

A look at local legislative election results

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A couple of rural districts saw incumbents holding their seats: House District 18 incumbent Vic Gilliam, Silverton, defeated Clackamas County Democrat Tom Kane; incumbent Republican Sherrie Sprenger beat Independent Jeffrey Goodwin in House District 17,

which includes Detroit, Gates, Idanha, Lebanon, Lyons, Mill City, Scio, Stayton, Sublimity, Sweet Home and Waterloo.

Two rural Mid-Valley Oregon Senate seats on the ballot this cycle appeared squarely defended by Republican incumbents.

Results show Fred Girard won over Democrat Rich Harisay in District 9



Gilliam



Kane



Boquist



Hack



Nearman



Thompson

east of the Willamette River, while Republican Brian Boquist won with a comfortable lead over Democratic challenger

Ross Swartzendruber in District 12, which is mostly west of the River.

Republican incumbent Jodi Hack won House Dis-

trict 19, which serves sections of south Salem, Turner, Aumsville and rural areas south and east of Salem.

Hack is seeking her second term.

Rural House District 23 featured a race between an incumbent and former incumbent; Republican State Rep. Mike Nearman had a strong lead over former Rep. Jim Thompson, who challenged Nearman as an Independent.

OBITUARIES

Otto Joseph Erwert

Jan. 15, 1928 — Nov. 7, 2016

Otto Joseph Erwert was born Jan. 15, 1928, on the family farm between Mt. Angel and Woodburn to Joseph and Katherine (Laschober) Erwert. After graduating from Mt. Angel Prep he entered the United States Army. After being honorably discharged he farmed until the late 1960s, when he became a school bus driver and groundskeeper for the Woodburn School District until his retirement. Otto was an active lifelong member of St. Mary's Parish. Otto was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and a past Adjutant for the Mt. Angel American Legion Post 89.

Otto's main enjoyment was spending time with his grandchildren, visiting the Oregon Coast, and country drives.

Otto married Patricia Marie Ditter on Sept. 5, 1950. Patricia preceded Otto in death on Sept. 21, 2007. They were married for 57 years.

Otto and Marie had two children who survive them, Kathy (Ron) Schmidt of West Linn and Ron (Carole) Erwert of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Also surviving are two grandchildren, David Erwert of Charleston, South Carolina, and Jonathan (Caitlin) Erwert of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Recitation of the Rosary was held Nov. 12 at Mt. Angel Towers. Funeral Mass was held Nov. 14 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Mt. Angel. Interment is at a Calvary Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to Calvary Cemetery c/o St. Mary

Parish.

Arrangements by Unger Funeral Chapel, Mt. Angel.

Gwendolyn Jean (Lundeen) Barritt

June 29, 1941 — Nov. 5, 2016

Gwen was born in Minnesota, the daughter of Martha (Bugge) and Harry Lundeen. Her family moved in 1949 to Silverton, where she attended Bethany Grade School and graduated from Silverton Union High. Her parents built Lundeen's Grocery in Bethany near their home.

Following high school, Gwen went to beauty school and then worked in Lake Oswego for a time. She met Harlan "Whitey" Barritt and they married while he was in the service. To this union they had a daughter, Angellyn. Together, Gwen and Whitey moved to San Diego and later returned to Salem, where they both worked and managed Kirby Vacuums for several years.

Gwen enjoyed playing piano, flower gardening and painting.

Gwen is preceded in death by her parents and Whitey. She is survived by her daughter, Angie Urben, and son-in-law Bradley Croucher; grandsons Eric Urben and Marcus Croucher; granddaughter Jennifer Urben; four great-grandchildren; and numerous friends and extended family.

Graveside services will take place at Valley View Lutheran Cemetery in Silverton at a later date.

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Woodrow Edward Billups

Jan. 31, 1935 — Nov. 4, 2016

Woodrow Edward Billups passed away Nov. 4, 2016. He was born in California on Jan. 31, 1935, the son of Leonard Leslie Billups and Mary Ray Groseclose. He moved to Oregon with his parents and siblings, residing in Rockaway on the coast, where Leonard and Mary owned rental cottages.

Woody hung around an arcade at Rockaway Beach all the time when he was a kid. The owner, Victor P. David, showed him how to fix the old penny machines that he had there. Vic finally took him under his wing and moved him to the valley to work on his equipment there.

Woody graduated from Silverton High School, and afterward worked full-time in Vic's business. Woody married Zona Beeman and together had one child, Edward. They later divorced and he married Lila (Penn) Schiavone. Lila worked with Woody and eventually they bought the business from Vic David.

Woody was a charter member of the Silverton Elks Lodge and a member of the Army National Guard, where he served as radio maintenance personnel. Woody served 20-plus years in the Army National Guard.

He is survived by his wife, Lila Billups; ex-wife Zona Beeman; son and daughter-in-law Ed and Joeleen Billups; sisters Zella Gibbons and Eva Andrews; brother Richard Billups; and stepchildren Janet Noble and Dwayne Schiavone.

A celebration of

Woody's life took place Nov. 12 at the Silverton Elks Lodge.

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Estelle Cynthia "Cookie" Parker Kent

Aug. 8, 1957 — Oct. 5, 2016

Estelle Cynthia "Cookie" Parker

Kent was born Aug. 8, 1957, to James Henry "Honey" Parker and Donna Jean Parker in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She lost her valiant fight with cancer on Oct. 5, 2016.

The youngest of two children, Cookie graduated from South Side High School in 1975. She was an excellent athlete and played basketball, volleyball, and ran track. She earned her BA in Social Science from Ball State University in 1979. After graduation, she eventually made her way to Southern California, where she worked for Hostess as a truck driver, then Knudsen Dairy where she met Michael Kent. Mike relocated to Oregon and Cookie followed several months later. They were married in 1991 at South Lake Tahoe. Soon after Cookie secured a job as a corrections officer where she reached the rank of Lieutenant and was employed for 25 years.

Cookie was an adventurous person, and was happy to try most anything, especially with Mike. She liked to travel, and every year in March they spent a week in Mexico. She traveled to Greece and Hawaii, and went on train trips to California and Nevada. She panned for gold, was an expert marksman, and loved her dogs. One of her favorite pastimes was

driving to Lincoln City, shopping at the outlet mall, then ending the day with shrimp and margaritas at Kylo's.

Cookie was remembered with a celebration of life Nov. 13 at the Salem Armory. Another service will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 20 at Silvercrest School at Drakes Crossing.

Dorine Nissen

May 25, 1928 — Nov. 4, 2016

Dorine, 88, passed away peacefully at Mt. Angel Towers, surrounded by family. Dorine was born in Pierz, Minnesota, to Leo and Loretta Duerr. She lived most of her life in the Mt. Angel-Silverton area, where she farmed with her husband, Maurice. Gardening was her passion; always surrounding herself with beautiful flowers. She loved to bake and was well known for her great pies and homemade bread.

Dorine was preceded in death by her loving husband of 68 years, Maurice, and her sisters, Dolores Duerr and Erna Kasper. Survivors include sisters Viola Kollen, Esther Messer, Sharon Kadell and Barb Nibler; brother Abbot Gregory Duerr; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Rosary and Mass were held Nov. 9 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mt. Angel. Donations in her memory may be made to Willamette Valley Hospice.

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Laura Jean Woodhead

March 29, 1929 — Nov. 9, 2016

Laura Jean was born in



Tuttle, Idaho, to Vester and Opal Andrews on March 29, 1929. She married John Woodhead on June 19, 1949, in Gooding, Idaho. They relocated frequently because of John's work, and were able to enjoy living in and meeting people in many states.

She moved to Silverton eight years ago to be near family. She enjoyed knitting baby hats for the Silverton Hospital Birthing Center and loved garage sales.

Laura Jean is survived by her daughter, Vicki Mohler (Robert) of Silverton; son John Woodhead (Lisa Han) of Kennewick, Washington; grandchildren Cynthia Carter, Tana Keathley, Erin Maloney, Laura Baker, Debra Woodhead, John Woodhead and April Woodhead; eight great-grandchildren; and sister Carol Serpa (Duane) of Gilbert, Arizona.

Laura Jean was preceded in death by her husband, John Woodhead; brother Victor Andrews; and sister Vena Gorrell.

At her request, no services will be held.

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