

Brown declines traditional summer debate with Pierce

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SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown has declined to participate a July debate that has been longstanding tradition for candidates in the race for Oregon governor.

The debate, organized and moderated by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association, has typically ushered in general election campaign season for the past 30 years.

“It is disappointing because she was not elected in by the voters, so it seems unfair for voters to miss out on this opportunity,” said Laurie Hieb, the publisher’s association’s executive director.

Brown gave no specific reason for skipping the 90-minute debate on July 22, which is typically streamed live on newspaper websites and reported in news stories.

“The governor is looking forward to debates and forums as soon as the fall arrives, but right now she is focused on her official duties,” said Liz Accola Meunier, Brown’s campaign spokeswoman.

Republican gubernatorial nominee Bud Pierce agreed to the debate the same day the publisher’s association extended the invitation, Hieb said.

Hieb initially said that before declining the invitation, Brown’s campaign asked whether the governor could get a copy of the questions in advance, which the association declined.

But an email chain with Hieb provided by Brown’s campaign shows that Michael Kolenc, Brown’s campaign manager, actually asked whether the questions would be reviewed by a committee.

“Do you happen to have a list of the editor and publisher members? Do their questions need to be reviewed by a committee?” Kolenc wrote.

The campaign also asked who would be asking the questions, and Hieb said she didn’t yet know.

The campaign then declined the invitation.

“We were told she needs to focus on her ‘official duties,’” Hieb said. “I emailed her campaign manager back and asked, do you have a minute to discuss on the phone, and he didn’t reply.”

Pierce, a Salem oncologist, said the governor’s excuse is “very weak.”

“I am still practicing medicine as I run,” Pierce said. “I am focused on taking care of patients with cancer and blood diseases and running for office, so we are all busy.”

“It’s obvious she doesn’t want to be there to answer questions,” Pierce said. “We know she is the incumbent and feels she is the strong favorite. It might be a good political move as the incumbent but it is very disrespectful to the Democratic process. If you are the leader of the state, Oregonians want to know what you are thinking and to take hard questions.”

Republican Chris Dudley, a former NBA player who ran for governor in 2010, may be the only other gubernatorial candidate from a major party who has opted out of the event, according to the publisher’s association.

The event “is a forever thing that has been the opening of the campaign,” said Jim Moore, politics professor at Pacific University and director of the Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation.

Brown’s move is unlikely to hurt her campaign, Moore said. As secretary of state, Brown succeeded Gov. John Kitzhaber when he stepped down in February 2015 over an influence-peddling scandal.

“Her campaign is simply to be governor,” Moore said. “It is a classic incumbent campaign, and it has been stunningly successful. The last time an incumbent governor was beat was in 1978.”



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The debate gives journalists a chance to interact with the candidates one-on-one and to report on the candidates’ positions.

“The public benefits from having that information early on,” Hieb said.

Instead of a debate, the association has given Pierce 30 minutes to present and answer questions during the association’s convention July 22 at the Oregon Garden. The convention also includes a presentation on a controversial corporate sales tax measure on the November general election ballot.

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Health insurance rates expected to spike again

Associated Press

BEND — State regulators are warning that double digit rate increases for most health insurance carriers are on the horizon for 2017.

The Bend Bulletin reported that the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services released preliminary decisions Friday regarding next year’s premium rate changes.

Health Net requested no rate change for 2017. However, the state says it wants

to see a nearly 10 percent rate hike.

According to state officials, rate increases are necessary to keep carriers from withdrawing from the market. For the past few years, rate hikes have been approved because carriers have lost more money on paying out claims than collecting revenue from policy rates.

In 2015, carriers lost \$217 million because policy rates were too low to cover the cost of claims.

The state will finalize the rates set July 1.

Deschutes River salmon restoration still ongoing

Associated Press

BEND — Despite efforts to reintroduce salmon in Oregon’s Deschutes River, there still aren’t enough of the fish for a sustainable run.

The Bulletin reported that people have raised concerns about fish passage operations and water quality, but experts say restoring the upstream salmon may just take time.

Officials are trying to restore salmon runs upstream of a 20-mile dam complex operated by Portland General

Electric. The three-dam complex was completed in 1964 and stopped salmon runs decades ago.

PGE fisheries and water quality manager Megan Hill says people want to see immediate results but don’t realize that reintroducing salmon takes time.

The company will include public updates on the project during its 21st annual workshop exploring dam and fishery topics, which will be held Wednesday and Thursday in Madras.

Pirates steal wins over Warriors in doubleheader

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Neah-Kah-Nie took advantage of some “youthful mistakes” by the Warrenton Warriors Saturday, to help the Pirates sweep a Junior State baseball doubleheader at Huddleston Field, 10-3 and 9-7.

“It was good to be out on the field again, but our guys saw the importance of practice and

putting time in on their own during the summer,” said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe. “We made a lot of youthful mistakes, and it looked like we were a team that hasn’t seen much time on the field.”

Warrenton pitcher Dalton Knight only gave up five hits in Game 1, but Neah-Kah-Nie bunted, ran the bases well, and “did a lot of the things that we like to do,” Wolfe

said, winning with small ball.

The Warriors committed six errors in the first game, while Jake Holthusen drove in the only three runs with a three-run triple.

Warrenton took a 7-6 lead into the seventh inning of Game 2, when the Pirates scored three runs to take the lead.

Holthusen pitched and gave up five hits. For the day, Knight and Holthusen struck out 19

batters, but the Warriors committed another four errors in the second game.

Warrenton hosts a 4 p.m. doubleheader with Knappa Tuesday, followed by a twin-bill against Seaside Thursday, 4 p.m. and Huddleston Field.

Neah-Kah-Nie is scheduled to play a doubleheader today at Aiken Field, first game at 5 p.m.

Astoria Ford swept a dou-

bleheader with St. Helens Saturday, 5-0 and 16-6.

Tyler Lyngstad and Olaf Englund were the winning pitchers for the Fishermen, who opened the season last Thursday with a sweep over Clatskanie. Freshman Dylan Rush tossed a six-inning, 10-0 win in Game 2.

In other Junior State action today, Seaside plays a doubleheader at Tillamook, 4 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Junior State Baseball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Astoria Ford (2), 5 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook (2), 4 p.m.

TUESDAY

Junior State Baseball — Knappa at Warrenton (2), 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Junior State Baseball — Astoria Ford at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Junior State Baseball — Seaside at Warrenton (2), 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Junior State Baseball — Knappa at Clatskanie (2), 3 p.m.

Dearest Family and Friends,

I was born on September 25, 1940 in the old Columbia Hospital to Ellen Irene Burns Johnson and M. Alfred Johnson. Shortly after my birth, Mom and Dad took me on the Tourist #2 ferry to Megler, Washington. From there we traveled to my new home on Knappton Road in Naselle, WA. During the growing years, fun times were spent with cousins and friends, developing our skills for hunting, fishing, trapping, harvesting clams and crawdads. Those 18 years were one great adventure and in 1958, I graduated from Naselle High School.

In the summer of 1958, I “graduated” from PLC (Penttila Logging Company) under the tutelage of Wally Raemhild. My final test was to chop the heart of the stump ten out of twelve times blindfolded. My passing grade was 100% only to find my gloves were chopped to smithereens. Laughs were had by all.

On September 24, 1958, I was sworn into the U.S. Navy with my home base being Sanford, Florida where I was assigned to the US Navy Patrol Squadron VAH9. Our home carrier was the USS Saratoga and we conducted tours in the Mediterranean, North and South Atlantic, and Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba -- the latter, my favorite. I was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy on September 24, 1961.

While attending Clark College, I dated a beautiful young lady who attended Oregon College of Education. This lady was Joyce Pauline Lovell and she became the love of my life (my OCE Sweetheart). On June 9, 1963 we were married in Beaverton, Oregon. We were married just short of 50 years before her passing. We are blessed with 3 children: Shannon Paulson (Mark), Paul Johnson (Lisa) and Timothy Johnson and three grandchildren, Joshua and Jared Johnson, and Erik Paulson (Malysa).

In 1965, I joined Crown Zellerbach Corp. at the Cathlamet Tree Farm, later transferring to the CZ Pulp and Paper Wood Mill in Camas, WA. In the fall of 1967, I was transferred to CZ in Wauna to help start up the Wauna Wood Mill, Log Yard, Chip Truck Dump and River Operations. In 1978, I was transferred to the CZ Clatsop Tree log scaling division. Upon the demise of Crown Zellerbach, I joined Sealaska Timber Company in Craig, Alaska (Prince of Wales Island) as a quality control administrator for log scaling. In 1985 I returned to Wauna with the Fort James Corp., formerly CZ, and retired in May of 2000 with 33 years of service.

During my adult life, I learned to build additions, remodel, and landscape. This was truly a labor of love, not to mention my love for hunting and fishing. I was a member of John Day/Fernhill Volunteer Fire Dept., Clatsop Emergency Food Bank and First Presbyterian Church. I began work with the Medicare Boys at First Presbyterian doing maintenance on the church at the age of 61. One day I asked Dr. Roy Steinman if I had to wait until age 65 to become a full member. Dr. Steinman put his loving hands on my shoulders and said “Dale, do you have any defects?” I said “Roy, sometimes when I get excited, I stutter a little.” Roy said “that defect is good enough for me. You are a full-fledged member of the Medicare Boys.” We laughed and continued on with our chores.

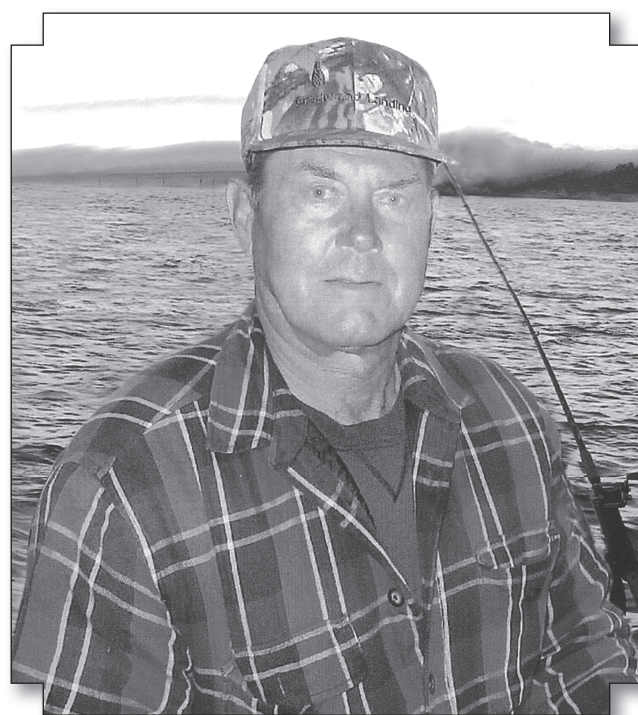
To my family and friends, please know that I have been blessed with my heavenly Father’s love, the love of my wife Joyce, the love of my children, and the wonderful people that I have met in my journey of life. Oh yes, there have been a few pot holes in my life, but I filled them up with apologies, understanding and love. Yes, it has been a wonderful journey. September 25th, 1940-June 10th, 2016

My blessings to all,

Love,

Dale M. Johnson

*Memorial donations can be made to
Lower Columbia Hospice,
First Presbyterian Church
or the charity of one’s choice.*



Please join
us for a celebration of life for our father,

Dale M. Johnson

June 25th at 11:00AM

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

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