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Letters to the Editor

Thanks for participation

To the editor:
I want to thank everybody who took time to fill out and return the questionnaire I sent out with my newsletter, over 600 people and counting. Also, more than 200 people have taken time from their busy schedules to attend the series of 11 Town Hall meetings held in each county of Senate District 28. There is no better way for us to work together than meeting face to face and discussing our concerns.

We face a number of challenges in Oregon. Perhaps above all stand a number of critical resource issues which we talked about: timber supply, the Salmon crisis, and adequate water supplies for future use. In addition,

there are challenges to meet in the fields of health care, education, and financing our schools and local governments in the aftermath of Ballot Measure 5.

People have shared some excellent ideas on how to move ahead with solutions for overcoming these challenges. Hearing from so many folks makes my job of representing your interests much easier.

If anyone did not receive a newsletter or has a comment or question, please contact me at 5000 O'Leary Rd., Hood River, 97031; or call 386-3411.

Sincerely,
(s) Wayne Fawbush
State Senator District 28

Births

Lone Edward Wichmon-a son Lone Edward was born to Darin and Le Ann Wichmon of Hillsboro on December 6, 1991. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Grandparents are Stacey and Darleen Lovgren, Heppner; Dorothy Wichman, Hillsboro; and Ron Quigley, Baker City.

Ester Joanna Dela Paz Sepulveda-a daughter Ester Joanna was born to Ana Rosa Sepulveda of Irrigon on December 9, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz.

Catherine Marie Elizabeth McElligott-a daughter Catherine Marie Elizabeth was born to Laura and Tom McElligott, Heppner on December 11, 1991 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Grandparents are Dick and Loa McElligott, Ione and Robert and Marie Ackerman, Snoqualmie, WA. Great-grandparents are Hank and Betty Ackerman, Dusty, WA.

Catherine joins brothers Ethan, 14, Daniel 13, Brian 11, Robert four and Brendan two, at home.

Yaretsy Yaraileth Peralta-a daughter Yaretsy Yaraileth, was born to Norma and Roberto Peralta of Boardman on December 12, 1991 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz.

Correction

Jessica Keersemaker was incorrectly identified in the Dec. 11 Gazette-Times picture caption "Hope Lutheran presents live manger."

Obituaries

James G. Launer Sr.
James G. Launer, Sr., 70, former Heppner resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 26 in Reno, Nevada.

A native of California, he was born July 9, 1921 and had been a Reno resident for one year previously living in Oregon.

Launer was a plumber and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2990, LaGrande and Masonic Lodge 90, Long Creek. He was a World War II Navy Veteran serving with the Seabees. He lived in Heppner in the late 1970's and worked for Shirley Ruggs at Parkers Mill. His wife Beverly worked as a dispatcher for the Morrow County Sheriff's office.

Surviving are his wife at the home; sons Russell of Orinda, CA., Thomas of Lincoln, Neb., Staff Sgt James G. Jr. of Luke AFB, Arizona and Mark II of Joseph; daughters Sue Birrell, Reno, Nev., Debora Hall, Desota, TX and Donna Gage of Hermiston; brother Raymond of Felton, CA; three nephews and 13 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 3 at the Masonic Memorial Chapel in Reno. Officiating was the War Veterans Memorial Association of Western Nevada.

Augusta Louise Mortensen
Graveside services were held at Willamette National Cemetery Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1991 for Augusta Louise Mortensen, 87, of Portland. Mrs. Mortensen died Saturday, Dec. 14 at Parkview Nursing Home in Portland following a long illness.

Mrs. Mortensen was born on Aug. 4, 1904 near Morgan to Otto E. and Anna Lundell Lindstrom, pioneer homesteaders. She moved to Portland in the early 1920's, where she married Warren L. Crutcher on Nov. 23, 1924. They lived in the Brightwood and Gresham area for over 40 years.

She worked as an electrician on the Liberty Ships during World War II and later worked for several businesses in the Sandy and Gresham area. She was an assistant to her husband in the Oregon State Fire Warden office during the 1950's and 60's. Her husband died in 1965.

After her retirement she spent her winters in Palm Springs, where she married Otto E. Mortensen on Nov. 25, 1972. They spent their summers in Oregon, where they had a home in Ione until five years ago when she had a stroke which required nursing care.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters Patricia Von Borstel of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and Phyllis Goodin of Hillsborough, CA.; two sons, Warren K. Crutcher of Redlands and Edwin Lee Crutcher of Portland; sister Edna V. Helina of Seattle, WA.; brother Roy W. Lindstrom, Ione; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc. through Lincoln-Wilamette Funeral Directors, 9775 S.E. Mt. Scott Blvd., Portland, 97266.

Evelyn Bowers

Evelyn I Bowers, 54, Heppner, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1991 at her home. At her request no services were held.

She was born May 4, 1937, in Condon, the daughter of Donald and Ethel Bailey Bowers. The family moved to Heppner in 1937 and then to Portland and Stanfield before settling in Pendleton in 1947.

She attended schools in Pendleton, then moved to Vancouver, WA. In 1988 she moved to Heppner.

Survivors include two sons, Rick Moulton of Heppner and Donald Moulton of Gig Harbor, WA.; daughter Kathryn Enberg of Vancouver WA.; her mother Ethel Bowers of Heppner; brother Ralph Bowers of Kennewick, WA.; sister Mary Larsen of Scappoose and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Ambulance fund, PO Box 557, Heppner, 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Lewis E. Halvorsen

The funeral for Lewis E. Halvorsen was held Friday, Dec. 13 at the United Church of Christ in Ione. Concluding and burial was held at High View Cemetery in Ione.

Mr. Halvorsen, 83, of Ione, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1991 at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland.

He was born Dec. 5, 1908 at Ione to Mat and Mary Padberg Halvorsen. He grew up and attended school in the Ione area and had farmed in the Ione area most of his life.

He graduated from Pendleton High School and from Eastern Oregon Normal School in LaGrande.

On Dec. 30, 1936, he married Carmelita "Dot" Crabtree at Vancouver, WA.

He was a 45 year member of the Masonic Lodge; a member of Royal Arch Masons; a 40 year member of Willows Grange at Ione; a 45 year member of BPOE 358 of Heppner; a 40 year member of Eastern Star Ruth Locust Chapter and a member of the Ione United Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, at the home; daughter Linda Prock of Beaverton; sons Joe and Frank, both of Ione; and Mark of Vancouver, WA.; foster daughters Judy Mason of West Covina, CA and Alyce Rea of Medford; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione Cardinal Club or the Mike Matthews Scholarship Fund, both c/o Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione, Branch, PO Box 106, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Keven R. Nave

Funeral services for Keven Ray Nave were held today (Wed. Dec. 18) at the Community Presbyterian Church in Pilot Rock. Burial was at the Summer-ville, Ore. Cemetery.

Keven, 15 of Echo, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1991, at his home. He is the grandson of Glenna Greer of Irrigon and Veda Nave of Heppner.

He was born Dec. 11, 1976 at Hermiston to Steve and Juanita Nave. The family moved from Pilot Rock to Echo six months ago.

Keven enjoyed fishing and hunting Bible studies, Boy Scouts and the outdoors.

Other survivors along with his grandmothers include his parents at the home; great-grandmother Oleta Akers of Umatilla; brothers Dennis, Danny and K.C., all of Echo, and Christopher of Kalispell, Mont.; and sisters Jeni of Echo and Stephanie of Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, directly or through Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838.

ACDC And the DDT



Francie and I attended a formal dinner the other night. Well, it was as formal as dinner ever gets in Eastern Oregon. For the first time I can remember, I really noticed the clothes folks wear.

One fella, who certainly should have known better, showed up without a necktie. What a rube. But I'm not sure that was any worse than some of the neckties the other fellas did show up wearing. There were wide ones and narrow ones and some with such an awful pattern of clashing colors. Visual pollution is what it was. My golly, there outta be a law.

And the hardware those guys hang on their neck ties. Big gaudy pins and bright flashy clasps. More than one glittered loud enough to hurt your eyes. Some guys were so gauche as to not wear a tie clasp at all so their neck ties dangled over their shoulders or swished through their soup. It's plain to me that few, if any of these adults are capable of selecting their own clothes with any taste at all. Certainly they had no concern for others around them and posed a real danger of inflicting serious and permanent injury to our whole society.

But the guys couldn't hold a candle to the offense given by the ladies. Good golly, Molly, was that something to see.

One young woman had a skirt so short it was embarrassing to look anywhere in her direction. As near as I could tell, it was between 12 and 13 inches above the very point of her knee. It looked like it had been hemmed up by hand as there was a good two inches of material turned under. And the hem was not very skillfully done. I could hardly look. There sure wasn't much covering her you-know-what. She was dangerous to civilized society, that was plain to see.

Her high neckline and another lady's low neckline were in the same class as the plastic and feather and phony looking pins, corsages and handbag decorations. That neckline was so low, everyone was on the very edge of their chairs just waiting for its function to fail. But it didn't, at least that I could see. And the wild colors and patterns these ladies are wearing in their clothes these days. It was a veritable zoo.

You and I really don't have to put up with this visual pollution and dangerous condition. We should ask the legislature to enact Senate bill 200 create the Apparel Code Dress Commission (ACDC) and have the Department of Dress Technology (DDT) enforce the rules of acceptable use.

It is apparent that the people who pay their own money for clothes are not to be trusted with their proper use. This is truly a matter of public concern and the public, you and me, must get the law into the matter and correct these abuses before the whole world caves in upon us. Just the slightest bit of improper wearing of clothes can cause the immediate destruction of the entire world. We must remember that.

We need rules not only governing what these clods wear to what function, but we also need to keep them from wearing their clothes out. Just because someone buys a piece of clothing, they should not think that they will own it forever. They are just part-time custodians and must be required to take care of the public interest, especially take care not to wear it out. Those are the inconsiderate folks who fail to donate nearly new clothes to the needy.

And we need rules prohibiting those costume places from renting out outrageous tuxedos to young boys to wear to the prom. Our young men who rent clothes are not to be trusted in the selection of proper clothes for the occasion. Nor can they judge whether the costume is complete and has all the essential parts in good working order.

Since a lot of people wear clothes the DDT will need a lot of enforcement people and that's a really important form of economic development. There should be a DDT office in every community, designed by a renowned architect, built out of the finest materials and appointed in the most discriminating taste. Employees of DDT will, of course, be exempt from its rules.

By now I suspect you think I'm crazy. But had I been writing about land instead of clothes, you'd only call me a politically correct Democrat.

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