

Obituaries

Joan Marie Hughes Amsler

Joan Marie Hughes Amsler, age 75, of Cave Junction, passed into the arms of The Father on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at her home after battling ovarian cancer.

A celebration of life will be at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 15, 2011 at Bridgeview Community Church in Cave Junction. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Please sign the family guest book at www.since1928hull.com.

Joan was born April 5, 1936 in Auburn, California. She grew up in the San Francisco Bay area where she attended Lincoln High School. On August 21, 1954 she married Harry Amsler, who preceded her in death in 2006.

Joan is survived by a son and three daughters and their spouses; 12 grandchildren and their spouses; and nine great-grandchildren.

Joan was a member of the Illinois Valley Senior Center and would spend her time with the ladies there doing beading. Joan will always be remembered as The Butterfly Lady and had a large collection of butterfly treasures from all over the country. Joan used her amazing

spirit and strong faith in the Lord to minister to others while she herself was battling cancer. Her beautiful spirit will always be remembered for the time after chemo she had her bald head painted with butterflies and flowers.

Peter Willis Isenagle

Peter Willis Isenagle, of Cave Junction, Oregon passed away on Thursday, April 28, 2011. Peter moved to Cave Junction in May 1973 from Palm Springs, California.

Peter Willis Isenagle was born June 30, 1937 to Cecil & Pauline (Honey) Isenagle in Palm Springs, California. He graduated from Palm Springs High School in 1955 and later attended Orange Coast College. Peter married Sheila Russell, also of Palm Springs, in 1963. Peter & Sheila had three children: Shanti, Aaron, and Joshua. While in Palm Springs, Peter worked for General Contractor Francis Markley building homes throughout The Desert. Seeking a healthier environment in which to raise their children, they moved their family to Cave Junction in 1973. Fully embracing their shared passion of Health through Nutrition,

Peter & Sheila created and operated "The Natural Foods Store" in downtown Cave Junction from 1973-1978. When The Natural Foods Store closed for business, they continued to operate The Natural Foods Co-Op so they could continue helping Valley families access affordable organic nutrition. Following another passion of education in a nurturing & supportive environment, Peter & Sheila founded and served as directors of "Beaver Meadow School," one of the original alternative schools in Oregon. Peter often taught History, Social Studies and Literature to students of The School. Peter and Sheila later divorced in 1983, but remained the closest of friends until Peter's passing. In addition to The Natural Foods Store and Beaver Meadow School, Peter worked as a carpenter around the Valley. In his later years, he and his son, Aaron, co-founded Southern Oregon Fiber Company (SOFCO) to promote the use of fibrous plants as an alternative to trees in the making of paper products. He and Aaron also DJ/co-hosted "Breakfast With Herb & Bud" on Free Radio Takilma.

Though the last several years of Peter's life were physically challenging, his love of intellectual pursuits was never yielding. He

remained a spiritual guide and moral compass to many who looked up to him. He loved to stay on top of the environmental and political issues of the day on and was always up for a thought provoking conversation. Peter peacefully passed from this life to his next existence on April 28th, 2011 at his home in Cave Junction. Memberships & hobbies include Free Radio Takilma, Natural Foods, Environmental Issues, Politics/Current Events, watching Sports.

A potluck Celebration of Peter's Life will be held at The Dome School on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 1:00 PM. Those touched by Peter's heart & spirit are welcome to attend.

Survivors include; Former spouse, Sheila Russell-Isenagle of Cave Junction, Oregon, Shanti Isenagle-Ware, daughter of Portland, Oregon, Joshua Isenagle, son of Cave Junction, Oregon, Jeffrey Isenagle, Brother, Autumn Isenagle, granddaughter of Eugene, Oregon.

He was preceded in Death by: Father, Cecil Isenagle; Mother, Pauline (Honey) Isenagle; Brother, Michael Isenagle; Son, Aaron Isenagle; Grandson, Matthew Ware

We would like to take this time to thank everyone @ the J.V. Fire Department & Chief Harry Rich for all that was done for our family. Your thoughts & prayers are deeply appreciated at our time of sorrow & the loss of our beloved Mother & Wife, Elaine Sandberg. Thank You Again, Loving Family Members of Elaine Sandberg

Letters to the Editor

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(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact are strictly those of the letter writers)

Clean-up

Cave-Junction-Day

On Saturday, April 30th, I was fortunate to be involved in the Clean-up-Cave-Junction-Day organized by Ann Padgett. My friend Patricia and I were assigned the weedy planter on the corner of Redwood and Caves Hwys. It was so heartwarming to see so many citizens of CJ turn out to help with weeding and trash clean-up.

I would like to thank each and everyone of you. I also want to thank Judy, the owner of My Place, for the free cup of coffee and support of this project.

On Sunday I met with Ann Padgett, and we finished weeding the corner. Once again, Judy, from My Place came out and offered me lunch and gave me a cool,

tall glass of iced tea. Earlier in the morning, Billie, from the health food store thanked me for my participation in the clean-up, and gave me a chocolate bar. Later that morning, a family stopped by to offer a donation of compost from their business, Ronnie Fuson Rock'n Soil LLC. Their young daughter, Rainie, jumped right in and started pulling up those darn weeds.

So many caring, concerned, proud folks here in Cave Junction. I can't wait until the next time we meet up again to share in caring for our city. If there are others that are interested, there will be other projects coming your way.

**Barbara Padgett
Cave Junction**

Presidential Critic

Demagogue- "A rabble rouser, an agitator. A politician who appeals to emotion and prejudice."

I expect in the new dictionary there will be a picture of Barack Obama. He is following his mentor Saul Alinsky, the author of "Rules for Radicals" with precision and intention.

He keeps haranguing the evil rich because they don't pay their fair share. The top 5% income earners pay 60% of the taxes. What is fair? 80%? 90%? And because many of these "evil rich" employ millions of people, is it likely they will grow and employ more when confiscatory taxes

are stealing the fruits of their labor? What about companies like GE led by CEO Immelt, a FOO (Friend Of Obama) that makes trillions of dollars and pays NO income taxes because the tax code is manipulated to favor those the administration likes.

What about the evil rich FOO Bill Gates or FOO Warren Buffet, or even former presidential candidate FOO John Kerry? These folks not only pay far less taxes than those that make considerably less money, they have legions of tax accountants and attorneys and lobbyists to create or find loopholes in our antiquated tax code. When John Kerry wanted to buy a new million or so dollar yacht even he went out of his high tax state to buy it. Ex presidential candidate a tax dodger, just like our Sec'y of Treasury which is over the IRS, FOO Timothy Geitner.

If we had a president that wanted gas prices to go down it would be easy to do. Just announce he was going to attack the problem with the same enthusiasm as Obama did sending aircraft and missiles into Libya. A president that thinks that drilling offshore by America was more important than giving our tax dollars Brazil to do just that. And this president would support the agencies that give permission to drill in the gulf, or Alaska, or anywhere else in America to bring down prices and create millions of jobs. That president would act instead of talk. He or she would not

form commissions to study problems so their findings could be ignored.

It is difficult to understand why Obama seems to be determined to intentionally turn our country into a socialist/democrat state like Europe.

Capitalism is the unequal distribution of wealth, socialism is the equal distribution of misery.

**Gregory D. Anderson
Cave Junction**

To Whom It May Concern

I read with interest, and some concern, the recent Commissioner's Corner article in the IV News, and the perception set forth regarding the county relationship with Southern Regional Economic Development Inc. (SORED). In my opinion, the commissioner omitted some very important context of the good work SOREDI has performed in Josephine County and southern Oregon in general. I have some personal experience to share on behalf of SOREDI.

In my capacity as a small business counselor in the Illinois Valley, I was able to rely on the professionalism and positive approach of SOREDI to secure targeted counseling, financial resources (loans and loan preparation assistance), marketing, and general small business support for my clients at no charge from SOREDI. I

have also worked directly with SOREDI to build partnerships and teamwork in my current management position. Starting and growing a small business in a rural community is an extreme challenge - it is through the efforts of groups like SOREDI that we in the small business community can gain valuable professional experience, connections, and support, which we, otherwise, cannot afford.

Headquartered in Medford, SOREDI is a leader in developing and nurturing economic partnerships among private, community and public entities. Their mission and goals include collaboratively building employment opportunities in our region, diversifying our local economy, and promoting the creation of local jobs with true living wages and benefits. Regionally, SOREDI administers a Business Development Loan Fund that has provided 189 loans totaling nearly \$14 million. Eighty eight of those loans and over \$6 million of those funds have gone to businesses in Josephine County. Josephine County's population comprises 28.62% of Southern Oregon, but comprises 44.94% of SOREDI's loan portfolio. Further, SOREDI manages Enterprise Zones for Southern Oregon, processing applications and helping businesses qualify. Businesses may be eligible for 3 - 5 years of property tax abatement for critical improvements. As of

2010, all of Josephine County is included in the Rogue Enterprise Zone, a merger of the Grants Pass Area and Josephine Champion zones. Since 1997, 24 businesses have qualified for benefits, some more than once.

SOREDI also serves a marketing function for our area, with activities such as trade show attendance and calls on national site consultants that take the "Relocate to Southern Oregon" message on the road, while print advertisements, direct mailers, events and invitations entice others to come here to visit. Southern Oregon Visitor's Association and the six-county Southern Oregon Marketing Team are a few examples of effective marketing partnerships.

What about results? Since 1997, \$55,356,000 in new investments, 911 new jobs created, 24 businesses approved for E-zone benefits as a result of Enterprise Zone activity managed by SOREDI - all in Josephine County.

My hope is that our two remaining county commissioners can get up to speed quickly in their quest to gain real business acumen, and can fully utilize these existing strong relationships with groups like SOREDI - we in Josephine County need ALL the assistance available to help us compete and grow.

**Bill Moore
Selma**

Here, There & Everywhere

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May 11

Aglow International (Interdenominational Christian Ministry in 172 Nations) New Day & New Time - 2nd Wednesday at 10:00am. 208 Redwood Hwy. Our Mission: To help restore and mobilize women around the world to promote gender reconciliation in the Body of Christ to amplify awareness of global concerns from a Biblical perspective. See you May 11th.

May 14

Fourth Annual Band of Brothers BBQ & Bike Blessing. Hansi & Rosie's, 25056 Redwood Hwy at 12:00pm. BBQ by Dave. Rain or Shine

May 14

2011 IVHS SAFE & Sober Graduation Fund-raiser. Caring for the safety of our 2011 graduates, Bridgeview Vineyard hosts "Chicken & Chardonnay" - a gourmet dinner & wine on the pond. Alternate vegetarian dish donated by Pietro's Restaurant served with rice pilaf, salad, vegetable & fresh bread, Bridgeview wine or sparkling juice & exclusive juice bar. There will be a silent auction & live auction, talent

show & live entertainment. \$17.00 per person. Tickets are limited. Purchase tickets at IVHS, SOFCU & Taylors Country Store. For info call 541-287-0319

May 20 & 21

Overnight Quad Event, to Sourdough. No entry fee...we just ask for a donation to the Pregnancy Center. For more information, contact Monty Pope at 597-2493 or 660-2089.

May 21

Clothes Give-Away!! 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Takilma Bible Church 10343 Takilma Road.

May 21

Glenn Morrison ALA Unit 70 invites all Veter-

ans on Armed Forces Day to a FREE breakfast to thank them for their service to our country. (Proof of service required) Family & friends - \$6.00 & children under 12 years of age - \$4.00. At the Senior Center, 8:00am to 11:00am. Hope to see you there!

Labor Day Parade Application

This year's Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Parade will be on Monday September 5th. The theme for the 2011 parade will be "Illinois Valley, See it, Hear it". The parade will start at 10am and we are taking applications for the parade. Remember it's free to be in the parade and free to watch it. For applications you can call Harry Johnson at 541-596-2104.

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