

Obituaries

Harriett L. Preising, 77, of Selma, died Dec. 31, 2019 at her home. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Michele Elizabeth Colbert, 78, of Cave Junction, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2020 at Providence St. Vincent Hospital in Portland after a sudden illness.

Michele was born in Charles Town, West Virginia, April 16, 1941, daughter of Donald G. and Mary E. Edwards. She was raised in Morgantown, West Virginia, and over the course of her life she lived in Washington, Nebraska, North Dakota, Montana, Missouri, and California before settling in Cave Junction. She

was a member of Bridgeview Community Church in Cave Junction and was an active member of the American Legion Post 70.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Stanley Weigman, in November 2017

She is survived by her sons, Michael Eric Riffle of Sedalia, Mo. and Frank Graham Riffle of Columbia, Mo.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service for Michele will be held at Bridge-water Community Church in Cave Junction at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to the church in her name.

Beeler’s Tree service arrived at a home with a slight problem. Beeler was able to remove the tree without any further damage to the home Friday, Jan. 17.



(Courtesy photo for the *Illinois Valley News*)

Letters to the editor

Illinois Valley News welcomes letters to the editor.
Please e-mail them to dan@illinois-valley-news.com

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

Quilters have cash to give

Dear Youth Organizations:
Call for Applications for Funding

Does your organization support children and youth of the Illinois Valley? Every year, two or three organizations whose missions benefit these young people are chosen to receive funds from the

Valley Girls Quilt Show. Funding amounts will be allocated from the Quilt Show proceeds; the more the show earns, the more the chosen organizations will receive. The 2020 show will be October 16-18.

To apply for consideration, send a letter with the following information to:

Verla Beck
1031 N. Old Stage Rd.
Cave Junction, OR 97523
Letters of application should be on the organization’s letterhead, must be received by midnight,

March 1, 2020, and must contain the following information:

- Name and address of the organization and name of principal officers.
- Organization’s mission statement.
- Brief description of the organization.
- Statement of how funds would be used including how this funding will benefit the children or youth of Illinois Valley
- Name, address, email and phone number of person submit-

ting the application.

Organizations will be notified by phone if they have been selected for funding. Selected organizations will be asked to volunteer to assist with the Quilt Show set-up, take-down, ticket sales or other appropriate volunteer activities.

The Valley Girls are proud to offer this gift to support our young people. Please send in your applications by the deadline of MARCH 1, 2020.

Valley Girls Quilt Show

Snowfield

Michael Spring

Now that the sky is the color of a blank page
and snow continues to fall,
and because the darkness of sleep is still with me,
I open the door to winter.

I step into a field of snow and become
a field of snow.

Last night snow covered the details
of yesterday, including the unturned compost

and a stack of lumber for the unbuilt shed.
Snow changes things
as whitewash does on a painted canvas –

even the garden beds with their driftwood borders
are forming into the shapes of slumbering bodies.
Slopes become shoulders and hips and thighs.

I open my arms and slowly turn in a circle
as if lost in a song on a dancefloor.

I’m one with snow’s music –
more silence than sound –

a quiet elation similar to a child, who discovers
another world in the feathery patterns
of frost on the window pane.

I close my eyes and observe myself
observing myself.

Snow crystals form and fall, latch and merge,
become one landscape, one mind –
they float down
as the field before me stretches out,
widening in the drowse of milky clouds
as new pathways open through the trees.

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Save the date

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 spiral-livingcenter@gmail.com or call/text 541-450-5336 for registration or questions.

Feb. 1
JoCo Animal Shelter, \$10 rabies vaccines, \$10 microchips: Saturday, Feb. 1, 1 - 4 p.m. (or as supplies last) At the JoCo Fairgrounds. Dogs must be leashed, cats must be in a secure carrier. Limit 3 pets per person. Pets must be 8 weeks for microchip and 12 weeks for rabies. They will not vaccinate pets that are ill, on antibiotics, in heat, or on cortisone products.

Now till April 15
Tax time! AARP, Josephine county Tax Aid and the Illinois Valley Family Coalition are proud to be working together again

this year to bring free tax filing for those with low to moderate income. To schedule your appointment please visit: joco-freetaxes.com or call 541-592-6139 *** The AARP JoCo Tax Aid program is available free to community members with low and moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older. Tax Aid Volunteers are certified by the IRS to assist tax payers in preparing Federal and Oregon tax returns.

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 effective-

ly 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 cjpgatrol.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.

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