

OBITUARIES



Myrna Hess passed on Oct. 20. A service was held for Hess on Oct. 24. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Martin Nelson passed away on Oct. 19. A celebration of Nelson's life will be on Nov. 18.

Myrna Elaine Steinberger Hess

March 29, 1935 — Oct. 20, 2017

Myrna Elaine Steinberger Hess was born on March 29, 1935 in Yakima, Washington. She grew up in Donnybrook, North Dakota, and eventually moved with her family to Silverton as a young girl. She met her loving husband, Joe, while picking strawberries at the young age of 11. Joe and Myrna were married at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Silverton in January 1955 and celebrated 62 years of marriage. The oldest of six children, she was a natural mother and rejoiced when her oldest son Steve was born. Three years later, she was blessed with her daughter, Cindy. She was a loving wife, mother and homemaker, raising her two children and eventually joined her husband Joe working at Great Western Seed company for 13 years.

Her yard was a source of joy for her and she loved sharing her bouquets of cut flowers from it. She loved sewing, and was an immaculate seamstress, making many a dress for herself, her daughter and eventually her granddaughters. She made beautiful quilts for each of her grandchildren years ago that are now frequently photographed with her great-granddaughters playing on them. Myrna loved spoiling her grandbabies and now great-grandbabies with affection. She could frequently be found crawling on the ground playing doggie or pattycake.

A lover of coffee and sweets, Myrna and Joe had several weekly coffee dates with their friends. Always the hostess, Myrna loved sharing her food and her home with family and friends, including beautifully decorated cakes. She loved playing pinocle with friends, genealogy, trips to the beach and other travels. In her most recent years of retirement, she and Joe opened a U-cut Christmas tree farm on their property and she loved sharing her cookies and cocoa with their customers. She will be greatly missed by many.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Norma Steinberger. She is survived by her husband, Joe Hess of Sublimity; son Steve Hess of Molalla;

and daughter Cindy Hupp of Silverton. She leaves behind her five younger siblings: Arlys Zauner, Deloris Piller, Diane Nichols, Jim Steinberger and Sherry Parks. Myrna had five grandchildren: Molly Marcum of Corvallis, Kelsey Hupp of Silverton, Jamie Smith of Keizer, Ethan Hupp of Silverton and Trent Hess of Molalla. She leaves behind six great granddaughters and another great grandbaby coming soon.

A service was held Oct. 24 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Silverton. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for your thoughts and prayers.

Martin Elmer Nelson

Aug. 27, 1928 — Oct. 19, 2017

Martin Nelson, 89, passed away Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017, at Legacy Silverton Medical Center.

Martin was born on Aug. 27, 1928, in North Platte, Nebraska, to Nels and Hazel (Middleton) Nelson, the oldest of seven children. He was raised for a time in the Tyron, Nebraska, area and moved to Oregon as a young boy with his family, settling in the Silverton area. Throughout most of his life, Martin worked for a paper mill. He later met and married Evelyn Jean Peterson and they shared 26 years together prior to her passing away on Nov. 25, 2008. Martin loved hunting, fishing, camping and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and two siblings.

Martin is survived by step-children: Colleen (Mike) Collins, Stacey (Matthew) Haller and Todd (Heather) Stevahn; siblings Bruce (Judy) Nelson, Jim Nelson, Dessie Tegland and Myra Warren; and grandchildren Morgan Ellis, Kayley Haller, Caleb Collins, Daisy Stevahn and Lucy Stevahn.

A celebration of Martin's life will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017, at the Silvertowne Apartments Community Room, with light refreshments to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any heart and/or diabetes association.

Arrangements with Unger Funeral Chapel.



The 2017 Race for Results report has found that Oregon's children of color and children living in immigrant families are more likely to live in low-income households, less likely to have proper health services and are graduating at lower rates than their white counterparts living in U.S.-born families. MOLLY J. SMITH / STATESMAN JOURNAL

Oregon falls short on equity for students

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Oregon's children of color and children living in immigrant families are struggling to find the resources and opportunities they need to thrive, according to a report released Oct. 24.

These children are more likely to live in low-income households, less likely to have access to proper health services and are graduating at lower rates than their white counterparts living in U.S.-born families.

These are some of the key findings from the 2017 Race for Results report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

This is the second Race for Results report, which measures children's progress on the national and state levels on key education, health and economic milestones by racial and ethnic groups.

"We have a shared responsibility in ensuring that all children, regardless of color or immigration status, receive the support they need to build a bright future for themselves and our state," said Tonia Hunt, the executive director of Children First for Oregon.

One indicator found nearly three out of five children in immigrant families in Oregon live on less than \$49,000 per year for a family of four.

This is compared to two out of five children in U.S.-born families, according to the report.

While more than one out of three white children in Oregon lives in a low-income household, nearly two in three African-American and American Indian children do, and more than two in three Latino children live in low-income households.

Factors like health and income have a strong effect on students' abilities to learn.

Statewide, only 55 percent of American Indian children graduate high school on time, compared to 72 percent of that demographic group nationally.

Latino children struggle to reach developmental milestones. For example, only 18 percent of Oregon's Latino fourth graders scored at or above proficient in reading, and 16 percent of Latino eighth graders scored at or above proficient in math.

One influential factor is whether the student's parents are able to offer academic insight. Only 66 percent of Oregon children in immigrant families live in a household with someone with at least a high school degree, compared to 93 percent of children in U.S.-born families.

Annalivia Palazzo-Angulo, executive director of the Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality, said the Salem-Keizer School District and local organizations

have worked to double services for preschoolers.

With 305 tuition-based preschool spots, 60 spots funded by Preschool Promise, 340 Head Start spots and 160 spots funded by Title I money, just shy of 1,000 Oregonians ages 3 to 5 are able to attend preschool within Salem-Keizer schools.

Palazzo-Angulo said the coalition also provides various programs that teach parents how to expose their children to educational materials early and often, making them "parent first teachers."

These methods help reduce absenteeism, increase students' abilities to read and do math at grade level, increase graduation rates and increase the number of students who attend college.

But Palazzo-Angulo argues this isn't enough. She said Oregon needs to extend their school year, as well.

Referring to the fact that Oregon has one of the shortest academic years in the country, she asked, "How do we expect them to score the same when students have less time to learn?"

Experts said Oregon's history also plays a pivotal role.

"A legacy of racial exclusion and disinvestment has created significant barriers for many of today's children," said Linda Roman of Oregon Latino Health Coalition.

According to Smithsonian Institute records, Oregon explicitly forbade black people from living within its borders when it entered the union in 1859, limiting access for communities of color to banking services, transportation and jobs.

"Policymakers can't wait any longer to remedy the past and find solutions to put all Oregon kids on the path to success," Roman said.

Joseph Santos-Lyons, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, said many children in Oregon are growing up "in a world that was intentionally and systematically built to deny them opportunities."

Santos-Lyons said policies that require ethnic studies and culturally specific education and materials can change opportunities and outcomes for these students.

To read the full 2017 Race for Results report, go online to aecf.org/raceforresults. Additional information is available at aecf.org.

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Hwy 213 slated to close Nov. 12 for bridge work

A section of Highway 213 will be closed one day for a project to repair the bridge over Abiqua Creek.

A detour will be set up Sunday, Nov. 12, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. while Oregon Department of Transportation crews perform maintenance to the bridge located about five miles northeast of Silverton.

Eastbound drivers will take Monitor Road to Meridian Road, to Abiqua Road to return to Highway 213.

Westbound drivers will follow the reverse path.

LETTERS

Deer are not a nuisance

Well said, Doris! (Letters, Oct. 18) I have lived here since 1970.

Deer have eaten my roses, they had their fawns, we left a bucket of water

for them in drought-time, and we enjoyed them. Never a threat, nor nuisance.

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