

Obituaries

Bonnie G. Lansdown
Bonnie G. Lansdown, 72, of Selma, died Thursday, July 9, 2009 at her home.

A private service will be held. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements. Sign the family guest book at www.since1928hull.com.

Mrs. Lansdown was born Jan. 7, 1937 in Wilburton, Okla. to Lawrence & Delpha (McKinney) White. In Exeter, Calif. in 1951 she married Troy Lansdown. In 1958 she moved from Exeter to Selma.

She enjoyed raising her children and was a loving

mother and grandmother. She loved cooking, canning, family get-togethers, and wildlife – including feeding birds, squirrels, deer, ducks, fox and hummingbirds. She also spent time spoiling her dog, *Daishia*.

Survivors include a son, Dwaine Lansdown, of Selma; three daughters, Cheryl Nicholas, of Selma, Shirena Klein, of Walla Walla, Wash., and Rhonda Weaver, of Myrtle Creek; three sisters, Perna Knight, of Grants Pass, Florence Mathews, of Brewster, Wash., and Eunice Doffemier, of Mount Angel, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Troy in 1991; a son, Dale in 1954; her parents; four sisters; three grandchildren; and her companion, Larry in 2009.

Dorothy (Mudder) Mason
Dorothy (Mudder) Lorraine Mason, 71, died Friday, July 10, 2009 at her home in Cave Junction surrounded by family.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, July 14, at Laurel Cemetery in Cave Junction with Pastor Mark McLean of Fountain of Life Assembly of God Church officiating.

Remembrances may be

made to IVHS Scholarship Fund at IVHS Alumni & Friends, P.O. Box 2086, Cave Junction OR 97523. The family guest book can be signed at www.since1928hull.com.

Mrs. Mason was born June 4, 1938 in Los Angeles to Donald & Helen Conn. On July 3, 1954 she married George A. Mason II. “Mudder” worked for Three Rivers School District for 23 years. Said her family, “She was loved and respected by staff and students. To this day she is remembered for her generosity and support.”

She leaves behind her five

daughters, Vickie Marvin, Ronnie Seibold, Debbie Wyatt, Shellie McDowell, and Thelma Stephenson; her son, Larry Mason; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; five sisters; one brother; her aunt, uncle; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Those preceding her in death were her beloved husband, George (Poppy) Mason; sons, George III, Raymond, and Daymond; her mother; her father; and brothers, Richard and Billy Don.

Arrangements for Dorothy Mason were in the charge of Hull & Hull Funeral Directors.

Merlin man’s death reported to be suicide

Josephine County land-use activist Holger Sommer, 59, was found dead in his Merlin home on Tuesday, July 7.

A friend discovered Sommer’s body at 11:30 a.m. and summoned authorities, said Josephine County Sheriff’s Office. Investigators, acting in the capacity of deputy state medical examiners, found no immediate evidence of criminal conduct.

As required by law for all deaths occurring out of the immediate care of a physician, District State Medical Examiner Dr. James Olson reviewed the information and performed an autopsy. On Saturday, July 11 Olson announced that the cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

“The manner of death is suicide,” the county medical examiner announced.

Sommer was a native of Germany. He had become well known in Josephine County for his land-use activism as a frequent challenger of decisions and plans. He was a repeated attendee at meetings held by the city councils of Cave Junction and Grants Pass, and the county board of commissioners.

Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Amos in the Old Testament prophesied that God would punish the people of Israel living in Bethel due to their worship of other gods. He was told to move or face the wrath of the king.

In the New Testament we read of John the Baptist who was eventually beheaded because of telling Herod that it was not lawful for him to marry his brother’s wife.

How easy it is to read these accounts and fail to understand what others have given, many times their lives, in order that we have the opportunity to read and hear the word of God without fear.

On Sunday, July 26 Worship and a picnic will be held at the Knodels’.

Calendar: Thursdays, 4 p.m., *Good Shepherd Singers* rehearse; Sundays (except July 26), 9:15 a.m., All-comers Sunday School followed by worship and Communion.

Thin Blue Line Ministries Phoenix Operation
During a recent tour through Illinois Valley, a couple from Phoenix, Ariz. shared the story of how their ministry to help victims of sexual abuse and trauma has spurred them to relocate to Central America.

Former Illinois Valley resident Carly Cantrell and her husband, Richard, for the past two years have been involved with Thin Blue Line Ministries’ Phoenix House orphanage, which provides a sanctuary for trafficked children in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The couple spoke at six Illinois Valley churches while visiting earlier this month.

Although many Americans are comfortable believing

that slavery was abolished in the 1800s, the sad fact is that human trafficking continues to this day. And the victims are among the most vulnerable on the planet.

UNICEF estimates that some 1.2 million children are trafficked every year for use as cheap labor or in the sex trade. A UNICEF Website notes that “child trafficking is lucrative and linked with criminal activity and corruption. It is often hidden and hard to address ... Children who have been trafficked face a range of dangers.”

In Latin America, human trafficking for the sex trade is said to be a \$16 billion business. Most consumers, it’s said, are tourists. The International Organization for Migration reports that “Honduras is a country of origin for human trafficking.” The report goes on to state that many female victims are transported out of the country, while internal trafficking takes place from rural areas and small towns to cities. “The majority of these victims are trafficked for sexual exploitation,” said the IOM.

Endemic poverty and corruption lead to a cycle of crime and violence in which young girls’ childhoods evaporate in an arena of exploitation.

Said Cantrell, “Some are orphaned. Some are sold or stolen. Some chose to go out on the streets. There are a number of ways that these girls find themselves in this situation.”

Cantrell, who graduated in 1999 from Community Christian Academy in Cave Junction, said that she and Richard anticipate relocating to Honduras next year to open a new orphanage.

“We feel that we have a lot to offer,” she said.



Carly & Richard Cantrell (center) with a few of their young Honduran charges. (Photo provided)

“Through Jesus we have experienced healing and hope. When we went down to Honduras the first time we could see the devastation in the girls’ lives. We feel we have hope to offer and we can see the changes in these girls’ lives.”

The couple’s home in Arizona serves as a ministry for young women who have been victims of sexual abuse or trauma. They bring that experience with them in their Central American endeavor.

While the Cantrells have worked at a few different homes in Honduras, the primary location for their ministry serves some 30 girls at a time, and perhaps 75 each year. The girls range between 9 and 18 years old.

When children arrive at the orphanage they are fed, clothed and their medical needs addressed. Frequently the children must detoxify from drugs, and sexually transmitted diseases are treated. If it is safe to do so, the children are reunited with their families.

“We teach them daily living skills, self care and hygiene,” Cantrell said. “We interact one-on-one with the girls, teaching lessons about how to handle basic functions of healthy, independent living.”

Besides counseling and spiritual guidance, they receive an academic education and vocational training, and Eng-

lish as a second language. Eventually, Cantrell hopes the project can help these children attain some college education.

Said Cantrell, “My husband and I are teachers, he’s a pastor, and we are becoming bilingual. We teach Bible lessons and crafts and lead them through sharing their experiences.”

Through the Phoenix Operation, the Cantrell’s are helping to open an orphanage for girls who will be appointed to the home by the court system.

“The girls will be in our custody because they have nowhere else to go; No where to return to.”

The Cantrell’s were buoyed by their visit to Illinois Valley.



I.V. Youth Soccer Club

Last Chance Sign-ups!!

Sign-up on line
ivyouthsoccer.com
or phone 659-9678

Late fees apply after July 19



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5489 Takilma Road 541-592-6078

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Auction Online - June 21 - July 18
www.lovejoyhospice.org
Funeral Planning, Free Class - July 14

Places of Worship

ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS
987 Caves Hwy., CJ
541-592-4716 or 218-2792
Sunday - 2:30 p.m.

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 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://UMCImanuel.org>

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH
407 W. River St., CJ
592-3658
Msgr. 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.

ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
2110 Caves Hwy., CJ
Pastor Frank J. Matz, Jr.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Women’s Bible Study
Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.
www.illinoisvalleybaptistchurch.org
Phone: 541-592-6149

CAVES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Jeremy Nehf
PO Box 293
Cave Junction, OR 97523
541-287-7862
Email: nehfilim@gmail.com
Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.
Lorna Byrne Middle School Gym, 101 S. Junction Ave., CJ

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street & Lewis Court, CJ
Pastor Don Torala
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.
Church Phone: 592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.org

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Evangelical
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.
Pastor Dave Gordon
Christian Academy - PK to 12th

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Les Knapp
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
592-6160

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

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
5181 Holland Loop, CJ
592-3923
“We celebrate God’s Presence in our lives!”
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
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

CALVARY FELLOWSHIP OF CAVE JUNCTION
meeting at
Evergreen Elementary School
520 W. River St., CJ
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Pat Henderson
592-3092

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Church Service 11 a.m.
Saturday Prayer & Praise 7 p.m.
Tuesday Pastor Verne Hyland
Church 592-3218
Everyone Welcome
Madrone Adventist School
592-3330
Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy Whitchurch
592-6604

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
temporary location at
28195 Redwood Hwy., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 11:10 a.m.
Bishop John A. “Jack” Brown
1st Counselor Bob Knott
2nd Counselor Dan Fiske