and a grandson.

Surviving are two sons, Edward Woodcock and Ted Woodcock; a daughter, Thelma Frazier; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

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Church News

St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just seven days from the start of Holy Week on Palm Sunday, we will read again from John’s Gospel to further prepare us for Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection.

A Spring Rummage Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cave Junction

Due to popular demand, the “Revelation Speaks Hope” meetings will continue every Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction at 7:15 p.m.

Evangelist Steve Cook, featured on the Better Life TV weekly “Spotlight” program, will present “Revelation’s Last-Day Remnant” Friday, March 31 at the county building.

Saturday at 11 a.m. at the church, 265 S. Old Stage Road, he’ll present, “Revelation’s Last Call of the Spirit.” And Saturday at

7:15 p.m. at the county building, “The Testimony of Jesus.”

In the county building (all at 7:15 p.m.) -- Sunday, April 2 the topic will be, “Revelation’s Saints;” Tuesday, April 4, “Armageddon and the Seven Last Plagues;” and Friday April 7, “The Mystery of the Scarlet Harlots.”

Saturday, April 8 at 11 a.m. at the church the topic will be, “Heaven is For Real!” “Come early for a good seat, as there may be standing room only,” said the church’s Patty Hyland.

Community Services, under Director Teresa Harwood and 25 volunteers, cared for 45 families Tues-

day, March 21. Large boxes of fresh produce, canned goods, pasta, beans, rice and bread were given to families in Illinois Valley.

Community Services offers assistance Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church. For more information about it or the “Revelation” series, telephone 592-3218.

“Health and Healing” will continue to be presented each evening by Alberta Cook, a registered nurse. Her up-to-date health information has continued to amaze audiences.

A colorful, interesting children’s program is conducted each evening with Bible stories, games, and

crafts.

The Madrone Adventist School children with teachers, staff and some parents enjoyed a fun-filled Snow Day at the Page Mt./Walt Farmer park out Happy Camp Road. It was a lovely day to slide down the hills and relish the fluffy large flakes of snow.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

When we confess our sins, it renews us through God’s light shining in our lives, as we admit our brokenness.

Saturday, April 22 there will be a church-and-grounds cleanup. A women’s rummage sale is planned for May 6.

Places of Worship

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA
18285 Redwood Hwy.
P.O. Box 279, Selma, OR 97538 - 597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
Sunday evening: 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
P.O. Box 645
5181 Holland Loop
Non-Denominational
Pastor Frank Salerni
Children’s Church-10:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m.
Youth Group Leaders Lance & Judy Baker
Women’s Prayer Thursday 9:30 a.m.
Men’s Prayer Meeting 1st & 3rd Saturday - 8 a.m.
Corner Dick George/ Holland Loop

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street & Lewis Court
Sunday Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Church Phone: 592-2290

ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
25904 N. Redwood Hwy.
Sunday Services:
1st three Sundays 11 a.m.
Fourth Sunday 5 p.m.
592-2006

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Avenue
592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH
407 W. River Street, CJ 592-3658
Father Harry Holwell
Parochial Vicar
Masses - Sunday
Daylight Saving - 9 a.m.
Standard Time - 10 a.m.
Daily Mass Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m.
First Saturday - 10 a.m.
Holy Days - 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday - 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
113 S. Caves Avenue, CJ
Evangelical & Non-Denominational
Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Jr. Church, Infant & Toddler Nursery Provided
Youth Awana & Crossquest
Wednesday - 6:15 to 8 p.m.
Dr. Don Blackburn, Pastor
Community Christian Academy
Preschool to 12th grade

BEIT EMMANUEL A Messianic Congregation
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Sabbath Services
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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
265 S. Old Stage Road
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Sat. Church Service 11 a.m. Sat.
Prayer & Praise 7 p.m. Tues.
Pastor Vern Hyland
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592-3330
Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy Whitchurch
592-6604

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins Ph. 592-3876
Pastor David Goodrich
Sunday School - 8 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Child-care for small children
Potluck/Bible Study
Thursday 7 p.m.
Web Page:
<http://UMCImmanuel.org>

VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Les Knapp
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study Mon. 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Studies
Thursday 6 p.m.
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592-6160



CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
207 Junction Avenue, CJ
Priesthood, Relief Soc. 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Sacrament Meet - 10:50 a.m.
Bishop Charles Rigby
1st Counselor Dennis Swift
2nd Counselor Sam Williams

ILLINOIS VALLEY PRAISE CENTER
28569 Redwood Hwy.
Cave Junction
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.
Thursday evening - 7 p.m.
Home Bible Study/Youth Group
Non-Denominational
Bible Teaching Church
Pastor Doug Wilson
592-4872

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10300 Takilma Road
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study/Prayer Time 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS
Bible Study & Fellowship
987 ½ Caves Hwy.
2 p.m. Sunday
7:30 p.m. Thursday
592-4716
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139 Caves Ave. Front door
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592-4775

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Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery 10:30 a.m.
Tues. & Wed. Bible college classes - 7 p.m.
Thurs. ‘First Love Kitchen’ Free meal
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Fri. Genesis 12 Step - 7 p.m.
Sat. ‘Free Bread’ 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
“A Full Restoration, NT Church”
Phone for classes being offered this semester.

ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
2110 Caves Hwy.
Stanley W. Smith, Pastor
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study - Thursday 6 p.m.
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Whole Wheat Bread
Peanut Butter Cookie
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
SEAFOOD PATTY W/ TARTAR SAUCE
Green Peas
Mixed Fruit Salad
Pumpkin Bar