

OBITUARIES

Mary Ann (Murphy) Eggerman

Formerly of Haines, 1944-2018

Mary Ann (Murphy) Eggerman, 74, of Grants Pass, and formerly of Haines, died Oct. 29, 2018, at Grants Pass.

Her graveside service will take place Saturday, May 18, at 1 p.m. at the Haines Cemetery.

Mary Ann was born on Sept. 19, 1944, at Boise to Marion Rush and Lawrence Murphy. In 1952 Mary Ann's mother, Marion, married Marcel Delepierre and moved their blended family to Haines, where Mary Ann grew up with five siblings. Mary Ann attended Haines Grade School and St. Francis Academy in Baker, and she graduated in 1962.

She was a lifelong student of the college of hard knocks and handed down life lessons to her children, like how to change the oil in their cars, change a flat tire, chopping wood and cooking.

Mary Ann was the mother of five children: Becky Henderson (and Randy), Steven Henderson (and Lisa), Brenda Bates (and Kenny), Carolyn Henderson and Scott Henderson (and Susan). She was grandmother to eight and great-grandmother to nine, including "steps" because her family has more "steps" than the Washington Monument.

Her daughter, Brenda, called her "Miss Fixit" and "Hubbard" because there was no junk food in the cupboard. Her daughter, Becky, claims her mom was known for her secret meatloaf recipe. Her son, Scott, says his mom taught him mechanics and self-survival.

Throughout her life, Mary Ann's passions included

horses, music, sewing and riding motorcycles. She loved four-letter words as much as she loved her cats. She loved Halloween, science fiction and animals in general but was not fond of housework.

She was renowned for her lack of patience and she expressed it in an unfiltered way by not holding back her opinion. Mary Ann had a knack for telling it like it is. When her "Murphy" temper kicked in, you'd better run for the hills!

Mary Ann's nieces lovingly referred to her as "Auntie MiMi" because they couldn't pronounce Mary Ann when they were younger. They fondly remember her as a "wild and crazy, fun aunt" — their eccentric Auntie MiMi who always had pets. They looked forward to her annual birthday and Christmas cards that once opened scattered glitter all over.

In 1984, to get out of the snow, Mary Ann moved with her children and pets to Grants Pass, where she initially worked as a drug counselor. After her kids were raised she met Claude Eggerman and they were married on June 16, 1988, at Gold Hill. While living in the Rogue Valley she worked in several other careers. She moved from Grants Pass to Rogue River 16 years ago.

Claude and Mary Ann opened their home to delinquent teenage boys on probation. As foster parents they had 47 boys go through their home in just over four years. It was an interesting time in their lives.

Mary Ann volunteered for the Humane Society at the animal shelter. She was active in ministry through the Christian Motorcycle

Association (CMA). Her hobbies included crafts, calligraphy, rubber stamping, sewing, drawing and watercolor painting. She also enjoyed playing the organ at church and going on vacations.

After a stroke in 2002 resulting in left-sided paralysis, Mary Ann used a wheelchair. This didn't stop her and she and Claude purchased a motorcycle with a sidecar and they toured the country for four years, as well as covering 15,000 miles in Oregon.

She is survived by her husband, Claude Eggerman of Rogue River; her five children: Becky Henderson, Steven Henderson and Carolyn Henderson, all of Salem, and Brenda Bates and Scott Henderson, both of Texas; and her younger sister, Carolyn.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her brothers, Larry Murphy in 2017 and Douglas Murphy in 2018.

'Ginny' Bryant

Baker City, 1926-2019

Virginia Viola "Ginny" Bryant, 92, of Baker City, died May 7, 2019, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City.

There will be a viewing on Sunday, May 12, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 13, at Coles Tribute Center. Interment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery after the service.

Virginia was born on Oct. 10, 1926, at Baker City, to Joseph and Grace Yeakley Budd. She was raised by her grandparents, Ralph and Gladys Coyle Yeakley on their ranch at Bridge-

port where she helped with haying and milking cows.

She attended school at Bridgeport and Hereford. She worked at a sawmill, box factory, Oregon Lumber Co., Crown Cleaners and was a cook for 17 years at Brooklyn Elementary and South Baker schools.

On May 10, 1986, Ginny married Richard M. Bryant at the Baker City Nazarene Church. She enjoyed interior decorating, landscaping, fishing, having lots of pretty flowers, and collecting rocks, dolls, and old-time dishes. She was a member of the Nazarene Church.

Survivors include her son, Larry Wright; daughter, Ginny Harrison; sisters, Theora, Evelyn and Theona; brother, Leslie; four step-daughters: Jackie, Kathie, Joella, and Beckie; grandchildren: Todd, Stephanie, Jodi and Seth; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Grace; grandparents, Ralph and Gladys Yeakley; husband, Richard "Dick" Bryant; sister, Helen Alexander; and one great-grandchild.

Ginny loved her flowers so flowers are a fitting remembrance but, if one prefers, a memorial contribution may be made to the Nazarene Church Youth Group through Coles Tribute Center at 1950 Place Street, Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Ginny, or to leave a condolence for the family, go to www.colestributecenter.com.



Ginny Bryant

LOCAL BRIEFING

LDS Church offers new curriculum

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' "Come Follow Me For Individuals & Families" lesson for the week of May 13-19 is based on Matthew 19-20, Mark 10, and Luke 18 with a focus on the topics of marriage and eternal life. Visit <https://www.ChurchofJesus-Christ.org/study/come-follow-me?lang=eng> for details.

The first hour of our Sunday service is the Sacrament meeting with hymns and special musical numbers and talks by Church members. The second hour of Sunday services on the first and third Sundays of each month are the Sunday School lessons shared above. The second hour of Sunday services on the second and fourth weeks of each month will be Priesthood (for the men), Relief Society (for the women), Young Women and Young Men meetings (ages 12 to 18), and Primary for the children (ages 3 to 11).

County giving away herbicide

Baker County's Weed District is again giving away pre-mixed herbicide designed to target whitetop and Scotch thistle. There are changes to this year's event.

First, the person who picks up the herbicide must also be the one who will apply it. The applicator's name must be affixed to the container. Applicators must bring their own chemical-resistant container, preferably one that held gas or oil, and a pair of chemical-resistant gloves. There is a 5-gallon limit per household.

The giveaway locations and times:

- Huntington Lions Park, May 10, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Richland, wildflower corner along Highway 86, west side of town, May 17, 7 a.m. to noon
- Baker City, former ODOT building, 1050 S. Bridge St., May 24, 7 a.m. to noon
- Baker City, former ODOT building, 1050 S. Bridge St., June 1, 7 a.m. to noon
- Hereford Community Hall and Unity Community Hall, June 7, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Cowboy action shoot Saturday at Virtue

A Cowboy action shoot competition is set for Saturday, May 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Powder River Sportsmen's Club's Virtue Flat Range about 1 mile east of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center off Highway 86.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., with shooting at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$10 per person per match. Legal firearms are single-action revolvers, lever-action rifles, and double-barrel or Mod 97 shotguns. Participants are encouraged to wear period western garb. More information is available by calling Chuck Buchanan at 541-519-8550 or Dan McGuire at 541-212-5840.

Baker County Democrats to meet May 16

Baker County Democrats will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 16, at Rogers Fellowship Hall, 1995 Fourth St. Social time starts at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m.

CENSUS

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Job applications and instructions are at www.2020census.gov/jobs. "And as we progress, as everything gets more advanced, we're hoping that we're going to get more accurate counts too," Brown said.

Brown said that in addition to the paid employees, the Census Bureau is looking for a volunteer to head a Complete Count Committee for Baker County. The Committee would work to spread information about the Census to residents who are hard to reach, such as by posting fliers. The Committees' tasks

would be limited to giving information about the census, not collecting data.

According to a handout that Brown gave to commissioners, responding to the Census "helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy."

Brown said the Bureau takes security very seriously.

"The Census Bureau releases statistical data only," he said. "We do not release

personal information and, if someone does, any member of the Census Bureau under Title 13, which was enacted in 1954, could face 5 years in prison and a 250,000-dollar fine."

Brown said the Bureau often pays people to try to break into their system to make sure that its secure.

The Census Bureau plans to open 248 offices around the country this year in preparation for the head count that will take place during 2020.

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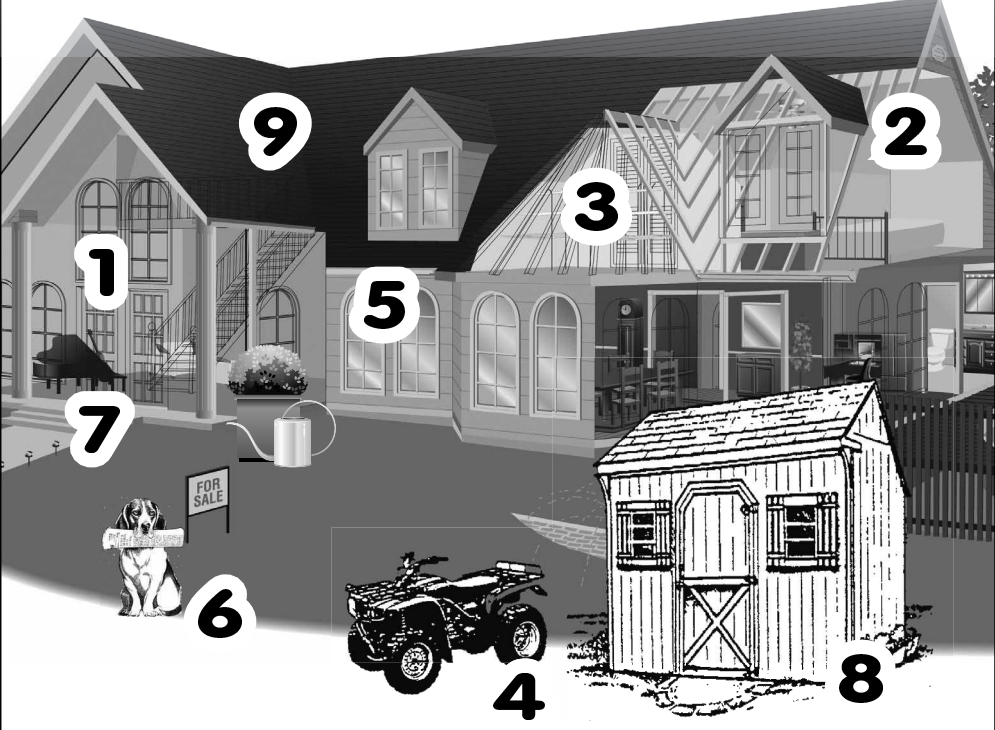
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