

OBITUARIES

Bob K. Combs
 April 23, 1935 — June 27, 2016
 Bobby Kenneth Combs was born in Checotah, Oklahoma, to Turner and Fannie (Hayes) Combs. While young, Bob and his family moved to the San Francisco Bay area, where he was raised. He attended school at Golden Gate Academy. During high school, Bob met Cathy Whitley, and they were married on Dec. 7, 1956. In 1959, they moved to Oregon and soon settled in the North Howell area, near Silvertown, where they raised their

daughters on the family farm. Bob would often refer to himself as a "tinker" — always keeping busy as a carpenter, farmer and hobby mechanic. His grandchildren called him "Papa the Fixer" since he could fix anything. For many years, the family raised award-winning registered Suffolk sheep and they were Bob's pride and joy. Bob truly was the center of the family and loved spending time with his wife, girls and his grandchildren, who all adored him and knew they could count on him for anything. For the past ten years, Bob suffered from Alzheimer's disease, and he spent the last four years

of his life being cared for at the Woods of Willow Creek in Salem. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Eva Souza Woodson, and step-father Richard Oden. Bob is survived by his wife of 59 years, Cathy; daughters Jenny (Brian) Barnes and Cindy (Ian) Goetting; granddaughters Christiana (Gary) Brown and Carly Brown; grandson Noah Robbins; and sister Jeanine Oden.

away July 8, 2016, at Silvertown Hospital. Ardis and twin sister Carol were born to Albert and Clara Estenson in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Feb. 11, 1930. She spent her childhood in northern Montana before moving with her parents to Silvertown in 1946. She graduated from Silvertown High School. Ardie met Leonard Hatteberg in 1947. They were married in 1950 and spent almost 65 years devoted to each other until Leonard's passing in 2014. Ardie was a wonderful wife and mother who loved her family immensely. She raised her family to be fair, honest, and to always treat others with kindness and hospitality. A remarkable

homemaker and a talented cook, her home was always open to family and friends. She is survived by her sons, Ron (Vicky) of Aloha and Rick (Kathy) of Silvertown, and grandsons, Blake (Brittney), Evan (Tiffany). She was so looking forward to the birth of her first great-grandson in September. Ardie was preceded in death by her husband; older sister, Ellen; twin sister, Carol; and her parents. A memorial service was held July 14 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Silvertown. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, or a charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Unger Funeral Chapel.

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POLICE LOGS

SILVERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
 Received calls from June 27 to July 10.
June 29
 Theft, 7:51 p.m., 400 N First St.
 Cold theft, 9:42 p.m., 300 Edgewood Drive.
July 1
 Motor vehicle accident-Non injury, 6 p.m., Oak St. and Monitor Road.

July 5
 Fire, no time given, 600 McClaine St.
 Motor vehicle accident, 8:18 p.m., Oak St. and N Second St.
July 6
 Theft, 6:45 p.m., 500 Chester St.
July 7
 Hit and run, 8:58 p.m., Oak St. and N Third St.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE
 The following residents have been convicted of driving under the influence, according to records provided by the state Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division. Included are the defendant's name, age, address, date of conviction and the court.
Sharabarin, Karrie P.: 22, 806 Stark St., Silvertown, May 31, Marion.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage license applications with Marion County
Andrew Wayne Sprauer, 36, Salem, and **Katherine Allynn Predeek,** 35, Silvertown.

Joshua Frederick Kuczynski, 30, Silvertown, and **Brittany Kaitlyn Pena,** 26, Silvertown.
Nicodemus Levi Dodson, 26, Silvertown, and **Alisha Ann Mosher,** 22, Silvertown.

Neil Larionov, 21, Silvertown, and **Natalia Frolov,** 18, Silvertown.
Scott Cameron Purvis, 48, Silvertown, and **Nancy Diane Rupe,** 58, Silvertown.

BIRTHS

The following are birth announcements submitted to the Silvertown Appeal Tribune. For more, go to StatesmanJournal.com/Records.

SILVERTOWN HOSPITAL
Prince, Emma Grace: To Brittney and Nick Prince, Silvertown, 8 pounds 7 ounces, June 26.

Traeger, Hayden Thomas: To Karen and Tyson Traeger, Mt. Angel, 9 pounds, July 4.

Putting a name and face to patient No. 4389

CAPI LYNN
 STATESMAN JOURNAL
 John Baller was just a number, or in his case, two numbers. Patient 4389. Urn 2454. His tragic life ended at the Oregon State Hospital in the spring of 1939, more than 20 years after he was committed. He was cremated three days after his death, according to hospital records. His remains, like those of so many other patients, were placed in a copper urn and stored in various locations on the hospital grounds — a basement, vaults around a fish pond, and a shed — until a memorial was built in 2014. Family members such as Kim Baller have since come forward to recover the remains of relatives they have been spent decades searching for or perhaps never even knew ex-

isted. "Here's a long-lost relative that I had never heard about," Kim Baller said. "It's a shame no one ever claimed him." John Baller was Kim's great-great uncle. Patient No. 4389 now has a face and a story thanks to Kim Baller and 12 pages of hospital records. John Baller was of German descent and had dark hair and blue eyes. He stood 5-feet-6 and weighed 150 pounds. He worked as a farm laborer, lived near Silvertown, and was in Oregon for five years before being committed. He is listed as a widower in one section of the records and divorced in another. From what Kim has been able to find out, his great-great uncle was neither. John Baller left his wife and two children in Bluffton, Indiana, to come to Oregon, presum-

ably in search of a brother. Kim discovered his great-great uncle by chance. He did a search on Find A Grave, an online database of cemetery records, for anyone with the last name Baller in Oregon. It was there that he read about how John Baller had died at the state hospital and how his remains were among the more than 3,400 that the hospital was trying to reunite with family. He con-

acted Phyllis Zegers, the researcher whose name was attached to John Baller's entry. Zegers has done research on about 1,600 people on the list and so far has been able to link 55 of them with family members who now have their ashes. The families of another 171 have indicated they plan to pursue claiming remains or are in the

process of doing so. "Typically, I end up contacting living relatives, but working with Kim was kind of different," Zegers said. "He did a lot of the research. He really had his sleeves rolled up and was not at all shy about contacting living relatives." While Kim will never know exactly what led up to John Baller's commitment in the spring of 1919, he has documents that detail the proceedings in Marion County Court, including Notice of Insanity, Certificate of Examining Physician and Order of Commitment. Admission notes referred to John Baller's mental state as resembling "13-B Depressive type," or manic depression, which today is more commonly referred to as bipolar disorder. Kim Baller recovered the remains just before

the July 2014 dedication of the memorial on the hospital grounds that honors forgotten souls such as John Baller. The ashes of 3,423 people who died between 1914 and 1971 were placed in the niches of a columbarium wall surrounding the plaza. (Their ashes were transferred from the old copper urns to new ceramic vessels.) A decision on where to inter John Baller's remains may be made July 17 during the annual family reunion in Lincoln City. One option would be to bury them with Sam Baller, John's nephew, in Valley View Cemetery in Silvertown. Another would be to inter them at Silvertown Cemetery, where other relatives are interred. Contact Capi Lynn at clynn@statesmanjournal.com or 503-399-6710, or follow her on Twitter @CapiLynn and Facebook @CapiLynnSJ.



John Baller



Kim Baller

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