

Wiernmobile

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“My mom used to push me around the grocery store, and I would sing the Oscar Mayer song,” Pittman said. “This is my ‘90s dream come true.”

Blockbuster was the third out of four stops in Central Oregon for the Wiernmobile. The traveling hot dog made an appearance at Fort Rock Park in Sunriver on Thursday, in downtown Bend on Friday and will travel south again to the Village at Sunriver from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

The Wiernmobile has been on the road since 1936. Today, six Wiernmobiles travel around the country at all times.

The Wiernmobile that came to Bend travels the West Coast and averages about 500 miles per week, said Tommy Derken, a “Hotdogger” who drives the Wiernmobile.

Derken graduated from University of Southern California in May and hit the road in the Wiernmobile in June.

Driving the Wiernmobile is the perfect job for a recent college graduate, since it's good public relations and marketing experience and a good way to see the country, Derken said.

“And you are a celebrity everywhere you go,” Derken said.

Derken and another Hotdogger, Nina LeBrun, spent Saturday handing out stickers and Wiernmobile whistles

to the crowd. The two Hotdoggers also took families' pictures, signed autographs and helped children pose behind cardboard cutouts of hot dogs.

No food was served during the event, which is a common misconception, Derken said.

“We don't sell hot dogs,” Derken said. “We just look like one.”

Bend resident Helen Guerrero-Randall came early Saturday and could not contain her excitement as she watched the Wiernmobile park in front of Blockbuster.

Guerrero-Randall, a retired medical librarian for St. Charles Health System, always loved the old advertisements for Oscar Mayer on TV, but never had a chance to see the Wiernmobile in person.

“I didn't know they still had this going around,” she said. “They are actually still doing promotions. I'm thrilled.”

Guerrero-Randall enthusiastically sang the entire Oscar Mayer song, took a picture with the cardboard cut out and got Derken's autograph.

She soaked in the nostalgia of Oscar Mayer and Blockbuster, where she still has her membership card to rent movies.

“It's nostalgic in a really good way,” Guerrero-Randall said. “It's that positive nostalgia. The endorphins are flowing.”

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Ruby and Brewer Mottern stand with their two dogs Griz (behind cutout) and Luna as their mother, Jody Mottern, takes their picture Saturday while visiting the Oscar Mayer Wiernmobile at the Bend Blockbuster.

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OBITUARY




Cecil L. Curry

July 25, 1945 - March 30, 2021

Beloved father, grandfather and friend Cecil L. “Cid” Curry joined his parents, brother, and grandson in heaven on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 after a long battle with COPD and cancer. Cid was born July 25, 1945 in Los Angeles, California and moved to Central Oregon around 1970 shortly after an honorable discharge from the Navy. He worked for many years in the auto-electric industry and was never too busy to help a friend or stranger fix their car. Cid leaves behind a beautiful family as his legacy that includes two sons, Kerry and Timothy, two daughters, Fawn and Tanya, a son in law, Dan, two daughters in law, Melaine and Amy, 13 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and many friends.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 2:00 at the Redmond VFW Hall.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the nurses at St. Charles Hospital in Redmond, the team at Partners in Care, and Redmond Memorial Chapel for their gracious care of Cecil and his family.



WASHINGTON STATE

House approves plan to overhaul drug approach

BY GENE JOHNSON

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Washington's House of Representatives on Saturday approved an overhaul of the state's approach to drug possession, after the Washington Supreme Court struck down its previous law as unconstitutional — a ruling that left no prohibition on having small amounts of drugs, even for kids.

Many majority Democrats in Olympia saw the dramatic consequences of the ruling as an opportunity to address some of the harm the war on drugs caused, especially to communities of color. They sought to use it to expand access to addiction treatment and to put the state on a path to drug decriminalization.

“This is a down payment on rebuilding communities,” Democratic Rep. Jamila Taylor said. “We know the war on drugs is a failed policy. We

know we have better options.”

Under the bill that passed on a bipartisan 80-18 vote, possession of controlled substances, including cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine, would for now become a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail. That's a change from a version of the legislation approved by the Senate, which would have made it a gross misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in custody, and from the previous law, which made it a felony.

Police would divert a defendant's first two offenses to treatment before the case even made it to a prosecutor, and if a defendant's case ever reached a prosecutor, the prosecutor would be able to divert as well.

“It's a major step in the right direction to go as far upstream as possible to have a therapeutic intervention rather than a punitive intervention,” said Rep. Roger Goodman, D-Kirkland.

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By Susan

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Roxanne "Roxy" Holm

August 28, 1958 - April 13, 2021

Roxanne Ruth "Roxy" Holm, 62, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Milwaukie, Ore., on April 13, 2021. Roxy was born in Portland, Ore., on August 28, 1958, to Russell and Helen (Jensen) Holm. For over 40 years, she worked as a legal secretary and office manager for several lawyers in the Portland area as well as in Bend, Ore. A memorial service for Roxy will be held July 30, 2021, at 2pm at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum in Gresham, Ore. Please see Crown Memorial's website www.crowncremationburial.com for the full obituary.

OBITUARY

Francia Melanie Pierpont

September 11, 1951 - March 1, 2021

Francia Melanie Pierpont departed our world March 1, 2021 at the age of 69. Beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and sister, she was a friend to many near and far. She remains in all our hearts forever.



Always generous and giving, kind and friendly, she opened her heart to everyone and was greatly admired by her peers, friends, students, and family. A teacher to hundreds of students over the course of her long career in education, she will be sorely missed by each and every one.

Melanie championed the underdog, the disadvantaged, the physically impaired, and minorities alike. She was a mentor to all. As a child, she was a diving champion at Sunset Pool in Longmont, Colorado. She worked in her teens, saving her summer earnings and then gave to migrant children who returned to Mexico at the end of the season.

A graduate of the University of Colorado, she headed West to Eugene, Oregon where she received her MS in education from the University of Oregon. She subsequently joined Teacher Corps and was assigned to North Carolina. Melanie also taught schools in Coos Bay, Sweet Home, Eugene, and Bend.

Melanie escorted students to Japan, travelled to Ghana, and was a host for students. She attended the specialized Teacher Fellowship Program at the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. She was a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children, devoting herself to minorities and their respective plights.

A perpetually positive person, despite battling juvenile diabetes since the age of 12, she welcomed one and all into her home and heart while enduring physical setbacks bravely throughout her life. Yes, the world will miss Francia Melanie Pierpont.

She is survived by sons, Spencer Bushnell and wife Leela, Taylor Bushnell and wife Julie and their two children Odin and Skadi. Siblings; Lucinda Pierpont and her son Tyson Pierpont, Scott and Jill Pierpont and their sons Noah and Simon Pierpont, AFS student brother Wirarachai Phrompechut of Thailand, Kurtis Pierpont and wife Helena Sawicki and their sons Dylan, Austin and Evan Pierpont

