

Obituaries

Michael Edgar McKinney, 78, of Selma, Oregon died Dec. 28, 2019 at Adventist Health Medical Center in Portland.

Mike was born July 28, 1941 in Lone Pine, Calif. At the age of 7, he moved with his family to Rogue River. During high school the family moved to Gold Beach from 1960 to 1982 he served in the United States Navy. In 1982 he moved from Whidbey Island, Wash. to Selma. He worked at Sprouse-Reitz for 10 years and Goodwill for 10 years.

Mike loved playing baseball and golf. An avid football fan, he cheered for the OSU Beavers and the Seattle Seahawks. Mike loved his family very much and always gave them tongue in cheek compliments.

Mike was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He volunteered with the local soup kitchen.

Survivors include his wife Susan A. McKinney of Selma; two sons Sean K. McKinney of Selma and Patrick D. McKinney of Sequim, Washington; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister Nancy Baker; and his parents David & Wanda Brace.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m., Jan. 18, 2020 at Wilderville Methodist Church in Wilderville, Oregon.

Remembrances may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Please visit the obituary and sign the online family guest book at www.since1928hull.com.

Jon Paul Guches, 47, of Cave Junction, died Dec. 20, 2019 at home.

Jon was born May 15, 1972 in Medford, Oregon into a family who helped settle the Griffin Creek area - a family of hardworking loggers and farmers. Because his father John Guches served in the U.S. Air Force, Jon earned his military brat title of which he was so proud. He learned a lot about the countries he lived in including Italy and Japan. While in the Job Corps he learned to be a mechanic and welder and later drove an 18-wheeler across the United States. He also worked at Bear Creek as a truck driver and fork lift operator. He moved from Eagle Point to Cave Junction seven years ago.

Jon was uniquely himself. He loved life, always helping those in need. He cared for his family and friends. His life was full of the many things he enjoyed doing in life.

Jon could always be found in the outdoors and was an avid outdoorsman.

Survivors include his parents John & Gloria Guches; and two brothers Herbert Guches and Christopher Guches.

A celebration of life will be held in spring 2020.

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Gary Ingram, 59, of Cave Junction, Ore., died Dec. 26 2019, of natural causes.

Gary was born in Roseburg, Oregon Sept. 21, 1960. Gary subse-

quently moved to Grants Pass, Ore. followed by Cave Junction where he attended Illinois Valley High School. Gary continued on to join the armed forces as a member of the United States Marine Corps. Upon discharge, Gary went on to work with the Illinois Valley Fire Department, the Tree Plex Veneer Mill and the Forest Service

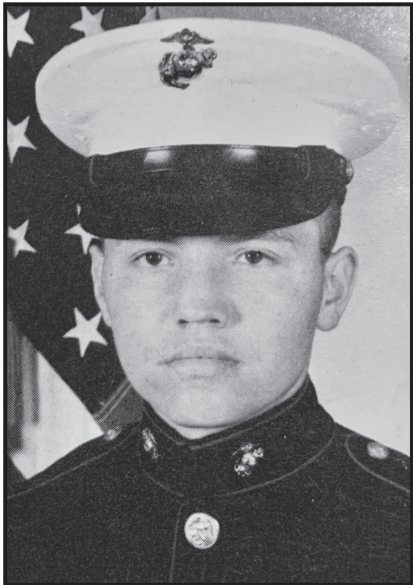
Gary spent 13 years with Lisa Bennington before separation and is survived by his two children Benjamin Ingram and Rebecca Cruz, his older brothers George and Mike Ingram and big sister Ruth Retzke amongst many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Gary is preceded in death by his mother Virginia Ingram, father George Ingram, brother Danny Ingram, his niece Wendy Ingram and great nephew James Jr.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Rebecca and Benjamin along with the Ingram family and close friends wish to thank you.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 31 2019 at 10 a.m. at Hull and Hull Funeral Home, located at 612 NW A St., Grants Pass, Ore. 97526. Minister Ted DeRovwill be officiating. Visitation will be held during this time immediately preceding the service. Burial followed the funeral at Eagle Point National Cemetery at 1400 hrs. located at 2763 Riley Rd., Eagle Point, Oregon 97524. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hull and Hull Funeral Directors who will also arrange the precession to the cemetery.

Paul Bearers will be Gary's son Benjamin Ingram, daughter Rebecca Cruz, brothers Mike and George Ingram, family friend Trevor Bowen and his nephew David Ingram.



Gary Ingram

Janet Valeriani Nov.17. 1925 – Jan. 1, 2020

Janet Valeriani of Springfield, Ore. formerly of Cave Junction died Jan. 1, 2020 at 94. She was born in Revere, Mass. to parents Frank and Angelina (DeStasio) Belmonte. Janet married Albert P. Valeriani Aug. 8, 1948, in Revere.. They celebrated 44 years until his passing in 1992. She was a housewife and stay at home mom her entire married life. Janet's family was the most important aspect of her life. She enjoyed cooking big Italian dinners for everyone. She was known for her incredible meatballs.

Janet loved her home in the country and her cat. After losing her husband, she remained in her home on 11 acres in Cave Junction enjoying many visits from family and friends. She was "Nana" to everyone. Janet was a member of the St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church in Cave Junction. She is survived by her daughter Donna Mansfield of Cottage Grove, Ore.; son Gary Valeriani of Sherwood, Ore.; daughter Patrice Tucker of Cottage Grove; Ore.; brother Frank Belmonte of Revere, Mass.; sister Evelyn Hearn of E. Longmeadow's, Mass.; grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Janet was preceded in death by her husband Albert "Pat" Valeriani. There will be a private celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, Ore.



Janet Valeriani



Councillor Dan Bosch speaks during the land use hearing Monday, Jan. 13.

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Resolution 898, declaring the property at 114 Caves Highway a nuisance, was approved unanimously, as was Resolution 899, approving the application for a RARE AmeriCorps program member (one-year position), designated to administrate the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the lighting/security camera/beautification improvements along the Highway 199 corridor.

Finally, a date was set for a MOU implementation workshop to be held Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 at 6 p.m. and a schedule planning workshop to be held Monday, Jan. 27, 2020. Both workshops will start at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce annual membership meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at Wild River Pizza at 6 p.m.

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Save the date

Jan. 15

Back From the Brink Community Film & Conversation Series presents "Call of Life," Wednesday, Jan. 15 at the Southern Oregon Guild Gallery, 24353 Redwood Hwy, Kerby. Doors open 6 p.m. for refreshments and information sharing by sponsoring organizations I.V. Sierra Club, Rusk Ranch Nature Center, I.V. Indivisible, and other valley nonprofits. Film begins at 6:30, with facilitated community conversation to follow. "Call of Life" explores the unprecedented loss of biodiversity that threatens Earth's life support systems, and addresses how our current systems and deep-seated behavioral patterns have allowed this situation to develop, continue to reinforce it, and even determine our response to it. "Call of Life" considers the collective and individual responses needed to mitigate the impacts of mass extinction, urging those of us alive today to preserve the vitality and magnificence of the living planet that is our only home. For more information phone 541-761-4746 or email ivindivisible@cavenet.com.

Jan. 25

In preparation for Springtime fruit tree propagating and the SLC Free Seed Swap and Scion Exchange, Spiral Living Center and the Agrarian Sharing Network is having a Scion Gathering Workshop, Saturday January 25th 1-3 pm, at Frog Farm (9044 Takilma

Rd.), in Takilma, Oregon. December through February is the dormant time of year for fruit trees. Come learn about selecting, harvesting, storing and grafting scionwood for fruit tree propagation. \$5 fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Email spirallivingcenter@gmail.com or call/text 541-450-5336 for registration or questions.

Ongoing

***Kaleidoscope at I.V. Family Coalition**, 525 E. River St., CJ. Free weekly playgroup open to all children ages 0-5 and their parent(s) and/or caregivers (grandparent, aunt, uncle, older brother/sister or friends). Siblings welcome. Fridays from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. For more information call Jenn Searle 541-592-6139 or jenn115@frontier.com

***SMART readers needed!** Come read with kindergarteners Tuesday afternoons at Evergreen Elementary-become a SMART Reader! You can make a difference in a child's life and help them connect with books. People of all ages and abilities wanted. Visit www.smartreading.org or call 541-734-5628 to learn how you can help.

***Cave Junction Homeless Alliance (CJHA) is looking for volunteers.** Please contact: Jimmy Evans E-Mail: jevans@cjhomeless.org or Phone: 541-592-2407 (Message) PM: Messenger.

***CJ NEX (Needle Exchange)** Mondays from 12-3 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church across from Shop Smart. Free HIV and Hepatitis C testing as well as needle exchange, overdose response and naloxone training.

***Weekly Community Watch** meetings are taking a break for the winter. Look forward to seeing you all in the spring.

***Line dancing** in Cave Junction, Free, for more information call 541-415-1410. Wednesday beginners line dancing group from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. meets at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 207 South Junction Ave. Entrance and parking in the back. Saturday beginners group meets at the Healthy U, 535 E. River St. beginners 11 a.m. – noon and more advanced noon – 1

***The Sheriff's Office Substation** in Cave Junction is now open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 to 2. Volunteers are still needed to staff another day and expand hours. Applications are available at the substation or online at <http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Files/Volunteer>. For information call 541-474-5123.

***Cave Junction Patrol, LLC** is looking for volunteers. CJ Patrol is a private citizen volunteer organization dedicated to effectively addressing heretofore-unchecked property crime in our city and neighborhoods. The primary mission of CJ Patrol is to prevent,

interrupt, report and decrease property crime in the city of Cave Junction. Call 541-592-9665 or visit cjpatrol.org.

***The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance** is excited to announce the launch of our after-hours Crisis Line which can be reached at 541-415-9367. The new local crisis line will be answered any hours the Safe House is closed. The line will be answered by an advocate who will be able to respond locally, also recognizing the barriers that may come up due to our rural location. For more information contact the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance 541-592-2515.

***Public Health Clinic-** Location: I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E. River St., CJ, 1st Thursday of every month. Services offered STI Testing/Treatment, Women's Health Exams (Annuals/Problem Visits), Birth Control (All Methods Available), Pregnancy Testing, Pre-pregnancy counseling. 3rd Thursday of every month: STI testing/treatment, birth control counseling (methods limited), Pregnancy Testing, Immunizations. Call 541-474-5329 for an appointment, and make sure to tell the receptionist to schedule you in CJ. Walk-ins welcome! Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

***Committee Meeting STATE OF JEFFERSON** Josephine County 1st Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., Wild River Pizza in Cave Junction.

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