

OBITUARIES

Geraldine Pannier
Nov. 1, 1929 to July 22, 2016

Bertie Geraldine "Geri" Pannier passed away surrounded by family on July 22, 2016 in Springfield, Ore., following a series of heart attacks. She was 86.



She was born Nov. 1, 1929 to Bertie and Oris Barnes in Treynor, Iowa. The family moved to Junction City, Ore., in June of 1936. She attended Forest Grove High School.

Geri married Reuben Pannier on Feb. 3, 1948 in Vancouver, Wash. She worked 12 years for Emerald Logger's Radio, eventually becoming the operations manager. They lived a year in Calabar, Nigeria, and also spent a year in Gisborn, New Zealand. She was a partner in Lost Spring, Inc., a logging company in Lane County, from 1971-1991.

She and Reuben moved to Lostine in 1997, then back to Dexter in 2014. Geri enjoyed many crafts and going to garage sales with her mother (until she passed), but her biggest love was the Lord Jesus Christ then her dogs and her painting.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Reuben Pannier of Dexter; her son Frank Pannier (Catey) of Seahurst, Wash.; stepbrother Chester White (Jan); brother Tim Barnes (Rhonda); sister Scharlene Barnes; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was a good daughter and as a teenager she essentially raised her siblings. She was a beautiful young woman. As a wife and mother, she loved her family and served us daily through her incredible cooking, canning, meal planning and over-all taking care of us. She viewed it as a calling, not a labor. She poured her life into caring for her family. We're grateful you didn't suffer long, but we will miss you greatly.

Hildegard Simmons

Nov. 13, 1928 to Feb. 27, 2016

Hildegard "Hilde" Simmons, 87, passed away peacefully while surrounded by her family Feb. 27 at her home in Burns, Ore.

She was born Nov. 13, 1928 in Hanau, Germany, to Heinrich Fischer and Elizabeth Beck.

She married Teddy Simmons in Germany. After Teddy's stint in the Army ended in 1956, he took her to his home in Enterprise, where they raised five children — Irene, Garry, Stanley, Doug and Susan.

While living in Enterprise, Hilde was a very gifted seamstress and sewed square dance dresses and shirts for the local square dance clubs.

In 1974, Teddy and Hilde moved to Burns, where Teddy took a Job managing the Prineville Stud Mill on South Egan Street.

After moving to Burns, Hilde enjoyed bowling and going to state and national bowling tournaments. She loved to knit socks for all her friends and family. She also enjoyed camping, gardening and traveling.

Hilde is survived by children Irene and her husband Harvey Madarieta of Hines, Ore.; Stanley Simmons and his wife Susan of Burns; and Douglas Simmons and his wife Linda of Houston. She's also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Teddy, daughter Susan Linehan and son Garry Simmons.

There will be an informal graveside service at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Joseph Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to the Cancer Society.

Charles Graham

Charles R. Graham died Aug. 13 at his home in Enterprise at age 54. A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the Wallowa Assembly of God Church. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

\$1.4 million awarded for 'applied skills' courses for rural students

Wallowa County Chieftain

The Oregon Talent Council has awarded \$1.4 million to five projects that provide students and existing workers with applied skills and experience to significantly increase their employability.

These investments align with other state education and workforce system priorities that support small and medium-sized businesses across the state to find and develop the talent they need.

- Linn-Benton Community College received \$50,000 to develop a Surgical Technology program to address the shortage of professionals in rural Oregon. The college will make the courses available online and arrange for practicums

in more local areas.

- Oregon Institute of Technology/Oregon Tech received \$182,177 to increase access to education and practicum experiences in the healthcare field via synchronistic video and local practicums for both rural and urban students.

- Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership received \$552,316 to provide direct short-term industry based training in advanced manufacturing. The focus will be not only on training new workers but in creating a learning culture in existing businesses.

- Portland Community College received \$577,500 to train, place, advance and retain participants in a variety of advanced man-

ufacturing jobs via coaching/mentoring, work-based learning opportunities, and certificate and degree programs created in collaboration with industry.

- University of Oregon received \$33,991 to present Machine Learning and Predictive Analytics as a first in a sequence of new courses in information technology.

"These grants will support the upgrading and retooling of skills for Oregon's existing and future workers," said David Childers, chair of the Talent Council. "We forget the majority of the workers needed to support our economy are already in the workforce. It is critically important that we invest in the projects

that keep skills fresh in the face of new technology and build new models for education and training that keep pace with changing business needs."

The Talent Council was established by the 2015 Oregon Legislature, which also established an Oregon Talent Council Fund of \$6.1 million, to seed investments in talent development programs. The Talent Council works with industry, workforce organizations and the Oregon higher education community to help fill high wage, high demand occupations in the state. More information on the Council and the Oregon Talent Plan can be found at the Council's website: www.oregon-talentcouncil.org.

'Wild Landscape' photo winners announced

Wallowa County Chieftain

The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture recently announced the winners of its juried photography exhibit, "The Wild Landscape of Northeast Oregon — Wallowa, Baker and Union Counties."

The exhibit featured 45 photographs by 14 photographers and is the second celebrating eastern Oregon's wild landscapes.

Dennis DeHart, Associate Professor of Photography with Washington State University, served as judge.

The exhibit will be available for viewing through Sept. 22 at the Josephy Center.

Top prizes:
 • 1st place (\$750 prize) and People's Choice (\$100): "Night on Eagle Cap Mountains," by David Jensen

- 2nd place (\$500): "Wildflowers over the Imnaha," by Kendrick Moholt

- 3rd place (\$250): "Malted Grass Elk Bed," by Steve Antell

- Honorable Mention (\$100): "Eagle Cap, Mirror Lake," by Ellen Morris Bishop

- Honorable Mention (\$100): "Frances Lake," by Forrest Cox



"Night on Eagle Cap Mountains," by David Jensen took the top prize.



Second place: "Wildflowers over the Imnaha," by Kendrick Moholt



Third place: "Malted Grass Elk Bed," by Steve Antell



Honorable mention: "Eagle Cap, Mirror Lake," by Ellen Morris Bishop



Honorable Mention: "Frances Lake," by Forrest Cox

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	High	Low	Conditions
Aug. 17	90	55	Clear
Aug. 18	88	53	Clear
Aug. 19	83	51	Clear
Aug. 20	86	53	Clear
Aug. 21	85	52	Clear
Aug. 22	84	49	Clear

Phases of the moon

Aug. 24	Sept. 1	Sept. 9	Sept. 16
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET AUG. 17-23
 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Aug. 10	Aug. 11	Aug. 12	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16
Rise: 5:53	Rise: 5:54	Rise: 5:56	Rise: 5:57	Rise: 5:58	Rise: 5:59	Rise: 6:00
Set: 7:52	Set: 7:50	Set: 7:49	Set: 7:47	Set: 7:45	Set: 7:44	Set: 7:42