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## Obituaries

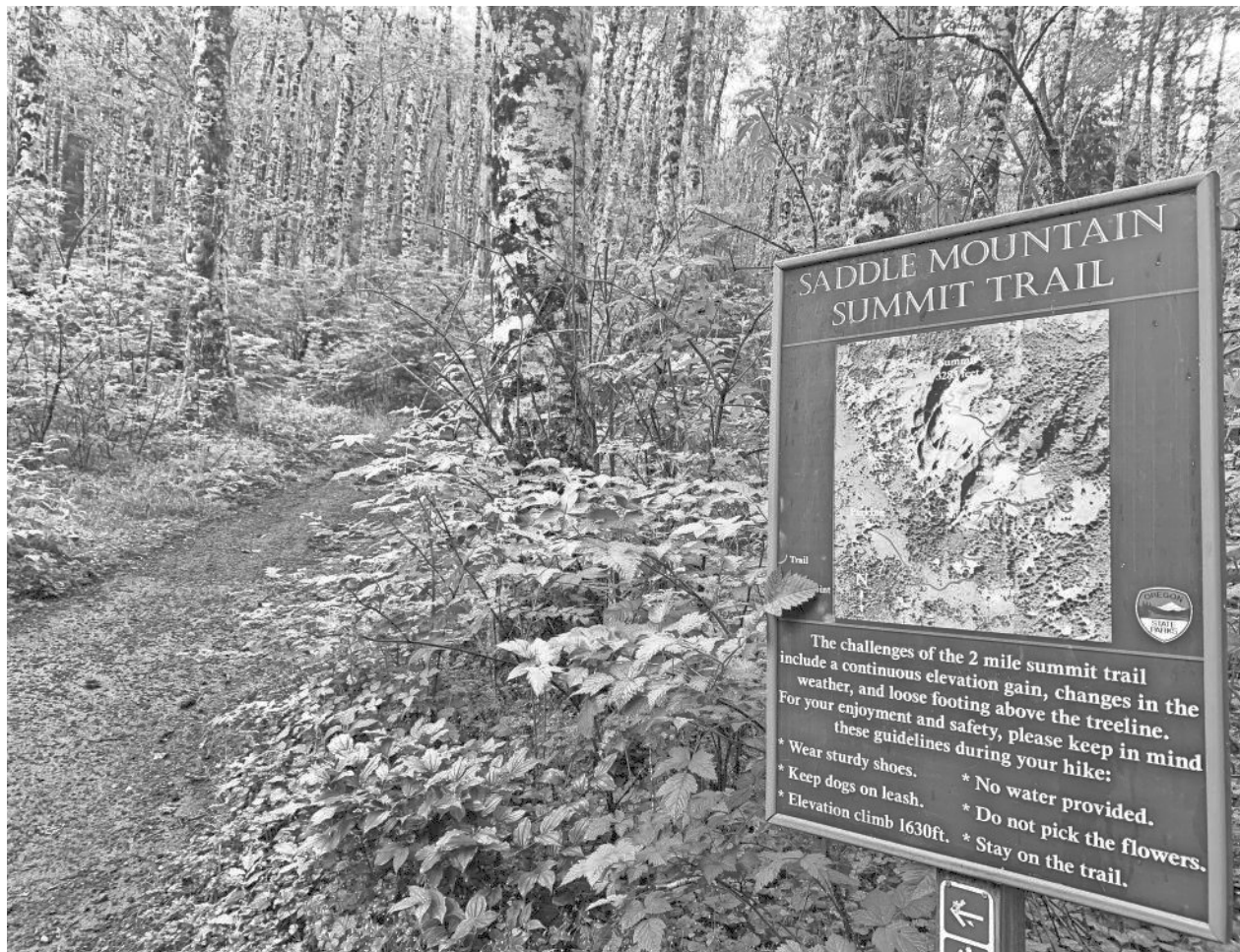
### Roberta Annette Beck

04/26/1948  
06/05/2021



Roberta was born to Mary Louise and Arthur Clyde Boyce in Salem, Oregon. She was the oldest of three daughters. Her youngest sister Marie passed away in 2018. Her other sister Carol lives in Massachusetts. Roberta was raised between Oregon and Arizona and went to multiple schools growing up. She attended Liberty Elementary, Waldo Middle School, and Mohave County High School. She graduated from Mohave County in Kingman, Arizona in 1967 and went on to nursing school. She finished practical nursing school at Portland Adventist Hospital School of Practical Nursing in 1969.

While working at the hospital she met a handsome fellow that would later become her husband; his name was Larry Beck. The two were married in the winter of 1973. They had three children: Kevin, Patrick, and Tiffany. While raising her children she was a very involved little league parent, Boy Scout mom, 4-H leader and FFA mom. She would have bottle fed any orphaned animal. Roberta worked as Hazel Green's lunch lady for many years. She made sure that no child went hungry. Her students were loved like her own kids. Roberta could crochet, knit, and cross stitch. The role she loved most was being a grandma. At the time of her passing she was a resident at Molalla Manor. Bristol Hospice was an amazing support during her end of life journey. Her graveside service will be held at Howell Cemetery located at 4559 64th Pl Salem, Oregon 97305 at 11 am on Sunday June 27th 2021. Following graveside service there will be a luncheon at Hazel Green School outdoor covered area located at 5774 Hazel Green Rd NE Salem, Oregon 97305. If you would like to donate in Roberta's name consider donating to Molalla Manor for the residents to enjoy.



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## Hike

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The small reddish-orange butterflies with distinctive silver spots were once found on coastal grasslands from Northern California to southern Washington, but development, changes to the forest, and invasive weeds and grasses reduced the silverspots' preferred habitat — mainly early blue violets, the sole food source for caterpillars.

By the mid-2010s, silverspots had declined to just four isolated populations, including Hebo Mountain and

Basket Slough National Wildlife Refuge outside Salem.

Saddle Mountain was deemed a good location to expand the population because of its early blue violet abundance. Since 2018, federal and state biologists have released 500 silverspot caterpillars into the mountain's meadows each spring.

The effort appears to be working. A 2020 survey found 82 adult silverspots along the mountain's trails, with the real population likely higher in the mountains' steep meadows, said Trevor Taylor, park resource program manager for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

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## Miller

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relevant volumes of our trusty but ancient American Peoples Encyclopedia.

As a side note, my dad had visions of paying his way through the University of Missouri by selling the encyclopedias door-to-door.

Given my dad's lack of salesmanship, ours may have been one of the two or three sets that he ever sold, and that probably because of the employee discount.

The giveaway to dad's marketing skills being that my grandparents also had a complete set in their home.

I digress.

Anyway, as I recall, I got an A for the windshield/radiator bug exhibit mounted on map pins on a sheet of balsa wood with accompanying lick-and-stick labels.

All of which, looking back, says a lot more about my youthful guile and ingenuity than it does about my scientific scholarship.

But there was another valuable lesson from the drive-through bug collection that is still relevant to this day.

Now, whenever I drive through a swarm or cloud of bugs on my way to a fishing hole, I'll take a few minutes to check out what's stuck on the front end of the truck when I get there.

Because, from grasshoppers to gnats, it's probably what the fish are going to be eating.

And that saves a lot of time looking through the fly box.

So thanks, Dave.

I couldn't have done it without you.

### Sort of a boo-ray situation

The hooray is that on June 11, the Oregon departments of Agriculture and Fish and Wildlife announced the reopening of razor clamming on the central coast.

The chorus of boos is because the notice came too late to make it in the June 12 column about the coming monster minus tide series.

But the best news is that there's still time to cash in on the low points, so to speak, because the world-beater minus tides are next week.

Important note: The north coast, including the most popular razor clamming spots in the state, Clatsop County beaches, remained closed because of continuing elevated levels of domoic acid, a shellfish biotoxin.

So it's vital that you check current conditions on the ODA's toll-free shellfish biotoxin hotline at (800) 448-2474 or go online to the State of Oregon: Shellfish - Recreational Shellfish Biotoxin Closures before heading out during the June 22 through the weekend of June 26 and 27 minus-tides series. For sites, times and tides during the epic low-tide series, go online to Tide Location Selection for Oregon (saltwatertides.com)

### This week's highlight

As promised (or at least predicted): The daily counts of shad passing through the fish ladder at Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River surpassed the 100,000 mark on June 10 (126,796 to be precise). And the numbers have stayed near that figure since. For the latest numbers online, go to 7 Day and YTD Adult Counts (fpc.org)

Through June 13, more than 1 million shad had crossed Bonneville Dam.

Sounds as if a trip to Clackamette Park in Oregon City, where the Willamette and Clackamas rivers converge, might be in order, especially given the accommodating weather of late. Park information is online at Clackamette Park | City of Oregon City (orc-city.org) The original column that I wrote about shad fishing is online at the SJ website at Henry Miller: Cottonwood fluff is falling, so it must be time for shad (statesmanjournal.com)

**Thought for the week:** The best time for fishing is yesterday. That's what all the regulars say when you get there.

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