

Summer Reading Program wraps at Library

At right, sisters Bailey and Lydia Hirschi collect the backpacks they won as outstanding readers in the Cottage Grove Library's Summer Reading Program, which concluded with a party on Wednesday, Aug. 17. A total of 340 children from birth to fifth grade kept track of the hours they spent reading or being read to, which totaled over 3500 hours. Penelope Pilling also won a Kindle Fire as part of the program's new adult division.



photo by Bruce Kelsch

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

School supply giveaway

A free backpack/school supplies giveaway will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25 at the Parent Partnership office, 1310 S. Eighth St. The event is sponsored by the Church of Christ at Sixth and Gibbs and Parent Partnership. Children must be present to receive school supplies and backpacks.

Cottage Theatre holds auditions for 'A Christmas Story'

Cottage Theatre will hold auditions for the final production in its 2016 season, "A Christmas

Story," on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Actors may come to whichever audition date is more convenient, and no appointment is necessary. Roles are available for two men, two women, five boys and three girls. The production will be on stage for three weekends, Dec. 2-18.

Based on humorist Jean Shepherd's stories about growing up in the Midwest, A Christmas Story is a delightfully funny play. The story is set in Hohman, Indiana, 1938, and Christmas is on its way - lovely, beautiful, glorious Christmas, around which the entire kid year revolves. Young Ralphie Parker desperately wants a genuine Red Ryder BB gun. His mother, teacher, and even Santa Claus aren't so sure it's a good idea ("You'll shoot your eye out!"). But Ralphie, undaunted, goes to great lengths to promote his

case for what he's sure will be the "best Christmas present ever."

Interested actors are asked to come prepared to tell a one- to two-minute story about a special gift they have received or given.

The audition will include the sharing of these stories followed by readings from the script.

Further audition details, including a detailed character breakdown, are available at www.cottagetheatre.org, or by calling Cottage Theatre at 541-942-8001.

Welcome back barbecue at LMS

To kick off another GREAT school year, Lincoln Middle School will be hosting a Welcome Back Barbecue on Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. The event aims to offer staff, students and parents an opportunity to interact, as well as give

BIRTHS

- Aug. 6, 2016** Luis Monarrez Osuna of Creswell, a daughter.
- To Paige and Steven Lowe of Cottage Grove, a son.
- Aug. 17, 2016**
- Aug. 10, 2016** To Elisha and Andrew Lea of Cottage Grove, a son.
- To Michelle and Jonathan Thornton of Cottage Grove, a daughter.
- Aug. 21, 2016**
- To Danielle and Ryan Hirschi of Cottage Grove, a daughter.
- Aug. 11, 2016**
- To Shawnie and Juan

GEORGE ERROL "JERRY" WINTERBOTHAM 1927-2016



George Errol "Jerry" Winterbotham, 89, of Keizer, Oregon passed away Aug. 1, 2016.

He was born Jan. 7, 1927 to George Errol and Caryl Mae (McFeeters) Winterbotham. He graduated from Elkton High School in 1944. After serving in the army at the end of WWII, Jerry attended Oregon State University and, upon graduation in 1950, moved back to Elkton where he purchased a small ranch near his parents.

He married Alma Pearl Dunlap in Eugene and they had three daughters.

He spent 27 years teaching and coaching in the Elkton School District. After retiring from teaching in 1979, Jerry and Alma sold their ranch and moved to Roseburg where Jerry became very active in the Umpqua Fishermen's Association and the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP). It was there that he began writing about the area in which he grew up. He authored several books, one of which was "Umpqua: The Lost County of Oregon" in which he recounted the history of the only Oregon county not in existence today. In 1994, they moved to Brownsville where they could be closer to their beloved OSU Beavers and attend many of the college games. In 2000 Jerry wrote and published "Footsteps on the Umpqua", an early history of the Umpqua river basin. Jerry and Alma moved to Keizer to be closer to family in 2010.

Survivors include his wife, Alma, daughters, Lori (Greg) Pedersen of Keizer, Ore., Sally (Spike) Bruggeman of Umpqua, Ore., and Cathy (Joe) Piccolella of Converse, Texas, and granddaughter, Kate Pedersen of Beaverton, Ore.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a step-father, Jack Gorman, and a sister, Donna Lee Johnson.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 18, 2016 at Elkton High School in the gym. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jerry to Elkton Charter School Auxiliary Building Fund, PO Box 390, Elkton, OR 97436

families an opportunity to get their student's final schedules, check out their classrooms and meet their teachers.

London School Reunion

All current and former students, staff and volunteers are invited to come to the London School Reunion to be held Saturday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at London School. There will be a food cart available for purchasing hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. or bring a picnic lunch. Coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided. No alcohol or tobacco allowed. Remember to bring your own chair and any memorabilia you may have of London School including t-shirts or sweatshirts. For more information, RSVP Deb Wis-kow at 541-942-7612 or email gramma4madisen@yahoo.com.

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LaSells McDonald "Bud" Stewart 1938-2016



LaSells McDonald "Bud" Stewart was born Jan 31, 1938 in Eugene Oregon to LaSells Loran 'Stub' and Dorothy Elizabeth Stewart. He died August 19 of a massive heart attack at the age of 78.

Bud's life was one defined by unquestionable integrity, extraordinary kindness, and steadfast faith.

His early years were marked by frequent moves around the state as dictated by his father's job with the Forest Service. When his father went to war in 1945, Bud and his mother moved to Eugene where they lived with her parents.

In 1951, upon his father's return from the war, the family moved to Cottage Grove where Bud graduated high school in 1956. Bud joined Delta Upsilon fraternity at the University of Oregon where he received his degree in Mathematics. He received a second degree in Economics from Stanford University. Then he joined the National Guard and served 6 months at Ft. Ord. Between graduation from Stanford and reporting for duty he met Sandra Lois Thompson on a blind date. Her sorority sister was dating his fraternity roommate. They married in June 1963.

They spent their first few years living in Lakeside where Bud worked at Bohemia Lumber Company's mill in Elkside. They lived in a small house with no foundation next to a railroad! The garage was a dirt floor. Three years later he went to work for US Plywood as a shift foreman in the sawmill. Bud later returned to Bohemia and worked in the sales department under the colorful and unique tutelage of Strayer "Pitt" Pittman. He also worked with chemist Frank Trocino on bark research and helped with the engineering and development of the facilities on Bolon Island near Reedsport.

Bud continued with Bohemia, eventually becoming the Director of Public Relations and Governmental Affairs. He retired in 1991 when the company was purchased by Willamette Industries.

In retirement Bud embarked on a new project — writing the history of Bohemia Inc. It was an enormous task but one he thoroughly enjoyed. The final product, published in 1998 — Bohemia: The Lives and Times of an Oregon Timber Venture — was written by Mike Thoele with nearly all the history and research provided by Bud.

Bud was very community minded with a soft spot for Cottage Grove. He was a member of the Bohemia Mine Owners Association and a director on the Bohemia Park Foundation. He loved his work as a docent at the Cottage Grove Mining Museum. He also served on the Cottage Grove Hospital Foundation board of directors, Sacred Heart Foundation board of directors, and the Western Rivers Girl Scout Council.

Bud came from a long line of pioneers who settled in the hills southeast of Cottage Grove in the Bohemia Mining Country. Interest in his family's heritage fueled his passion for mining and history. He spent many a summer day picking huckleberries in the Bohemia Mines or just exploring. In fact, he spent several summers during college working the fire lookouts in Oregon. He was a proud owner of the Vesuvius Mine and had planned to put a yurt on the property.

Somewhere he picked up a passion for cars---vintage Ford cars, big diesel flatbed trucks, volkswagens and he was just beginning to explore Studebakers.

At his core, Bud was a family man. He and Sandy accepted Christ in the early 70s and never looked back. They embraced their new church and firmly forged in their young family the importance of making Christ the center of the family.

Bud was an expert junk collector. Even though he paid good money for his "treasures" even he called it all junk. He knew he couldn't take it with him. He'd drive all over the Northwest to the best antique shows, car shows and flea markets. One of his favorite flea market destinations was Sumpter, Oregon between John Day and Baker City.

Bud is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sandy. He also is survived by his two daughters, Jennifer and her husband Mike Solomon and their children Maxwell and Matthew, and Adrienne and her husband Joe Potwora and their children Justin and Jacqueline. His brother Steven also lives in Eugene.

Bud's service will be held Tuesday August 30 at 2:00 pm at Eugene Faith Center, 1410 West 13th Ave. He will be buried in a private graveside service at Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Springfield. Please send remembrances to: Bohemia Park Foundation, PO Box 1045, Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

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