



A NEW RADIO SHACK and CJ Video Mart is scheduled for completion possibly by July. Excavation is under way for the new building which will be twice the size of the current structure, said Chris Coultas, co-owner with her husband, Bill. The existing building will be razed. The project will result in the corner of Redwood Hwy. and E. River Street being open for customer parking. (Photo by 'Illinois Valley News)

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors new name for business formerly owned by Clausen

Bob Clausen has sold his Illinois Valley Funeral Home & Chapel, and the operation is now known as Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

Clausen, who had the business for more than 20 years, is retiring and leaving Illinois Valley. The business has been acquired by Hull & Hull Funeral Directors, which has served Illinois Valley families for more than 50 years from its main Grants Pass facility.

“We are a small family group with a proud tradition of caring for valley families,” said I.V. Funeral Directors. “We are dedicated

to continue to serve Illinois Valley residents with the Cave Junction site.

“We are committed to offer the lowest prices in Southern Oregon along with the most appropriate, most dignified services with a level of kindness, attentiveness and compassion that our community expects and deserves.”

With its acquisition, the firm is renovating the facility with items including carpeting, painting and fixtures.

I.V. Funeral Directors offers traditional funerals, gatherings of family and friends, memorial services, and celebrations of life. Pre-

arranged payment options are available, as well as urns, cemetery markers, memorial packets and memorial folders.

I.V. Funeral Directors also is ready to provide services including burial, cremation, and transportation to or from out-of-town funeral homes or cemeteries.

Assistance also can be provided with veterans benefits, Social Security, and insurance paperwork.

Additional information is available at the office at the south end of Cave Junction or by phoning 592-4110. Or visit info@ivfuneraldirectors.com

Obituaries

Hugh Oren Hile

Former Medford resident Hugh Oren Hile, 88, of Cave Junction, died Friday, April 13, 2007 at home.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, April 21 at 3 p.m. at Granite Hill Cemetery in Grants Pass. Pastor Vern Hyland of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cave Junction will officiate. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hile was born on Oct. 29, 1918 in Hardwick, Vermont to Orrin and Vena Hile. He was raised in the Ashland area, attending grade school and junior high school there. He graduated in 1936 from a high school in Santa Ana, Calif.

In Sparks, Nev. on July 27, 1954 he married the former Dorothy Jeanne Hall, who survives. In 2004 they moved to Cave Junction from Medford, where they had lived for 45 years. He worked as a contractor there for 37 years.

He was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge in Medford and was a 32nd Degree Mason. He also was a member of the Hillah Temple Shrine in Ashland. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cave Junction. He enjoyed camping, hunting and visiting flea markets.

Besides his wife, Mr. Hile is survived by his three daughters, Judith Goin, of Lowell, Ore., Cindy Primeaux, of Silverdale, Wash., and Carol Gerlich, of Lewnskin, Calif.; four sons, Fawst Schall, of Oklahoma, Doug Hile, of Arcata, Calif., Kevin Hile, of Costa Mesa, Calif., and Thomas Hile, of Pearland, Texas; two sisters, Ione Parman, of Crescent City, Calif., and Clover McMillan, of Gold Beach; a brother, Frank Hile, of Flor-

ida; 28 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Fern Hile in 1954; and two sons, Dennis Hile in 2005, and Oren Hile in 1992.

Darryl Gellert

Former Illinois Valley resident Darryl Gellert, 61, of Washington state, died suddenly of a heart attack April 4, 2007.

Mr. Gellert was born on Jan. 10, 1946. A memorial service in his honor was held Sunday, April 15, at Acacia Memorial Park and Funeral Home in Seattle. In lieu of flowers the family suggested donations to the American Heart Association or The Alzheimer Association.

He was a 1964 graduate of Illinois Valley High School, where he received state honors in basketball and football. He attended Gonzaga University at Spokane on a basketball scholarship, graduating in 1968.

Following a three-year stint in the U.S. Army as a military policeman, he received his teaching credentials at University of Washington at Seattle in 1973, and began teaching in Shoreline School District in 1974. He continued his career in Central Kitsap School District beginning in 1976.

Mr. Gellert was a resident of Bainbridge Island, Wash. for the past 28 years. He was popular and loved being a teacher of business classes at Olympic High School since it opened in the late 1970s. He also was active in the school's athletic department, serving variously as a football coach and golf coach. He was an enthusiastic golfer and participated in many area tourna-

ments, particularly couples' events with his wife, Deenie.

At the time of his death, he was serving his third consecutive term as president of the Board of Directors of Meadowmeer Golf and Country Club on Bainbridge Island.

Besides Deenie Gellert, his wife of 34 years, survivors are two sons, Dean Gellert, of Poulsboro, Wash., and Drew Gellert, of Olympia, Wash.; a sister, Denise Dunsing, of Monroe, Wash.; his father, Al Gellert; a nephew; two nieces; and many other relatives in Seattle and Canada.

He also will be missed by his many friends, faculty and students of Olympic High School in Central Kitsap.

OSU volcanic eruption data termed historic

The October 2005 eruption of Sierra Negra volcano in the Galapagos Islands was preceded by an extraordinary 5-meter uplift of the caldera floor in just a dozen years -- the largest inflation scientists have recorded prior to the eruption of a basaltic volcano.

The uplift was caused by

magma accumulating beneath the volcano prior to the eruption, researchers say, and these kinds of measurable precursors can be used to forecast eruptions. It was the first time scientists had monitored the buildup to an eruption of a volcano in the remote Galapagos and they described their findings in

the December 2006 issue of “Geology.”

William Chadwick, a geologist at Oregon State University at Corvallis, and lead author of the study, says the research is significant because it reveals clear interactions between inflation, faulting and eruption for the first time.



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In Loving Memory of Thomas Ray ‘Bino’ Engles

Bino was promoted to Glory on Friday, March 30, 2007. He was born on Oct. 6, 1945 in Salinas, Calif. He moved to Cloverdale, Calif. in 1961, where he met Linda, the love of his life.

They married in 1963, and celebrated 43 wonderful years together. They moved in 1984 to the Illinois Valley, where he owned and operated E & H Painting until he retired in 2005.

The highlight of his day was when his children and their families came to visit. He took great pride being “Papa Bino” to his grandchildren. He always made sure to have an abundance of treats for their visits.

He loved to golf, play cribbage with his buddies and have conversations about the Lord with Mr. Day at the golf course. He also enjoyed the Oregon coast, summer trips to Texas to visit family, and weekend getaways to Washington to visit his sister.

He loved his friend Hans and always wanted to travel and see Germany. He loved football and never missed a game. He was a die-hard Raiders fan. He enjoyed camping, fishing, barbecues, and days on the golf course with his sons. He got a real kick out of teasing people, especially his sister. Even as his health got worse he never missed the Big Trucks at the fair.

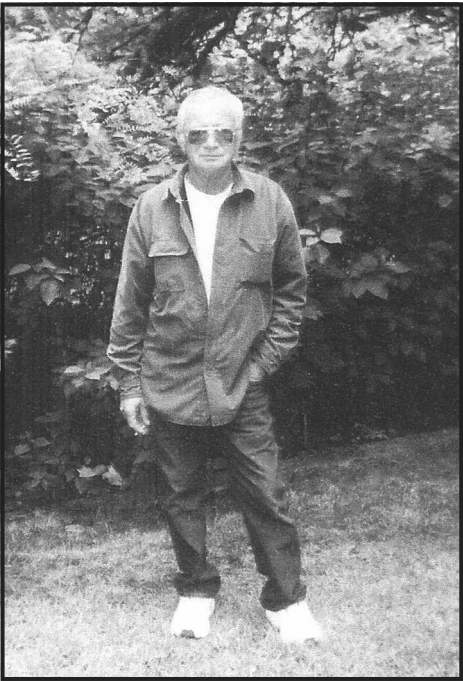
He was so happy to get a new Ford truck and bragged on all his Fords. “All those miles and never had to turn a bolt on the motor.” Ford should have hired him as their P.R. man.

But most of all, he bragged on his children. “No one can upholster like Richard”. “No one can pull off as many trades as John”. “If I ever get in a fight, I want Rebecca, she would argue for me in a minute”, and no one caused his heart to swell as much as Rasha when she sang. “My son-in-law, Cameron, would do anything for me, he’s always here when I need him”.

He was a wonderful husband, father, papa, and friend. He was willing to help out anyone in need. He always said, “I love you but I love God and my Lord Jesus Christ more”.

He is in God’s hands now. He leaves behind his wife Linda of Selma and sons: Richard Engles & family of Selma, John Engles & family of Cave Junction, daughters: Rasha Smith & family of Cave Junction, Rebecca Engles & family of Cave Junction. Also grandchildren: April Engles, Breanne & Clyde Smith, Jaycee & McKenzee Fredrickson, Christian Engles, Jamie & Tyler Wylie and great-granddaughter Adele McCaslin. Also a sister, Ellen Couch & family of Yacolt, Wash.

We thank you Sweetheart for all the miles and all the smiles, all the years and all the tears. I wouldn’t change a thing. You will be greatly missed by us all.



Girl struck by car recovering

A Grants Pass girl, 10, was reported in stable condition after she was struck by a car she darted in front of, said Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS).

The driver, Nichole Luben, 31, was determined to be blameless, said police.

The accident occurred Thursday, April 12 at 6:18 p.m. at 1418 S.E. N St.

The girl, who was taken by American Medical Response to Three Rivers Community Hospital, suffered facial injuries, possible internal injuries, and a possible broken pelvis, according to GPDPS.