

I.V. Fire District personnel testify in arson, murder trial

Chief Harry Rich and two of his officers testified recently in the trial of a man accused of setting a fire that resulted in the death of a man in a mobile home in the city of Cave Junction.

Rich outlined the case during a regular meeting of Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) directors on Thursday night, Oct. 11 at administrative HQ. He said that he, Deputy Chief Jeff Gavlik and Volunteer Lt. Jim O'Grady from Selma Station 2 testified.

At issue is whether the suspect, Cave Junction resident Benjamin Tolle, 30,

caused a fire on the night of Dec. 13, 2005 on Caves Avenue. He has been in jail since being arrested the day after the fire by a Josephine County Sheriff's Office deputy who found him with the victim's car in Kerby.

He is charged with murder, arson, and burglary.

The victim was Curtis Dylan Willie, 28. He died of smoke inhalation, not from a blow to his head, Rich said.

Thursday's meeting was relatively brief, as board Chairman Larrick Jones and Director Jerry Lamb were absent. Vice Chairman Sam Michel directed the meeting.

Also absent was Gavlik.

Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer reported that numerous burn permits have been issued recently because of the end of fire season. He also noted that there have been numerous escaped debris burns and small brush fires recently.

Residents are advised to phone the IVFD information line at 592-2121, and to use caution when burning, especially on windy days.

Maintenance Chief Kris Sherman told the board that efforts have been successful to return an airport crash truck on loan through a federal program. Described as an older truck, the rig needed new tires that would cost an estimated \$10,000 to \$12,000, Sherman said.

It was noted at the end of the 35-minute meeting that the next session will be held Thursday, Nov. 15 instead of Nov. 8.

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

- Mark Twain -

Obituaries

‘Ben’ Pence

Samuel “Ben” Pence, 73, a U.S. Navy veteran and appliance repairman, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007 at his home in Cave Junction.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. His ashes will be scattered at sea. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Stephens Family Chapel of Grants Pass is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Pence was born June 17, 1934 in Sinks Grove, W. Va. to Mark and Ona (Cochran) Pence. He lived in West Virginia and Indiana until 1951 when he joined the U.S. Navy. He was honorably discharged in 1957.

During his tour of duty, he was a member of the underwater demolition team (UDT), served in the Korean War, and participated in two nuclear testing operations in the South Pacific. His cause of death was lymphoma caused by his exposure to radiation while there, the family said.

On July 7, 1957, he married Linda Rae Dougherty, and they resided in Southern California until 1963, when they moved to Northern California. They settled in Susanville, Calif. in 1966. In 1980, they moved to E. Contra Costa

County in California, and in 1983 relocated to Yucca Valley, Calif.

They moved to Cave Junction in 1993. He was a self-employed appliance and refrigeration repair man most of his life. He enjoyed “fixing things,” NASCAR, fishing, his family and life.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Linda, a daughter, Kimberly Ritola, of Etna, Calif.; a son, Mark Pence, of Fort Jones, Calif.; a foster son, Robert Wilkinson, of Simpsonville, S.C.; a sister, Beatrice Jordan, of Webster Springs, W. Va.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

His sister, Emily Monsma, died in 1983.

Loretta E. Herr

A funeral service for O'Brien resident Loretta Emma Herr, 94, who died Monday, Oct. 8, 2007 at a nursing home in Grants Pass, will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17.

The service will be held at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cave Junction with Pastor Vern Hyland officiating. Interment will follow at Laurel Cemetery. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Herr was born on Aug. 28, 1913 in Toledo, Ohio to John & Flora (Long)

Scherer. On Dec. 31, 1931 she married Ralph L. Herr. She moved from Michigan to O'Brien 14 years ago.

She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 70 years; most recently 14 years with the congregation in Cave Junction. While living in Toledo, she hosted parties for the youth in the church.

Mrs. Herr enjoyed crafts for children at school and supplied the materials and her time for an entire classroom. She also enjoyed playing the organ, singing in the choir, singing solos, and sewing.

Her family said that she was always generous to those in need. She would give a \$20 bill or a \$100 check to individuals or young families needing help, the family said.

Survivors are a son, Don Herr, of O'Brien; a daughter, Barbara Bundy, of Norco, Calif.; a sister, Annetta Salisbury, of Arkansas; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband in November 2000; and two brothers, Arnold Scherer and Roger Scherer.

‘Wink’ Nanasy

William “Wink” R. Nanasy, 54, of Selma, died Oct. 4, 2007 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

A service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Stephens Family Chapel of Grants Pass.

Mr. Nanasy was born on June 15, 1953 in San Francisco to William and Mary Nanasy. He was raised in Hawaii, then lived and worked in Morro Bay, Calif. before moving to Seattle. He relocated to

Selma in 1994.

He had worked for United Airlines, Microsoft Corp. and in the fishing industry. “Wink” enjoyed golf and fishing.

Surviving are his mother, Mary Frances Nanasy; a brother, Joseph Nanasy; a sister, Susan Nanasy Castle; a nephew; and numerous cousins.

Gladys Amos

Gladys Amos, 81, of Grants Pass, died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007 in Grants Pass.

A graveside service was held Sunday, Oct. 14, at Hawthorne Memorial Gardens in Grants Pass. Remembrances may be made to Lovejoy Hospice, 939 S.E. Eighth St., Grants Pass OR 97526.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.since1928hull.com.

Mrs. Amos was born on March 14, 1926 in Dover, Ark. to Sheridan & Fannie (Stephenson) Freeman. She was raised in Arkansas until she was 12 when her family moved to Idaho. She graduated from Plymouth High School in New Plymouth, Idaho in 1944. After graduating, she married Carl Amos.

In 1953, with her husband and three children, she moved to Anderson, Calif. For 33 years, she owned and operated a real estate investment business. In 2004 she moved from Anderson to Grants Pass.

She especially enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, and investing.

Surviving are three daughters, Lynda Martin, of Grants Pass, Sherry Ephland, of Crescent City, Calif., and Lois Amos of Redding, Calif.; three grandsons; and two great-granddaughters.

Her husband died in 1995.

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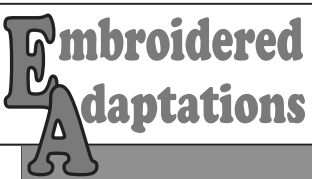
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Church News

Illinois Valley Pentecostal Church

The Rev. & Mrs. Wendell Owens recently returned from Tampa, Fla., where United Pentecostal Church held its 83rd General Conference, attended by nearly 20,000 persons.

The Rev. Kenneth Haney was re-elected to his third two-year term. On the final night of the conference a crusade service was held. More than 500 received the Holy Spirit, and more than 100 were baptized.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

In 2 Kings, Chapter 5, we read of army commander who has leprosy. He hears of the prophet Elisha in Israel who could heal him. Told to wash in the Jordan River seven times to be healed, he does it and is healed. He realizes and states

that there is only one God, and presents Elisha a gift in thanks.

In Luke 17, we hear of 10 lepers who ask Jesus to have mercy. He heals all 10, but only one returns to thank him.

We need to thank God daily for all his blessings.

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Meals are served in the CJ County Bldg.

592-2126, 474-5440

FRIDAY, OCT. 19
MEATLOAF W/GRAVY
Herbed potatoes
Steamed spinach
Sunflower seed bread
Birthday cake

MONDAY, OCT. 22
CHICKEN CHOP SUEY W/RICE
Capri blend vegetables
Golden fruit cup
Potato wheat roll
Almond cookie

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24
SWISS STYLE STEAK
Delmonico potatoes
Scandinavian blend vegetables
Onion wheat bread
Peach cobbler

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

BAHA’I FAITH
Phone 592-5234

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave.
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 St., CJ
592-3658
Father Gregory Moys, Pastor
Mass - Saturday 5:30 p.m.
No Sunday Mass
Holy Days TBA
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday - 4:30 to 5 p.m.

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Evangelical & Non-Denominational
Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
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Wednesday - 6:15 to 8 p.m.
Pastor Dave Gordon
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Preschool to 12th grade

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Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m. Sat.
Church Service 11 a.m. Sat.
Prayer & Praise 7 p.m. Tues.
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Church 592-3218
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Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy Whitchurch
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200 Watkins Ph. 592-3876
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Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
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Pastor Don Torala
Sunday Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.
Church Phone: 592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.org

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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

ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School-9:30 to 10:15
Sunday Worship - 10:30 to 11:30
Bible Study - Tuesday 12:30 p.m.
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Sunday School - 10:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 11:10 a.m.
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1st Counselor Bob Knott
2nd Counselor Dan Fiske

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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
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Pastor Doug Wilson
592-4872

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
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