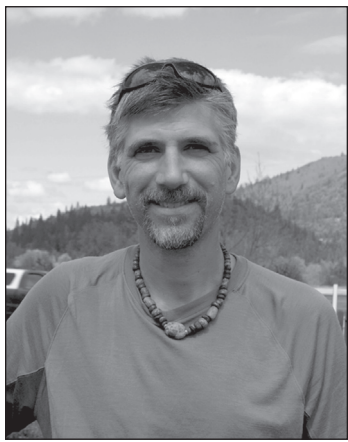


Obituaries

Michael Allen Wurster

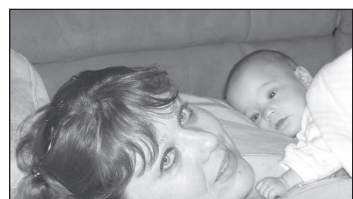


Michael Wurster, 47, of Jacksonville, OR, passed away peacefully at home on March 5, 2011, surrounded by friends and family. He was a victim of pancreatic cancer. Michael was born on July 28, 1963, in Palo Alto, California. He moved to Bandon, Oregon in 1976, and to Selma in 1979. He graduated from Illinois Valley HS in 1981, and was Student Body President in his Senior year. Michael attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, then moved to Santa Cruz, CA, Eugene, OR, El Paso, TX, and New York City, before returning to Southern Oregon, the land he loved best. He bought a home in the Applegate Valley and opened a restaurant, the Magnolia Grill, in Ruch, OR. Its friendly relaxed atmosphere attracted locals and visitors alike. Sunset Magazine recommended the Grill to wine country travelers. Michael was a booth member

at the Oregon Country Fair, where he enjoyed a large Fair family and friends who will miss his laughter and light. Michael found great pleasure in art and nature. He was a man of good will, well loved for his warmth, caring, good humor, and kindness to all.

He remains close to the hearts of friends and family throughout the United States. Wherever he went, he was active in sports, community, and service to others. He enjoyed college football immensely, played golf, biked, and flew a paraglider. Michael Wurster never married, and had no children. He is survived by his parents, Isobel Hochberg and Charles Wurster, his sister, Wendy Davis, and three nieces. Shayla, Sheena, and Shelene Davis. His memory is alive in our hearts. A memorial and celebration of Michael's life will be held on April 3 at the Applegate Lodge.

Patricia Carol Huffman-Grabe



Patricia Carol Huffman-Grabe (Waggy) left us to be in the arms of Jesus on March 9, 2011 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, she was born May

23, 1965 in Madera California. She lived in Cave Junction for many years before her husband joined the Military 13 yrs ago. She was a beautiful mother, meme, daughter, sister, and wife. She left behind two wonderful parents Carroll F. Huffman and Lynda Liven-good-Huffman, her baby sister Jeanette Huffman, three beautiful daughters Fallon Rashay Hawk-Hall, Tashina Chelsea Laray Hawk, and Chantera Linda-Sharan Grabe, one handsome nephew Cameron Warner, two adorable grandchildren Kyra Lee Hall and Bailey Rashay Hall, her wonderful Son-In law Sergeant Derrick Hall and her amazing husband of 20 years SST. Thomas Lee Grabe, and many, many Uncles, Aunts and Cousins. She was preceded in death by her "very special & loving" brother Johnny Ray, whom she will be joining at Laurel Cemetery. Ft. Carson, Colorado held a beautiful service for her March 14 and Graveside services will be held March 25 at 10:00 AM at Laurel Cemetery.

She loved Children and worked as a childcare provider in the USA & Japan, her life-long dream was to work in Early Childhood Development and was working on her degree at the time of her illness.

Patricia was adored by her family and friends. She touched the lives of everybody she met, from her students in Japan to the countless mili-

tary families around the globe. She loved all the way or not at all, there was no compromise. With a brow forged from stone and a heart of gold, Patricia poured her heart and soul into her most prized possession, her children and grandchildren

Patricia (Patty) had a smile that could light up a room and eyes that were as bright as the moon. Her laughter had a lovely melody and much needed calming effect. This Angel of God is now watching over her family and friends. She is and always will be loved and missed by everyone who loves her. Rest in Peace our Angel.

Jessie "Rayma" Frank

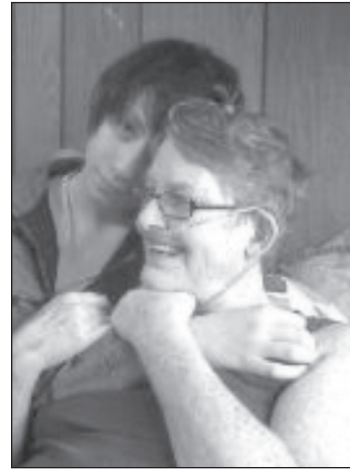
Jessie "Rayma" Frank, age 81, of Cave Junction, went home to be with our Lord on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at Highland House Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. A memorial service has been held. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to your favorite charity. Rayma was born March 4, 1930 in Wardell, Missouri. In 1990 she moved from Woodland, California to Cave Junction, Oregon. She was a member of First Love Church in Cave Junction.

Survivors include a son, Tarry Frank of Cave Junction; two daughters, Carolyn

Vidales of Cave Junction and Nancy Smith of Bakersfield, California; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband of 60 years, Elton Frank and a son, Charles Frank.

Faye E. Withers



Faye E. Withers, age 53, of Cave Junction, died Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at her home. A celebration of life was held at First Love Christian Fellowship. Private interment was held at Deer Creek Cemetery in Selma. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements. Remembrances may be made to KLOVE Radio at www.klove.com.

Faye was born July 21, 1957 in Fontana, California to Andrew & Mildred Williams. She was a Class of 1975 graduate of Lodi (California) High School. In 1981 she married Alvin Withers. In 1986

she moved from Stockton, California to Cave Junction. She was a nail technician and enjoyed working with the public. Faye was a member of FirstLoveChristianFellowship and loved to minister and praise God. She traveled to Mexico to help build homes as a ministry of First Love. She was known for her positive attitude. Her hobbies included crocheting, plants, cats, and most especially spending time with her grandchildren. While growing up, she spent much time on the water and was a very good water-skier.

In addition to her husband, Alvin Withers of Cave Junction; she is survived by six daughters, Shella Porter of Stockton, California, Faith Williams and Janaye Withers both of Cave Junction; Amanda Withers and Ashley Withers both of Grants Pass, and Devan Withers of Cave Junction; a sister, Gail Barrette of Torrance, California; two brothers, Andrew Williams Tucson, Arizona and David Williams of New Hampshire; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Letters to the Editor

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Boomers, Google and One Log Loads

In 1991, when I was age seven, it wasn't uncommon for me to see "one-log loads" screaming down Sheridan, Oregon's Highway 18. At the time, even though my family's livelihood was dependent on

lumber, I didn't think much of it. And around the same time, I can remember passionate dialog between adults about - what was it? Oh yes, the Spotted Owl. Looking back, I guess they either hated the bird for taking jobs, or loved it for preserving the last remaining tracts of old growth forest. To me (and my generation), though, the debate is just how I described it: a faded memory of an argument antiquated by technology, economy and time. For the generation following me, who never saw a one-log load, the argument is even more futile. The Google generation, disappointingly so to their log-rolling forbearers, doesn't see their economic fruit bearing from backcountry logging or front country milling.

That's why we don't engage when politicians or timber managers gripe to the media about "lost cut" or "locking up the lands." We're an entire generation trained to see phenomena and trends

as economic symptoms and associations. We know that if there were a demand for timber, the turning wheels of industry would source it - and if that demand resurfaced, it's possible a new debate over preservation would reignite. But, as good economists, my generation easily identifies the commercial commodities forests can provide aside from stumpage; we want to take advantage of the 21st century economic services a healthy forest offers that are unseen by 20th century land managers.

Forget the fat stumps, the birds and the housing boom; those things are over; this is about age. We've sat back and watched environmentalists draw lines on maps, lumber interests complain about it, and politicians rehearse scripts that fall somewhere in between - and they failed - there are no wood jobs and Spotted Owl populations are dwindling. To bring forest management policy into the 21st century, the

Boomer's have only the option of yielding control to the 21st century. I know that's scary to a generation that has invested its entire life into only one career, but not doing so is detrimental to economic growth and ecologic preservation.

So, I ask the generations before mine to please let loose their grip of public land policy and politics. We need purposeful jobs that fill an economic demand. Let my generation project futures on clean water; allow us to restore a commercially viable fishery; help us develop geographic gems held in secret into popular outdoor destinations. Because we're not anticipating any one log loads within your lifetime.

Gabe Howe Ashland

Concerns Regarding Reporting

The headline "Storm

Wrecks Havoc in Valley" causes me to wonder if the word should be "wrecks" or if this was intended as a play on words. If the latter, that would mean that havoc (ruin or destruction) was wrecked (ruined or destroyed). So, if havoc was destroyed then there was no havoc in the valley.

Aside from that, my main concern is the press that was given to a few truant students who violated school rules by leaving class to demonstrate. A large front page picture, another picture and a news report with students named and interviewed were featured. Very likely the press was tipped off before hand. Would it be a stretch to say that this verges on contributing to the delinquency of minors? And, why didn't the students lawfully demonstrate afterschool hours?

Don Bierbower Selma

Dear Editor,

Please excuse me: I need help understanding what the headline on Page One of last week's IV News was trying to say.

I know storms wreck trees, houses, power lines, and phone service around here, and other things, but what does it look like when havoc is wrecked? How much more "wrecked" can you get than "havoc?" The article really did not address this topic.

Or maybe I should take it as a double negative: the havoc suddenly reverted to order.

I did not see any such result from Sunday's storm. If Darcy Wallace or her editor did, I would certainly want to see it. Such a miracle!

All I saw was wrecked havoc. Did I miss something?

Yours truly,
Mrs. E. Wolff
Cave Junction

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Third Friday

Illinois Valley Garden Club decided to meet at Immanuel United Methodist Church on Watkins Avenue - across from Shop Smart until June. "Oregon Stewardship" a topic which we all should be concerned about will be Jim Hutchins topic at the March 18 meeting. Horticulture Table/Show and Tell: Spring Flowers and Garden Catalog Exchange. Coffee Hour 12: Meeting 1:00 For more information (541)592-4257 If you were gifted this holiday season with Paperwhites and other forced bulb plants, don't throw the

bulbs away after they have bloomed. No matter what you have been told they do bloom again when planted outside giving you not only the feel of spring at Christmas time but in coming years outside. This also applies for Crocuses. I notice that the packages now say to plant the bulbs outside after the blooms are gone.

March 26

Little Falls to Pine Savanna Loop - Enjoy an easy 4 mile loop trail along the Illinois River featuring photogenic views of the emerald green Illinois River and colorful wild flowers. Greg Walter will explain how the discoveries of gold affected this area and highlight the plant discoveries of pioneer botanists. This hike is suitable for children over 12 years. Hiking poles optional for adults. Meet 10:00 AM near the coffee kiosk

at Ray's Food Store parking lot in Selma. Call Rich at 541- 218-7973 for more information

March 26

"A Night at the Casbah" featuring Mediterranean cuisine and dancing to Oregon Little Big Band will take place 5:30 to 9:30 pm, Saturday, March 26th at the I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River Street. Live entertainment will include belly dancing by "Raqs Ahroosh," a semi-professional troupe from Grants Pass, as well as "Wild Azaleas" and "Tashkent" performing traditional ethnic dances. Raffles, live and silent auctions will benefit IRVAC's two major programs: Second Friday ArtWalk and Learning Through Art. \$20 Advance tickets are now on sale at Evergreen Federal Bank in Cave Junction. Dinner 6 to 7 pm only. Admission \$25 at

the door subject to availability. Visit www.irvac.com or call 541-592-4444 for information.

April 7

Coming Soon!!! Ham Bingo, held by American Legion Post 70/Auxiliary Unit 70 on Saturday, April 2, at the Josephine County Building. Doors open at 5:00pm, Bingo starts at 6:00pm. A Spiral ham will be given for each Bingo game. 25-Cent per hard card, snack bar, 50/50 drawing & prizes.

May 7

The Annual Spring Plant Sale will be held May 7 from 9:00am to ?? in front of the County Building on Redwood Hwy in Cave Junction. Look for more details about this sale event right here in the Illinois Valley News' Here, There & Everywhere section soon!

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