

## Arleen Goodson

Aug. 1918 – June 2015

Arleen Goodson, 96 years old, of Cove died on June 1, 2015 at Meadowbrook Place in Baker City. A service to honor of her life was held Friday, June 5, at 10 a.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel.

Arleen was born in Roswell, Idaho on Aug. 5, 1918 to Walter and Leonora Obendorf. After high school, Arleen graduated from Lewis and Clark College with a Lifetime Teaching Certificate. She began her teaching career at Ten Davis School near Parma. In 1942 she married Leonard Goodson and two years later their daughter Jacki was born.

In 1946, Arleen and Leonard purchased a farm north of Cove. In addition to the everyday tasks of a farm wife and mother, Arleen quickly dedicated herself to her new community. Arleen was a substitute teacher, taught Sunday school, and enjoyed teaching piano lessons. Arleen volunteered countless hours at the library, the school, Cove Methodist Church, the Cove Improvement Club, and the Cherry Art Festival. She was honored as the grand marshal of the Cherry Festival in 2003. Arleen was an active member of Mt. Fanny Grange Hall, Cherry Chapter of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, and Cove Sportsman's Club. Arleen and Leonard were founding members of the Cove Booster Club.

Arleen's heart always belonged to the kids of Cove. For years, Arleen's smiling face was at



every home sporting or school event taking tickets, selling T-shirts, or just being the Leopards' #1 fan.

In 1982 the Goodsons were selected for the Cove's First Booster of the Year award. In a special ceremony in 1991, the sports field was officially named "Goodson Field" in honor of the many contributions that Arleen and Leonard had made over the years to the athletic program. The plaque reads, "Goodson Field will forever be named in your honor. Your loyal support in good times and bad are an inspiration to us all."

Arleen will always be remembered for her infectious smile, her compassion, and her sweet disposition. She was full of grace, love, and joy. God was the center of her life. She was a true example of a Christian woman who exemplified God's love by the way she touched people with her selfless giving. Those privileged to have known Arleen are better because of her.

Arleen is survived by her daughter, Jacki and husband Jack Turner of Baker City; granddaughters Lynne McKittrick of Portland, Ore.; Heather Krueger (Jerry) of Covington, Wash., and Chandra Bingaman (Greg) of Imbler; sister-in-law, Verna Obendorf; seven great-grandchildren; brother Arthur and his wife Lela Obendorf; four nephews; one niece; and numerous great nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Leonard Goodson; and her brother Walter Obendorf.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Cove Booster Club in care of Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St., La Grande, Ore. 97850.

## David George Dennis

Oct. 1931 – June 2015

David George Dennis, 83, passed away last Thursday morning, June 4, 2015 at his home in Fossil, Ore.

David was born Oct. 2, 1931 in New Bridge, Ore. to Allen and Opal Blank Dennis. He graduated from Eagle Valley High School in 1949.

David joined the Army Nov. 18, 1950 as a paratrooper, and was sent to Japan. After a free fall, he decided to stay on the ground, joining the regular Army. He was then sent to Korea, spending the rest of his time there.

When he came home, David bought a ranch on



the Powder River where he ran sheep and farmed. He was Assistant Water Master for the area for 18 years.

David married Arleta Griffin in 1970. They moved to Fossil, Ore. in 1986. There, he built fence, cut juniper, and loved to use his sawmill.

David is survived by his wife Arleta; four children; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gene and Everett Dennis of Richland; and one sister, Betty Hindman of Baker City.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Opal and Allen Dennis; and a brother, Vernon Dennis.

Graveside services were held June 8, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the Masonic Cemetery in Fossil, Ore.

Contributions may be made to the Fossil Ambulance Fund, Fossil, Ore. 97830.

## Service Notice

**Wanda Dime**, 65, of Baker City passed away on June 9, 2015 while at her residence. Arrangements are being handled through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Ore. 97814.

## Death Notice

**Alma Tachenko**, 85, of Keating Valley died at her son's home on Tuesday, June 9, 2015. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

## Celebration of Life

There will be a celebration of life and oldtimers get-together potluck in honor of **Red Cullum** who passed away on Jan. 1, 2015. It will be held at the "old schoolhouse" in Sumpter at 1:00 on June 27. Bring your memories of Red and a potluck dish and come visit with old friends.

## May 20 Commissioner Meeting Highlights

By Emily Braswell

County Attorney Dan Van Thiel and District Attorney Matt Shirliff will be invited to the next regular Commission meeting on June 17 to go over the County's Public Meeting Notice Standards. Commissioner Bennett would like to see a policy set for anyone coming in to request an action of the Board of Commissioners that they have that request to the Commissioners no later than one week before the action is requested so adequate time is given for review and discussion, and so it can be presented to the media.

County Treasurer Alice Durlinger was present to give the Board a description and update of Baker County's accounts, county tax collection, and a brief regarding next year's budget.

The Commissioners again discussed the possible purchase of the old ODOT building. The purchase price is currently \$100,000 and the cost to bring the building up to code and create a comfortable work environment would cost another \$150,000. At that price, purchasing the building is not looking like their best option. There is another piece of property also being considered where a new building and the lot would be a more feasible option. The topic was tabled.

Allan Chase, DeForest (Tork) Ballard and Wanda Ballard were appointed to the Baker County Travel Management Committee.

The third phase of the Anthony Lakes Highway chip seal project reimbursement documents was ratified by the Board. The project will begin at Milepost 12.7 on the Anthony Lakes Highway at the North Powder Bridge and end at Milepost 15.1 near the intersection of Forest Road 7302. The segment is approximately 3.2 miles long.

Bennett gave an update on the Sage Grouse. The governor of Oregon has been given a 60-day grace period by the BLM to have comments submitted on the subject. It will be sent to the Natural Resources Advisory Committee for review.

## Cybersecurity-Washington is Chasing the Wrong Solution to a Growing Problem

By Ron Wyden

It's no surprise that a new round of high-profile hacks has Washington scrambling once again to do something — anything — to look like it's working to improve our nation's cybersecurity. Keeping America's digital information and computer systems safe is poised to be one of the defining security challenges of the coming decades.

It is clear that private companies and federal agencies alike are falling short. When Chinese and Russian hackers penetrate major corporations and government files on a seemingly weekly basis, our country should already be on red alert.

But the solutions being discussed in Congress would do little, if anything to stop these hacks, according to most independent security experts. The so-called cybersecurity bill in the Senate would encourage private companies to share their customers' information with the government, without giving individual Americans real assurances their private information will be protected. In fact law-enforcement agencies could go after Americans for crimes that have nothing to do with cybersecurity based on information companies give to the government.

At the same time that the bill creates a new way to collect Americans' information without a warrant, the bill also gives corporations blanket immunity for providing information to the federal government, and would prohibit that data from being used to police those corporations. I do not agree that corporations' privacy is more important than individuals' privacy. And I do not agree that the best way to improve cybersecurity is to make it harder for individuals to sue these corporations.

The way to address this threat, with regard to OPM and other government-held data, is to ensure that federal agencies receive the funding and expertise necessary to develop and implement robust security programs, and to ensure that these agencies have the technical and administrative controls that they need to combat a wide variety of cybersecurity threats.

It is also important for the US to invest in the education of the next leaders in cybersecurity, and to recruit and retain a strong federal cybersecurity workforce by ensuring that cybersecurity professionals can find opportunities and career paths in government that are as rewarding as those in the private sector.

Cyber threats are a real problem, but half-truths and misinformation won't make us safer.

## OSP Investigates Rollover Crash at Hughes and 10th Street



According to Lieutenant Sean Belding, on June 8, 2015 at about 5 p.m., OSP Troopers and emergency personnel responded to Hughes Lane and 10th Street in Baker City for the report of a crash (in front of the OSP Baker City Office).

Preliminary investigation indicates a 2015 Honda Accord driven by Rachelle George, 31, of Baker City, was traveling north on 10th Street near Hughes Lane. A 2003 Dodge Dakota pickup driven by 16 year old juvenile from North Powder, was south on 10th when it turned into the path of George's vehicle. The juvenile's vehicle rolled over and struck a passing 2013 Ford F150, operated by Lance Dixon, age 49, of North

Powder.

Three of the occupants in George's vehicle were transported to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. The fourth occupant in Georges's vehicle, a five year old, who was in the back seat was flown by air ambulance to a Boise area hospital for serious injuries. The passengers in the other vehicles did not require medical attention.

OSP was assisted on scene by the Baker City Police Department, Baker County Sheriff's Office, and Baker City Fire. The investigation is continuing and enforcement action is pending.

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## Minimum Wage Follies

By Steve Buckstein

Fourteen bills have been introduced in the Oregon legislature to raise Oregon's already high minimum wage or let localities do so. Apparently, some legislators believe that political laws can override the laws of economics.

In this case, the law of supply and demand tells us that raising the price of labor will lead employers to demand less of it. Those hurt will likely be less skilled, younger, and less educated workers who will find it harder to find jobs or will be let go from jobs they did have at lower wages.

Not exactly the outcome proponents foretell, but they may be OK with it because those harmed by

their policy aren't likely to blame them. They're more likely to blame the employers who let them go or don't hire them in the first place.

Proponents know that they have little to lose and much to gain politically by telling workers that they deserve to be paid more, and that it's only greedy business owners standing between them and the higher wages they desire.

If legislators don't commit the folly of increasing the minimum wage this year, a union backed group has filed an initiative to raise it from the current \$9.25 up to \$15 per hour. That will give voters the opportunity next year to commit the folly themselves.