

## Obituaries

### Bunyan Gordon Odam

Bunyan Gordon Odam, 88, of Cave Junction, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at his residence. A private service was arranged through Illinois Valley Funeral Home.

Mr. Odam was born on July 7, 1918, in Spur, Texas. He moved to Illinois Valley in 1980 from Escondido, Calif. He attended Bridgeview Community Church in Cave Junction.

He is survived by his wife, Lila Ree Odam, of Cave Junction; two sons, Glenn Odam, of Montrose, Colo., and John Odam, of El Cajon, Calif.; a daughter, Margaret Garrison, of Cave Junction; a brother, Bill Odam, of San Antonio, Texas; a sister, Ona Dell Kuble, of Monticello, Ind.; and nine grandchildren.

### Harold R. Pierson

Harold R. Pierson, 66, of Cave Junction, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass. Arrangements are pending at Illinois Valley Funeral Home.

### Bennie B. Simmons

Bennie B. Simmons, 93, of Cave Junction, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007 at a nursing home in Grants Pass. Arrangements are pending with Stephens Family Chapel.

### Donna Gail Thornton

Donna Gail Thornton, 56, of Grants Pass, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007 at a Medford health-care center.

A memorial service was

held Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007 at her brother Ed's home in Grants Pass.

Mrs. Thornton was born on Dec. 21, 1950 at The Women's Hospital in Pasadena, Calif. She graduated from high school, and from Sacramento House of Beauty College in Sacramento, as a licensed beautician. Following graduation she worked for several years in Sacramento.

In 1975 she moved from Sacramento to Cave Junction, where she lived until moving to Grants Pass in 1996 due to illness. While living in Cave Junction she was self-employed as a resident artist with special emphasis on drawing animals. She also owned a station at Original Cut Company in Cave Junction.

She attended Rogue River Assembly of God Church. She assisted the Christmas Basket Program in Cave Junction.

She loved her dogs, art, calligraphy, doing charcoal sketches, poems, reading and cooking. She also enjoyed playing bingo.

Survivors include her two sisters, Monica Thornton, of Cave Junction, and Debra Thornton, of Ashland; her two brothers, Ed Thornton, of Grants Pass, and Eldon Thornton, of Sacramento; and 11 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mom, Fran, in 1986, and her dad, Vern Thornton, in 1982; and her brothers, Mitch Thornton, in 1990, and Dave Thornton, in 1992.

Hull & Hull Funeral Di-

rectors handled arrangements.

### Alice Marie Lloyd

Former Cave Junction resident Alice Marie Lloyd, 84, of Grants Pass, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007 in a Grants Pass rest home. Arrangements are pending at Illinois Valley Funeral Home.

### Melvin Steward

A graveside service for Cave Junction resident Melvin Steward, 81, who died in a Grants Pass nursing home on Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, was held Wednesday, Feb. 7.

The service was at Eagle Point National Cemetery with Pastor David Stewart officiating. He is Mr. Steward's son-in-law.

Mr. Steward was born on Oct. 8, 1925 in Norman, Okla. to Leon Steward and Ila Bessie Yandell Steward. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In 1946 he moved to Illinois Valley, where he worked as a choker setter for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Steward; two sons, Melvin Lee Steward and Keith Steward; a daughter, Brenda Steward; and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Hull & Hull Funeral Directors.

### Jack Longman

Cave Junction resident Jack Longman, 80, died Jan. 30, 2007 at home.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at Community Bible Church in Cave Junction.

## County Fire Protection Committee chops alternatives to two choices for rural areas

By SCOTT JORGENSEN  
IVN Staff Writer

Josephine County's Fire Protection Committee narrowed down its list of options for rural coverage during its Thursday, Feb. 1 meeting in Grants Pass.

The committee was formed by the county board of commissioners last year, and is comprised of citizens and personnel from existing fire districts, as well as persons representing Realtors, insurance agencies and home builders. The group is expected to present its recommendations to the commissioners next month.

Prior to its Feb. 1 meeting, the committee had narrowed its focus to three options: a fire district with taxation; a district with one franchise provider; and a single franchise provider overseen by the county commissioners.

However, the committee voted unanimously to eliminate the third option, then discussed the pros and cons of the remaining two.

A franchise arrangement would be easier to implement, and there is at least one local company, Rural/Metro Fire Dept., that could provide fire protection services to rural areas not in existing fire districts.

However, such a system wouldn't guarantee uniform participation in the district, and a private company would lack the governmental authority to conduct building inspections or other similar functions.

Harold Haugen, a com-

mittee member and former Josephine County commissioner, said that the ordinance process for creating a franchise would take 114 business days.

A fire district model is consistent with the national norm, and would ensure equal participation among all of its members and would be eligible for state and federal grants. Residents of the district would be able to deduct fire protection fees from their taxes, and would directly elect members of the board of directors.

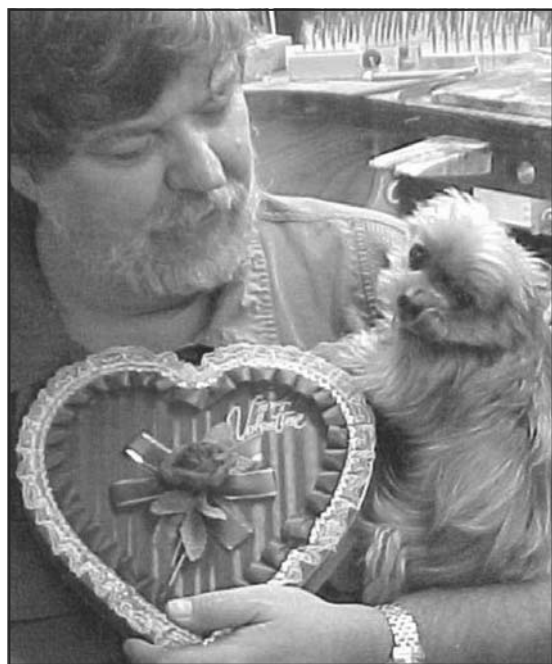
The biggest downside of establishing a fire district is the public's usual reluctance to accept any new taxes. Also, forming a district could involve capital

acquisition costs, and could take anywhere from one to two years.

"It's the most difficult of all the options," said committee member Brian Robinson.

Haugen made a motion to accept the list of pros and cons for all the proposals as part of the public record. That motion was approved.

Committee members also voted unanimously to schedule a workshop with the board of commissioners to discuss the remaining options and begin the process of soliciting public opinion. The committee's next meeting is set for Thursday, Feb. 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 157 of the courthouse.



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## Church Happenings

### St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church

On Feb. 11, the sixth Sunday in ordinary time, the Gospel reading will be from Luke, Chapter 6, telling of Jesus with the Twelve and a great crowd of his disciples, when he said, "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

"Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Your reward will be great in heaven. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep."

### Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cave Junction By Patty Hyland

The church has a Religious Liberty Service once a year and Saturday, Feb. 3 was the exciting day with many participating. The church was crowded.

The title of Pastor Vern Hyland's sermon was, "Do You Value Your Religious Liberty?" In many parts of the world religious freedom does not exist, so how blessed we are in the United States. The choir sang an appropriate song that touched the hearts of many. Testimonies were given, as many felt the moving of the Holy Spirit.

A special pray group met following the morning worship service to pray for the coming evangelistic meetings with

Evangelist Darrin Bartell from Amazing Facts. He will be locating in Cave Junction with his family.

The meetings will be held in the Josephine County Bldg. beginning Friday, Feb. 23 at 7 pm. Plan to attend these interesting meetings on Last-Day events. The Sanctuary Choir, Men's Quartet, and many other talented groups will be there to provide outstanding music.

Women's Ministries Prayer Breakfast will be held at J. J. North's on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. Attendees meet at the Seventh-day Adventist Church at 265 S. Old Stage Road in Cave Junction at 8:15 a.m. to car pool.

There will be inspiring

music; and world traveler and guest speaker, Dr. Virginia Smith. Excellent food is being planned.

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Most have heard the story of Simon Peter, who had fished all night on the Sea of Galilee and caught nothing. Jesus told him to take his boat out and again cast his nets.

The result? More fish than his boat could handle. The more meaningful result? Peter, James and John (two other fishermen) left their careers as fishermen to follow Jesus as fishers of people and spread the word of Jesus.

Youth Group meets at 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

## 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.  
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### 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  
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### BAHA' I FAITH

Phone 592-5234  
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### ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

25904 N. Redwood Hwy.  
Sunday Services:  
1st three Sundays 11 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday 5 p.m.  
592-2006  
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### 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  
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### 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.  
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### 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.  
Prayer & Praise - 6 p.m.  
Jr. Church, Infant & Toddler  
Nursery Provided  
Youth Awana - K to 6th grade  
Wednesday - 6:15 to 8 p.m.  
Pastor Dave Gordon  
Community Christian Academy  
Preschool to 12th grade  
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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  
Church 592-3218  
Everyone Welcome  
Madrone Adventist School  
592-3330  
Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy  
Whitchurch  
592-6604  
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### IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 Watkins Ph. 592-3876  
Pastor Charles Chase  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.  
Child-care for small children  
Web Page:  
http://UMCImmanuel.org  
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### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

East River Street  
& Lewis Court  
Pastor Don Torala  
Sunday Worship - 9 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.  
Church Phone: 592-2290  
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### FIRST LOVE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

New Horizons in  
God's Kingdom  
139 Caves Ave. Front door  
592-4775  
Worship Schedule  
Sunday Adult Bible Study 10  
a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
10:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday School & Nursery  
10:45 a.m.  
Wed. Service 7 p.m.  
Thurs. "First Love Kitchen"  
Free Hot Meal 11:30 a.m.  
Sat. "Free Bread" 11 a.m.  
Phone for  
Bible College Classes  
Pastors:  
Bob & Virginia Kurko  
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### ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

2110 Caves Hwy.  
Stanley W. Smith, Pastor  
Sunday Worship - 2:30 p.m.  
Bible Study - Thursday 6 p.m.  
A Southern Baptist Ministry  
Phone: 592-3029  
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### 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.  
evfree@frontiernet.net  
592-6160  
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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 Walt Farmer  
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### 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  
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### 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.  
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### ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS

Bible Study & Fellowship  
987 1/2 Caves Hwy.  
2 p.m. Sunday  
7:30 p.m. Thursday  
592-4716  
Individual Bible Studies  
available  
Pastor Wendell Owens  
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### Senior Nutrition Menu

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Meals are served in the  
CJ County Bldg.  
592-2126, 474-5440

### FRIDAY, FEB. 9 SHAKE & BAKE CHICKEN

Parslied potatoes  
Mixed vegetables  
Honey wheat bread  
Spiced applesauce

### MONDAY, FEB. 12 BBQ BEEF SANDWICH

on a bun  
Roasted red potatoes  
Peas & carrots  
Pineapple upside-down cake  
w/ whipped topping

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 HEARTY CHICKEN STEW

Peas & mushrooms  
Cardinal pear mold  
Cracked wheat roll  
Valentine cherry poke cake

