

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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**Yes to Falls City's bond; yes to kids**

We support the bond measure to build a gym/cafeteria for Falls City students.

There is currently no gym at the elementary/middle school for recess or PE, plus classroom space and an adequate cafeteria are critical needs.

This is a \$2 million bond with a matching state grant. The grant will be spent no matter how we vote, either in our community, or for students elsewhere.

A yes vote has a \$2 million impact, not \$4 million. Let's take this opportunity to build a \$4 million facility

for half that price.

Vote yes to support the children of Falls City.

*Steve and Kay Dixon  
Falls City*

**Nearman stands tall for principles**

When asked why he switched parties, Jim Thompson stated, "Republican party has gone so far to the right, vindictive. ..."

Mike Nearman stands for the principles which he was elected by the people to stand for — sanctity of life, marriage, and small government.

We are not interested in reaching across the aisle if it sacrifices our values.

Nearman is a representa-

tive who will hold firm on our positions.

We can trust that Nearman will stand strong for the people he represents on serious issues that shape our community, our families, and our businesses. That is why he will get our vote.

*Jon and Kris Golly  
Dallas*

**Thompson ideal for people of HD 23**

For 30 years, I was prevented from building a house on my farm due to land use laws.

I was out of options, but Jim Thompson found something he could do.

He passed a bill unanimously to change outdated

land use laws, and helped me and other land users utilize our farms.

Jim embodies the ideal representative.

A person who works simultaneously on large state matters, but ensures the people in his district are taken care of and protected.

Jim stands by his constituents, and I will stand by him.

*Pat Wildman  
Dallas*

**County lucky with sheriff choices**

Not too often do we as voters feel that we have a really good candidate to vote for.

Not this time.

In the race for sheriff, we have two qualified candidates to choose from.

In a way, that makes it harder, but it is so refreshing to see a campaign that has not had negative remarks made by either candidate.

It is nice to feel that whichever candidate is elected, we will have a person that really cares and will do a good job.

Thank you for a clean campaign.

*Linda Morris  
Dallas*

**Political ad is misleading**

I received a political ad

from the "Real Mike Nearman" PAC. It claimed Mike was arrested for a DUI, cited for driving with a suspended license. While these claims are true, the ad is misleading. These violations happened in early 1990s, not in 2014 as the ad implies.

Should we support people who have turned their lives around or tear them down for poor choices made over 20 years ago? Before placing your vote for District 23 representative, think carefully. Do you vote for Mike Nearman who stands true to his values or his opponent who supports tearing people down?

*Dana Hatch  
Dallas*

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**Elva Buhler Shorack**

1925 – 2016

Almost 91 years ago, Elva Buhler Shorack was born to Cornelius and Martha Buhler on what is now her family's Century Farm in the community of Salt Creek, Oregon.

She was the fourth of seven children who all walked a mile-and-a-half to the Salt Creek one-room schoolhouse.

After graduation from Dallas High School, Elva took the pre-nursing course at Willamette University.

Then she earned her B.S.R.N. at the University of Oregon Medical School's nursing program.

Elva's first job was in the Student Health Service at the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth, where she met and married Ted Shorack Jr. of Elmira.

The Korean War had begun and the draft was in effect, so after graduation in June 1951, Ted enlisted in the Air Force.

In Elva's words, "Thus began the 16 best years of my life — the thrill of travel, seeing new countries, meeting new people, starting a

family, living overseas. ... Our children were born each in a different country." After living in Japan, Germany, and France, in 1961, the family settled in Geneva, New York, where Ted was an ROTC Instructor at Hobart College before serving in the Vietnam War.

Elva was at home with their four children when she received word that her husband, an A1-E pilot, had been killed while on a search and rescue mission.

Eugene, Oregon, became home in 1966, when Elva moved the family to be close to Ted's parents.

Through her active membership in Emerald Baptist Church, Elva made many friends and welcomed numerous refugees and international students to this community.

She expressed her deep faith in Christ by serving others with a quiet sense of joy.

She cared for the elderly, both professionally, as a nurse, and personally, for many friends and relatives. In addition to helping others, Elva loved to play card games, sew clothes and create costumes, and do cart wheels, handstands, and chin-ups.

Thirty-five years after losing her husband there, Elva traveled to Vietnam to help her daughter Candace adopt a daughter from the Hanoi

area.

Elva was a wonderful mother and grandmother who leaves Candace, Kathleen (Walt Petty), Todd (Karie Lott), and John (Birgit Funck) and eight grandchildren, plus extended family in Oregon, Washington, and California.

Elva's memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Dec. 27, 2016, at Emerald Community Fellowship in Eugene.

**Gordon Clarke**

May 1, 1923 – Sept. 1, 2016

Gordon Clarke, most recently of Phoenix, Ariz., passed away Sept. 1, 2016.

He was 93 years old. Gordon and his wife Virginia moved to Oregon in 1950, where he had accepted a teaching position at Eastern Oregon College in La Grande.

He taught there for 18 years and then moved with his family to Monmouth, where he taught at Western Oregon State College until his retirement in 1979.

Gordon was preceded in death by his loving wife Virginia, in 2013.

They are survived by their three sons, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Irene Mikkelsen Chipps**

Feb. 24, 1926 – Oct. 27, 2016

Irene Mikkelsen Chipps left us on Oct. 27, 2016.

Born Feb. 24, 1926, in Windham, Mont., to Albie and Clifford Mikkelsen, she spent her childhood in

Montana.

Irene moved with family to Dallas, Oregon, in 1941, where she graduated from high school.

Irene married William Crockett at age 18 and almost immediately left for post-World War II Germany, where Bill was assigned by the Air Force.

It was there Irene began a career in government work, from which she retired in 1987, after almost 30 years of service.

Among her greatest achievements was being mother of two boys — Rodney and Randy, and her passion in life was family. She came from a family of six children and maintained a loving relationship with sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In recent years, Irene hosted two family reunions which were attended by family from as far away as Norway.

Another passion was quilting. Irene belonged to several quilting groups and made quilts for many family members and friends.

She took great pride in raising her sons, and they lived in various states, as well as Japan, Germany, and Newfoundland. After a number of years of this nomadic life, Irene and Bill divorced and she moved back to Dallas. She married Grant Chipps in 1974, and they lived most of their 37



years together in San Diego, Portland, and Vancouver. Grant passed in 2012.

Irene is survived by Rodney Crockett and wife Carol, of Hillsboro, Randy Crockett and wife Terry, of Vancouver, six grandchildren, and seven adorable great-grandchildren, whom she doted on.

**Kenneth Herman Kahler**

Jan. 20, 1928 – Oct. 26, 2016

Kenneth Herman Kahler, 88, of Dallas, died Oct. 26, at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Kahler, of Dallas; daughter, Roxanna (Dennis) Buchholz, of Dallas; sons, Bradley (Diane) Kahler, of Crescent Lake, and Bruce (Kris) Kahler, of Keizer; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Shirley Mehl, of Gualala, Calif. He was preceded in death by sister, Betty Lou Adams, and brother, Melvin Kahler.

Services were held. To leave an online tribute: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

**Jules A. Hill**

April 17, 1935 – Oct. 26, 2016

Jules A. Hill, a resident of Dallas, Oregon died on Saturday. He was born on April 17, 1935, in Dayton to Gordon and Phyllis Rash Hill.

Jules attended schools at Grand Island and Dayton.

He attended his freshman and sophomore year at Amity High School.

The family moved to Detroit, Oregon where Jules graduated from Detroit High School in 1953.

Jules had worked at the Idanha mill.

He later served in the United States Navy. Jules married Shirley Spady on



May 26, 1962, in Portland. They lived in Detroit, where Jules owned and operated the only gas station, Hill's Shell Service Station and Towing Co.

This was an important part of the community and the last stop for gasoline until reaching Sisters.

They lived there from 1962 until settling in Dallas in 1977.

Jules worked for the Oregon Department of Transportation as a heavy-duty mechanic until he retired.

He enjoyed the outdoors, including freshwater fishing, hunting ducks and geese. Jules enjoyed bowling leagues as well.

After retirement, Jules and Shirley traveled to all 50 states and throughout Canada which they enjoyed.

He is survived by his wife Shirley; sons David (Shel) Hill of Dallas, and Phillip Hill, of Portland; daughter, Julia Hill, of Portland; grandsons, Taylor and Joey Hill; mother, Phyllis Hill, of Independence; and brother, Larry (Suzie), of Cave Junction, along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brother, Grady Hill.

A Celebration of Jules Life will on Monday, Nov. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the Dallas First Christian Church. Visitation will be on Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Willamette Humane Society in care of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, who is caring for the family.

To leave an online condolence for the family go to [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com)

**Obituary Information**

Obituary information must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication to be included in the newspaper.

Obituaries cost \$8 per 25 words (about one column inch) and include photos, and flags for veterans. Obituaries submitted directly by family members must be prepaid.

Most funeral homes handle obituary information. However, information can also be submitted directly by family members.

Photos will be published in black and white. The *Itemizer-Observer* uses a flag logo in the obituaries of those who served in the U.S. armed forces.

Obituaries — like all information submitted to the news department — are subject to editing for style, content and length.

Information can be brought or mailed to the *Itemizer-Observer*, 147 SE Court St., Dallas, OR 97338, or emailed to [ionews@polkio.com](mailto:ionews@polkio.com).

For more information: Emily Mentzer, 503-623-2373, ext. 117.

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8	6	7	4	2	9	1	5	3
3	1	9	7	5	8	6	4	2
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