

Obituaries

Ralph C. Howell,



Ralph C. Howell, age 87, of Selma, died Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in Grants Pass.

A viewing will be 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

A funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at Community Bible Church in Cave Junction with Pastor Monty Pope officiating.

Interment will follow at Deer Creek Cemetery in Selma.

Remembrances may be made to Illinois Valley Fallen Firefighters Fund, c/o 681 Caves Highway, Cave Junction, Oregon 97523.

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

Ralph was born July 28, 1923 in Chowchilla, California to Ralph & Laura Howell. He was a part of the Van Nuys High School Class of 1942 and always enjoyed attending his reunions. From November 10, 1942 to November 4, 1945 he served in the United States Navy. On March 24, 1944 in Van Nuys, California he married Ruth L. Parr. For 31 years until his retirement in 1976, Ralph worked for Los Angeles Water & Power as a heavy duty truck driver and always said "I've got the best job ever." He moved from Newhall, California to Selma

33 years ago in July 1977.

Ralph was a member of Selma Baptist Church where he was an honorary deacon.

He volunteered for the State of Oregon Adult & Family Services driving folks to doctor appointments and other destinations as well as drove part-time for Davison Ready Mix. Since October 5, 1982 he volunteered for Illinois Valley Fire District as a firefighter apparatus operator.

His hobbies included playing bass guitar at church, rafting with his grandkids, going to garage sales, and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth L. Howell of Selma, Oregon; five children, Linda Brown of Cave Junction, Oregon, Ralph Howell of Portola, California, Bonnie Braden of Murphy, Oregon, Donald Howell of Grants Pass, Oregon, and Carol Long of Social Circle, Georgia;

20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren with two more on the way.

He was preceded in death by two sisters.

David Allen Cochrane



David Allen Cochrane 66, of Crescent City died on May 15, 2011 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

Services with military honors will be held 2:00 PM on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cave Junction, Oregon.

Contributions: Disabled American Veterans DAV Memorial Program P.O. Box 14301 Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 or www.dav.org

For online condolences and Tributes please visit stephensfc.com.

Arrangements by Stephens Family Chapel

He was born on August 19, 1944 in Langdon, North Dakota to James and Dorothy Cochrane. His family moved to Crescent City, California in 1952 where he lived most of his life. David enlisted in the United States Army on February 20, 1964. He served in Korea until his honorable discharge on February 19, 1967. David married Colleen Bosch on February 12, 1983

in Coos Bay, Oregon. For many years he worked as a long haul truck driver. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Crescent City. In February of 2011 they moved from Crescent City to Kerby, Oregon. David was a member of the American Legion Post 70 in Cave Junction. David enjoyed riding motorcycles, camping, woodworking and spending time with family and friends.

In addition to his wife survivors include his step-daughter Bobbie and Jim Hjelmgren of Anchorage, Alaska; step-son Jeremy and Dove Stewart of Everett, Washington; four brothers, James Cochrane of Cottage Grove, Oregon, Kerry and John Cochrane both of Crescent City, California and Michael Cochrane of Hamilton, Missouri; five grandchildren.

His parents preceded him in death.

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)

More Police is a solution.

I read in this paper almost every week about the lawlessness here in the valley, drivers speeding through town, needing more signals to slow them down and vandals destroying things. If we had the necessary police force I think a lot of that would go away. So the next time that we have a chance to vote an increase for the sheriff's office for more coverage here in the valley I suggest we approve it.

I would vote for a sales tax to cover the increase so

everyone would help with the cost, rather than a property tax increase, but the way I see it we need more police coverage and more jail cells to keep the offenders.

We need more signals in Cave Junction just like we need another hole in our head.

Can we do that?

Harry E. Abrams
Cave Junction

Correction 5/25

In the previous issue of *Illinois Valley News*, the article "Pet Parade a joy for children, organizers" incorrectly mentioned the Cave Junction Lions train, which was in fact provided by the Illinois Valley Lions Club. The *Illinois Valley News* regrets the error.

Community market set to open

The Hope Mountain Barter Faire, a non-profit fundraising group supporting the Dome School, is set to kick off an ongoing Three Rivers Community Market, on Memorial Day weekend.

Following the inaugural event, the market will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays in the vacant lot behind South Valley Bank.

Vendors will be able to sell anything that is

handmade or homegrown. The products must be legal and no paraphernalia will be allowed. Food vendors are welcome, but must be responsible for county licenses or state permits.

Vendors will be allowed to start setting up at 7 a.m. on market days at a cost of \$35 per year or \$5 per day. First-time set up is free.

Those that are interested in participating or would like more information should contact Steven by calling 541-592-2272.

Here, There & Everywhere

Every Wednesday

Wild River Pizza – Open Mic. 6-8pm Contact Todd Kaberline or Jim Nolan 54-646-0975 or 541-660-8572

June 8 Deadline!

Illinois Valley High School is looking for flowers and roses for graduation June 8. The arch bearers will be out and about on the morning of graduation collecting the roses. If you have roses or flowers that could be used, please contact the school at 592-2116.

Labor Day Parade Application

This year's Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Parade will be on Monday September 5. The theme for the 2011 parade will be "Illinois Valley, See it, Hear it." The parade will start at 10 a.m. and organizers are now taking applications. 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.

May 25

The Illinois Valley High School Music Department will hold the annual Rivers concert at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25. Performances by the Chamber Singers, Cougar Band, Concert Choir, String Orchestra, and senior soloists include a repertoire ranging from Beethoven to Ellington. The newly commissioned work for the band, "Three Rivers Trilogy" will also be performed. Admission is free!

May 26

Illinois Valley High School will present the Fourth Annual

Memorial Day Ceremony at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday May 26. The ceremony honors faculty and family members who have served in the armed services, and features veterans from the Illinois Valley area. The IVHS Band and Choirs will perform patriotic music, and retiring teacher Steve Morgan will speak.

May 26

Lovejoy Hospice, located at 939 SE 8th St. in Grants Pass, will host the Hospice Foundation of America's 18th Annual educational program with a video viewing and panel discussion on Thursday, May 26. The topic of "Spirituality and End-of-Life Care" will include a local panel of spiritual leaders who will view the 2.5-hour video with attendees and then participate in a short question-and-answer session to follow. The program is free to the community. Anyone interested in spirituality in illness, death and grief is welcome to attend. Registration begins at 5 p.m. with the program at 5:30 p.m. Call Lovejoy Hospice at 541-474-1193 to RSVP.

May 27

The Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District is hosting an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, May 27. The conservation district is located in the County Building, at 102 S. Redwood Highway in Cave Junction. Come meet the district staff and find out what your local SWCD can do for you. Light refreshments will be served. For more information

call Teri, Sherry or Kevin at 541-592-3731.

May 29

A new documentary film that has met with sold-out shows across the continent, standing ovations in major centers from Boston to Toronto, and rave reviews in media outlets such as The Washington Post, is screening at Rogue Natural Living's office, located at 9335 Takilma Road in Cave Junction. The back-to-back screenings are part of the Takilma Folk Faire, a benefit for the Dome School featuring a kids village, crafters, vendors, music and entertainment and food. Due to limited space, the film will screen at 1:30 p.m. and again at 3 p.m. Seating is by advanced sign up so stop by early; the faire begins at 10 a.m.

May 28

Deer Creek Vineyards – Music in the Vines Concert Series. Broh Taylor Band (www.broh-taylorblues.com). The band was the 2009 winner of the Best Contemporary Blues Act. Singer Joanne Broh was the Rainy Day Blues Society's Best Female Vocalist in 2009 and 2010.

May 31

Those that are spring cleaning and would like to support the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance of Cave Junction should donate items no later than May 31. The safe house alliance will host a yard sale fundraiser from noon to 4 p.m. on June 3. The group is accepting donations in the form of household items, clothing,

furniture and other items that are clean and in good working condition. The items should be brought to the advocacy center, located at 103 S. Kerby Ave., next to the DMV office, no later than May 31.

May 31

A benefit Honoring Grandmother Agnes Baker Pilgrim will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, at the Selma Community Center. The event will feature a potluck and films with a focus on her message for the coming summer. For more information contact Guenter at 541-592-4124 or cmec@cavenet.com

June 1

Precious Dirt will be holding their weekly community meeting on Pesticides, Wednesday 6/1 at 6:30 PM at the County Bldg. www.preciousdirt.org

June 3

The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance of Cave Junction will hold a yard sale from noon to 4 p.m. at 103 S. Kerby Ave. The event will raise funds and awareness to help sustain the alliance. Featured items will include household items, clothing, furniture and other items in good condition.

June 4

Two representatives from the Kenya Mission Team 2011 will be at Immanuel United Methodist Church, located at 200 W. Watkins St., at 11 a.m. The pair will speak and show slides on a variety of projects related to the Maua Methodist Hospital where they work on

hospital related projects. That work ranges from construction to social services, and the Bio-Intensive Farm in Meru that is a demonstration and training farm that teaches techniques and practices that enable a small plot to produce enough food for a family's needs and to take to market. The team works alongside residents providing funds and labor they could not otherwise afford. Come see how they are making a difference in the world.

June 4

The Illinois Valley Little League will hold a fundraiser car wash for junior boys from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a car wash at Subway.

June 4

Oregon State Parks Day is June 4. As part of the celebration, West Fork Trailhead will be hosting free cookies and punch for the public from 10 a.m. to noon and offering information on this new recreational facility. Bring the family and come out to experience these new trails. The dogwood trees are blooming and wildflowers are everywhere. The trailhead entrance is at milepost 3 on Westside Road. For more information, contact the IVCDO at 541-592-4440.

June 8

A free community class on "Care and Feeding of Your Well & Septic System" is slated from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, at the Illinois Valley Library in Cave Junction. Well owners may bring a half-cup sample of untreated well water to class in

a clean, watertight, glass jar to have their water screened for nitrate concentrations. If your well water receives softening or treatment of some kind, please try to take the sample from a pre-treatment spigot.

June 23

The National Weather Service office in Medford is inviting weather watchers to a free weather-spotter training program from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, located at 520 E. River Street in Cave Junction. The weather service uses reports collected from spotters across the region to determine the severity of storms. Ryan Sandler, from the weather service office, will discuss the kinds of storms that occur on the Southern Oregon coast during the summer. Sandler will demonstrate how to measure precipitation using a rain gauge, and how and when a weather spotter reports to the weather service. There is no cost for this class and those attending who do not have a rain gauge will receive one after completing the class. All members of the general public are invited to attend and the NWS will be recruiting new weather spotters. For more information or questions about the weather spotter program, contact Sandler at 541-776-4303, extension, 223, or e-mail ryan.sandler@noaa.gov or contact Harry Johnson at 541-596-2104 or cherhar@frontiernet.net.

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