

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)

Reader thanks others

The Board of Directors of the Kerbyville Museum would like to thank the people of the Illinois Valley and especially Shop Smart, Rays Food Place, My Place and the Lion’s Club for their dona-

tions and support for our ice cream booth at the Labor Day Festival. The funds raised will go toward repairing and restoring the back service porch area of the historic Naucke House for future generations. THANK YOU !

**Linda Butler
Kerbyville Museum Board President**

Reader happy about safety

Dear friends,
I am Llyod Franklin (71), remember? I wrote concerning we need a crosswalk 2 years ago and the Lord answered our prayer. We have heard our minister- pastor say, “We need to be a better nation.” It takes many of us to “step out of the circle” and proclaim what Jesus wants us to do. Because of the cataract surgery I can no lon-

ger work at the Senior Center or help in the Sunday school. But the Lord has blessed me where now I can encourage others. And for the rest of you who have ailments or handicaps don’t say, “I give up!” The Lord will bless you and give you something you can do. Philip- pians 4:13

May God Bless you!
In his service,
**Llyod Franklin
Cave Junction**

Obituaries

Donald Meryle Preston, 80, of Sweet Home passed away Monday, July 21, 2014. He was born in Santa Monica, California to Marie Lincoln and Neil Rachel (Finley) Preston.

Donald’s family lived in the western Manchester area of Los Angeles until World War II began when they moved to a farm in the Akron, Ohio area. His sister, Mary Carol, and brother, Larry Raymond, were born four and five years after Don. After the war ended, the family moved to Henderson, Nevada. In 1947 they moved to Cave Junction. In 1952 he graduated as valedictorian from IVHS having earned four letters in baseball, three in basketball and was student body president.

He attended Seattle Pacific College his freshman year where he met and married Helen Anne Benbow from Buckeye, Arizona on May 23, 1953. They then transferred to Los Angeles Pacific College from 1953 to 1958 where their sons, Larry and Gary, were born in 1954 and 1955. While there, Don lettered three years in basketball and two years in baseball and was named captain and most valuable player. In June 1958 he was class salutatorian and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Religion and Psychology. A month later he was ordained a minister of the Free Methodist church. From 1956 to 1959 he pastored in Brawley, San Pedro, Orange and Pomona, California. From 1960 to 1969 he served as Conference Youth Director and Summer Camp Director for 60 churches. During that time he earned a second Bachelor’s Degree at Azusa Pacific University in Educational Psychology and began his teaching and coaching career at Western Christian High School.

In 1969 he and his family moved back to the Illinois Valley where he taught, coached, and pastored until his children graduated from IVHS. In 1978 Don and Helen moved to Sweet Home where he was a school teacher and pastor transferring to the Evangelical Church serving the churches at Sweet Home, Foster and Sodaville. He retired from teaching in 1992 and from the active ministry in 1994 after 26 years as an educator and 40 years as an active pastor.

In 1973 he helped organize IVHS Alumni and Friends, the IVHS alumni association, was instrumental in obtaining its 501(c)3 designation in 1994, was named its first Honorary Lifetime Member, and

served as president from 1999-2002. He remained active in the organization until his death.

In retirement Don and Helen enjoyed RV-ing and snow-birded in Yuma, Arizona for several winters. They traveled around the U.S., Mexico and Canada; visited the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Austria and Cyprus and cruised the West Indies and to Alaska. Don enjoyed watching sports, playing golf, and most of all, family gatherings and times spent with his great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Helen; sons, Larry and wife Kristin, Gary and wife Christine; daughter, Connie, and grandchildren, Liberty, Cori and Kacie and husband Dustin, and great-grandchildren Brendon, Alden and Liam. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, August 6th at Sweet Home Evangelical Church.

Albert Wayne Scott (Swede) passed away 8/23/14 in Fairbanks, AK. Swede was borne 11/21/1953 at Josephine Memorial Hospital in Grants Pass, OR. He lived in Cave Junction, graduation from I.V.H.S. in 1972.

After high school, he went into the army for three years. He married Jeannie Brownell on June 26th, 1977. They divorced seven years later. He then moved to Fairbanks, Alaska where he resided until his death.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by, The Chapel of Chimes (907-456-8566/907-456-8566/907-456-8566), in Fairbanks, Alaska.

He loved hunting, fishing, gold mining, and growing his own vegetable garden.

He is survived by brother Leroy Denton Scott of Eagle Point, Oregon. Sons, Jacob Wayne Scott of Ovie, Colorado, Delbert Lucas Scott of Wray, Colorado. Daughter, Kristen Kelly Scott of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He has five grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by sister, Katherine Karen Scott of Cave Junction, Oregon. She passed away 3/19/1991. Brother, Clarence Raymond Scott of Grants Pass, Oregon. He passed away 7/29/2014.

A celebration of life will be held on

Saturday, 9/13/2014 at 12:00 pm. at Lone Mt. RV Park, in O’Brien. It is going to be a pot luck lunch and a time of sharing and reflecting of swedes life.

Gloria Fine, age 88, of Cave Junction, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, August 27, 2014.

A memorial service will be at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 6, 2014 at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors.

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

Ms. Fine was born in Bakersfield, California to Lewis & Julia Ramos, April 20, 1926. She attended Bakersfield High School and after graduation moved to San Francisco, California to begin her working career with Bank of America. In 1952 she married Coleman O. “Hobby” Brockett and had two children. After her husband’s death in 1956, she moved to Saratoga, California and later met and married her second husband, Ray L. Fine and moved to San Jose, California. They also had two children. In 1968, they purchased and managed a motel in So. Lake Tahoe, California, where they lived for four years before returning to San Jose. Upon retirement, Gloria and her husband moved to Grants Pass, Oregon where they bought a home on the Rogue River and enjoyed raising Fine Arabians and Gloria found her talent in oil painting. After a few years, they got the travel bug and took pleasure in traveling the states by RV. Widowed a second time by Ray’s death in 1993, Gloria, then, decided to busy herself volunteering as a “Pink Lady” with Josephine Memorial Hospital, now Asante Three Rivers, for 27 years, in which she felt was truly rewarding. Ms. Fine lived with her daughter, including her beloved lap dogs, in Cave Junction, Oregon for the last seven years.

Ms. Fine was preceded in death by her late husband, Ray L. Fine and her sister, Thelma (Ramos) Glenn.

She is survived by her brother, Lionel Ramos of Bakersfield, CA; three sons, Michael Fine (Darlene) of Fremont, CA,

Robert Fine of Grants Pass and Ronald Fine (Michelle) of Los Gatos, CA; a daughter, Patricia Fine of Cave Junction, OR; three grandsons, Raymond and Robert Fine of Grants Pass, OR; Bradley Fine of Los Gatos, CA and two granddaughters, Jessica and Victoria Fine of Los Gatos, CA.

Lex Alan Johnson, age 26, of Cave Junction, died Sunday, August 24, 2014 in Selma.

Services have been held. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

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

The family requests to accept the Ice Bucket Challenge and donate to ALS all in memory of Lex.

Lex was born July 22, 1988 in Grants Pass. He grew up in Cave Junction and graduated from Illinois Valley High School in 2006 where he wrestled and played soccer. He attended Oregon State University before working as a wild land firefighter. He then worked for Taylor Sausage as a manager in Bend, Oregon for a year before moving back to Cave Junction where he worked as night manager for Taylor’s. He most recently worked in construction.

Lex especially enjoyed hiking, river swimming, camping, mountain bike riding – anything outdoors. He had a multitude of friends who were his family.

Survivors include his parents, Lonnie Johnson and Leslie Johnson both of Cave Junction, Oregon; a sister, Lori Alleman and husband Corey of Prairieville, Louisiana; two brothers, Danny Johnson and wife Denise of Grants Pass, Oregon and Levi Johnson of Cave Junction, Oregon; six nieces and nephews, Makayla Alleman, Peyton Alleman, Skyler Alleman, Tessara DePasquale, Allegra DePasquale and Katarina DePasquale; and maternal grandmother, Ruby Cummins of Ventura, California.

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Save The Date

Sept. 6
Saturday, September 6, Kerbyville Natural Farms, Dehydration Demo and Pressure Canner Gauge testing for accuracy by Josephine County Master Food Preserver, Jennie Reed.

Sept. 7
Sunday, September 7, 4-8pm
Come down to the IV Library, 209 W. Palmer St. in Cave Junction, to help get KXCJ-LP, Cave Junction’s volunteer-run, FM community radio station, off the

ground! KXCJ’s “Pie In the Sky” FUNdraiser features music, a BBQ dinner at 5pm followed by a Pie Auction at 7pm. To volunteer, contribute a pie, or for more info call 541-592-6084.

Sept. 7
Join Oregon Poet Laureate, Peter Sears on September 7, 2014 for a poetry workshop at 2 p.m. and a reading at 7 p.m. at the Historic Chateau at Oregon Caves. Both the workshop and reading are free to the public. Please call the Cha-

teau for reservations for the workshop and lodging at 541-592-3400. We ask that reservations be made by September 5, 2014.

Sept. 8
The I.V. Senior Center will sponsor monthly talks free to the public beginning Monday, September 8 at noon. The topic of the first short presentation will be Josephine Community Library’s online resources, designed to help access health information, free eBooks, career help and much more.

Guest speaker and Outreach Education Librarian Kate Dwyer will discuss how members can reserve any circulating item in the 4-branch system, improve skills, or discover family history, all from the comfort of home, using a free library card.

This presentation is purely educational and doesn’t include any fundraising or political content. No reservations required.

Sept. 13
Saddle Up! B.C.H.

Poker Ride in Beautiful Illinois Valley, West Fork Trails, Saturday, Sept. 13, Call 541-597-4383 or 541-592-4806.

Sept. 13
Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Spiral Living Center presents the 6th annual Illinois Valley Farm and Garden Festival at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction. Free music, demonstrations and skill-building workshops, kids activities, farmer’s market and more. For local

farm/business vending info. contact 541-592-3642.

Ongoing
Healing Hearts and Hooves, therapeutic horseback riding program has begun our 2014 season. Sunday classes at 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. @ 4411 Holland Loop Drive, Cave Junction. Call 541-659-1798 or 541-596-2272 for volunteer or student information.

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