

OBITUARIES

Landon John Bentz

July 28, 1993 — March 8, 2017
Landon John Bentz passed away March 8, 2017, in Missoula, Montana. Landon was born in Silverton on July 28, 1993, to Lance and Karen Bentz. He attended Silverton High School, and upon graduation joined the Navy as a Seabee. After five years of service, Landon was attending school at the University of Montana.

Landon is survived by his parents, Lance and Karen; brother Lucas; sister-in-law Kendra; and his grandpa, John C. Burley.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, April 7, at First Christian Church in Silverton. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to First Christian Church, where they will be forwarded to the Aloha Foundation in Timor-Leste, where Landon helped build a medical center while on deployment. Private burial will be held at Willamette

National Cemetery and the Maplewood Cemetery in Scotts Mills.

Arrangements by Unger Funeral Home.

Bernadette Joyce Manahan

Dec. 25, 1926 — March 16, 2017

Bernadette Joyce Manahan, 90, was born Dec. 25, 1926, in Long Beach, California, and passed away March 16, 2017, in Salem.

She was a loving mother of eight children: Dan Hadsell, Sally Inskip, Mary Johnson, Patrice Evans, Katherine Olsen, Phillip Hadsell, Kevin Hadsell and David Hadsell; 24 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

Joyce spent a lifetime of faith and devotion to the Catholic Church. She attended daily Mass, Bible studies, was a lay minister visiting the sick, taking

communion to the dying and spreading the message of God's love to those in need. She also took several pilgrimages to holy sites including Medjugorje, Lourdes, Jerusalem and the Vatican for the 2000 millennium celebration. She always prayed and encouraged her family and others in their faith and walk with Christ.

Joyce resided in California before moving to Silverton in 2004 to be near her family. She quickly assimilated into the small town by joining St. Paul's Church, volunteering at Silverton Hospital, participating in community events and joining bridge groups. Her home became a hub for all the family to gather. Joyce was a great homemaker and carried on family traditions and celebrations throughout her life.

She leaves her family and friends with cherished memories and legacies. Her greatest wish for the people that she touched is that they live in peace and abide in God's love. She will be deeply

missed.

Mass was held on March 23 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Mt. Angel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Priests for Life at www.PriestsForLife.org.

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Oregon bottle deposit to increase to 10 cents

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If you have a bag of soda cans, beer bottles and water containers accumulating in the garage, you might want to wait to redeem them — at least for another nine days.

On April 1, Oregon's 5-cent bottle deposit refund will increase for the first time, doubling to 10 cents, in an effort to perk up lagging redemption rates.

The state became the first in the country to introduce a bottle bill back in 1971.

Backers of the bill sought to encourage the recycling of carbonated and malt beverages, the most common containers disposed of along Oregon highways, trails and beaches.

More than a billion beverage containers are recycled in Oregon every year. According to the Department of Environment Quality, recycling those beverage containers saved 3 trillion BTUs of energy and also reduced greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 200,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalents — equal to the amount of carbon dioxide produced by 40,000 cars.

The bottle bill has also substantially reduced beverage container litter, leaving roadsides, parks and public lands much cleaner, according to the DEQ.

For more than a decade, Oregon's average return rate hovered above 90 percent. By the 1990s, however, rates began to dip. DEQ officials said while there are a few issues behind the lagging rates, one simple one is that the redemption value has not kept up with inflation.

The nickel refund in 1971 would be equal to about 31 cents in buying power in 2017, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. If adjusted for inflation, a \$1.86 deposit should be tacked on to a six pack of beer instead of the actual 30 cents.

The DEQ stated there is strong evidence that suggests the size of deposits affects the return rate of containers. Michigan, which has a minimum 10-cent deposit, has a return rate about 90 percent — the highest of all states with bot-

tle bills.

Over the years, changing trends, like the surge of the popularity of plastic water bottles, have added containers to bottle drop list.

Return rates vary significantly for different types of bottles and cans. Just under 71 percent of metal containers are returned for refund. About 67 percent of glass containers are returned, and a little over half of plastic containers were returned.

Faced with declining rates and changing trends, the Oregon Legislature passed a law creating a Bottle Bill Task Force. The group set the return rate goal of 80 percent and suggested the deposit increase from a nickel to a dime.

Years of failed bills and industry infighting ensued, but finally, in 2011, the legislature passed a bill requiring the redemption value of cans, glass bottles and plastic containers to increase if rates dropped below the 80-percent threshold.

In 2014, the redemption rate was about 68 percent. The next year, it dipped even lower to about 64 percent. In July 2016, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission announced the time had come to increase the bottle deposit. The 10-cent deposit would take effect April 1.

On March 20, the Oregon Senate overwhelmingly passed a bill intending to smooth the transition and reduce potential waste. The bill requires a 10-cent refund for all covered containers, regardless of the value listed on the packaging, starting on April 1. Containers that list a 5-cent deposit can be sold until Sept. 30, 2018.

"This bill smooths out the transition considerably for retailers, helping them have consistency in how to implement the new deposit without wasting product or creating confusion," said Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Portland, in a statement. "The higher deposit amount should improve the recycling rates in the state, reducing litter statewide and providing for a cleaner environment."

But, he added, the transition brings the risk of confusion. The bill provides consumers and retailers the certainty



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Oriall Burnell of Turner loads bottles and cans into a machine at the Bottle Drop Redemption Center on 4815 Commercial St. SE on Tuesday, March 21, in Salem, Ore.

that on April 1, the redemption value of every bottle will be 10 cents, no matter what the label says.

Studies indicate the bill would have no revenue impact and minimal fiscal impact.

Visitors at the Bottle Drop Redemption Center on 4815 Commercial St. SE weren't holding out for April 1. Some already knew about the refund change, but the increase came as a surprise to most.

"I should wait," said Ryan Rogers, of Salem.

He paused before continuing to load cans and bottles into the self-serve kiosk.

About a dozen people filtered in and out of the facility.

Over the din of jostling glasses and metal, Oriall and Wanda Burnell, of Turner, said they visited the drop about once a month. The increase wouldn't affect them too much, Oriall said.

"It goes out, it goes in about the same," Oriall said, adding, "Having a place like

this is fantastic."

It had been a long time since Wanda and George Stephenson, of Salem, stopped by the redemption center. They hauled in bags full of accumulated soda cans. "We don't throw ours away like our kids," she said.

Wanda didn't realize the same cans could bring in double the money next month. They stopped loading for a second but then continued. The incremental increase in the refund didn't seem worth derailing an errand.

Another customer remarked that the already busy redemption center could be even more hectic the first day the increase takes effect.

All Bottle Drop locations will be fully staffed and ready to serve on April 1, said Cheryl Bertges, spokeswoman for the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative. The organization is also planning several long-term changes to ensure a smooth transition.

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