

Obituaries



Elizabeth Ashley Hoke

Sept. 12, 1999 — Sept. 22, 2017

Elizabeth, 18, died tragically Friday night, Sept. 22, in Monmouth. She was born on Sept. 12, 1999, in Silverton and spent her entire life living and loving her family's farm. Elizabeth graduated Valedictorian from Silverton High School in June 2017 and was starting her college career at Western Oregon University, focusing on her love for biology. She was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Silverton.

Elizabeth enjoyed reading, dancing, singing, and spending time with both her family and friends. Her latest pas-

sions were drawing, photography and during her senior year she played tennis at Silverton High School. She had a true thirst for knowledge and knowing the world. Elizabeth started her travel journeys when she was very young, 6, seeing most of the United States, Italy, Spain, Mexico and Canada. Elizabeth just returned from a month long trip in Asia, where she was able to be an elephant caretaker for an entire day, feeding and bathing her elephant. She lived her dreams every day! Elizabeth had the kindest heart that spread joy to everyone she touched. Her smile brought warmth to all, it shined on and her words were always filled with gratitude and kindness.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Bob and Bruce,

and grandma, Helen. Elizabeth is survived by her loving parents, Anthony and Kristan Hoke of Silverton; her sister, Abbie Hoke of Silverton; grandmother, Sandie Philippi of Silverton; her dog, Max; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A celebration of life was held Friday, Sept. 29, at the Oregon Garden Main Pavilion. Rosary, Catholic Mass and a reception were held Saturday, Sept. 30, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Silverton. Interment will be in Union Hill Cemetery in Silverton. Contributions may be made to Salem Foundation - Elizabeth Hoke Memorial Fund, PO Box 2305, Salem OR 97308, or www.salem-foundation.org.

Serving the family, North Santiam Funeral Service, Stayton.

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Justine Harris

Nov. 1, 1915 — Sept. 24, 2017

Justine passed away peacefully at the family farm at 101 years, 10 months and 23 days old. She was born at home in Monitor to John and Theresa Drescher. Justine was the oldest of 12 children.

She married August J. Harris in 1933. Justine and A.J. raised their family of 12 on Lake Labish, farming celery and onions. She was well known for feeding the neighborhood along with her children and grandchildren.

Justine is survived by Gus (Donita), Judy (Bill) Sanders, Jim, Don (Norma), Ed (Cyndie), Barb (John) Wilde, Sharon (Bob) West, Sue (Gary) Rush, David (Talina) and her daughter-in-law Patricia Harris. She is also

survived by brothers Ed (Ruth) Drescher and Fred Drescher and by sisters Ann Intel, Clara (Hank) Roshak, Margie Buchheit.

She was preceded in death by husband A.J. Harris; sons Pete and John; daughter Irene Davis; brothers John, Hubert and Lawrence; and sisters Dorothy Penne, Rita Hein and Irene Drescher.

Her large family has produced over four generations of grandchildren — a staggering number of 200 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and a great-great-great grandchild.

Rosary and Funeral Mass were held Monday, Oct. 2 at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Keizer.

Gene Herbert Holland

Aug. 27, 1930 — Sept. 27, 2017

Gene Holland passed away Sept. 27, 2017, at his home in Salem. He was born Aug. 27, 1930, to Max and Rose (Jensen) Holland in Silverton, one of two children. Gene worked most of his life as an interior designer for both residential and commercial.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Patricia Cantrell. He is survived by his wife, Naomi; Jeff and Greg of Salem; step-children Karen Khepoff and Larry Hindman; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Oct. 3, at Unger Funeral Chapel in Silverton, with burial following at Valley View Cemetery in Silverton.

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thal and nonlethal methods of dealing with problem animals.

"All of our expenditures of Title III have been done within the confines of the law," Boice said.

A grant application obtained by The Oregonian/OregonLive shows Wildlife Services did use the term "educate" to describe its plan to inform landowners about how black bears, porcupines, squirrels and other rodents damage timber -- and then assist in combatting the creatures, by either setting traps or providing "hands-on" training.

Statewide, the agency killed 193 bears and 13 porcupines in 2015, records show.

Wildlife Services also said in the grant application that it would use \$22,000 of its county funding to maintain an ATV and other vehicles.

Congress would have to make changes to Secure Rural Schools, which is currently expired, to ensure greater scrutiny of how the money is spent.

David Bergendorf, the U.S. Forest Service's manager overseeing the program, said his agency has no legal basis to track county spending. While counties must sign a form certifying they've proper-

ly spent the money, they are not required to submit any proof.

"That's not in the law and we have to follow the law as it's written," Bergendorf said. "We can't start over-interpreting the law. Congress could certainly write that in, but they never did."

Steve Pedery, conservation director at Oregon Wild, said the county's decision to fund a program benefiting private timber owners and a group that echoes industry talking points "just shows how broken the political systems in these counties are."

Groups like Communities for Healthy Forests and the American Forest Resource Council work together to achieve the same legislative outcome, Pedery said. If a Roseburg nonprofit delivers a

pro-timber message in place of an industry lobbyist, he said, "suddenly it begins to sound credible."

There are other questions about the publicly funded video favoring salvage logging, apart from its eligibility for Title III funding.

Groups that receive some types of federal money are prohibited from using it to create propaganda or lobby for federal policy changes. However, it's unclear whether that restriction would apply in this case because the money first passed through the county, said Susan Gary, a University of Oregon law professor.

Boice defended the spending, saying he and his fellow commissioners thought it was important to show how much timber goes to waste after fires.

"Do you think leaving those dead and dying trees there to rot and emit harmful gas rather than removing and replanting them with young, vibrant, carbon eating seedlings is a good idea?" he asked.

Communities for Healthy Forests has not completed all the projects it proposed using Douglas County's safety-net money.

One planned film, "Burning America's Future, Squandering Our Resources," was supposed to be an hour-long investigative documentary targeting what it called "younger and more urban audiences who remain largely unaware how catastrophic wildfires are affecting the nation, and the world."

Goirigolzarri said the

documentary was intended to be "PBS quality."

For reasons he did not elaborate on, Goirigolzarri said his organization ended production after the California company hired to create the picture "did not complete the necessary steps."

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