

OBITUARIES

Chester Allyn 'Chet' Bennett Jr.

Hermiston

January 6, 1932-September 26, 2016

Chester Allyn "Chet" Bennett Jr., 84, of Hermiston, Oregon, died of heart failure on September 26, 2016, while vacationing in Pine Top, Arizona. Chet's warm and generous spirit lives on in the hearts of those who loved him and whose lives were touched by him.



Bennett

Born January 6, 1932, in Corvallis, Oregon, Chet was the oldest of three sons of Chester A. Bennett Sr. and Ruby Hinds. His mother died while Chet was a young boy, but his father later married Ruby Farlow and the family was joined by another brother, Robert. As a Forest Service family, Chet spent his childhood years in Paisley, Bly, John Day and Enterprise, where he graduated from high school in 1949. The raucous exploits of four boys growing up under one roof include legendary tales involving a baby porcupine loose in the house and a brush fire the boys started that was quite embarrassing to their forest supervisor dad.

Chet attended Eastern Oregon College in La Grande for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Army at the outset of the Korean War in 1950. Chet served in a combat engineer battalion during the war and at Ft. Carson, Colorado, after returning home. He resumed his education at Oregon State College using his GI Bill benefits, while continuing to serve in the Army Reserve where he attained the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Chet married the former Joan Finlayson of Eugene in 1956, while both were still in college. Their son Donald Allyn was born the next year in Corvallis, and son Jon Robert born in Eugene in 1961. Chet and Joan were married 47 years until her death in 2003.

Chet graduated from the School of Forestry at Oregon State with his baccalaureate degree in 1958 and began his professional career with the U.S. Forest Service after spending summers during college on trail building and firefighting crews. First assigned to the Willamette National Forest in Oakridge, Chet moved his young family to John Day in 1962 where he worked in various positions on the Malheur National Forest until his retirement in 1988. During his long career, Chet was a leader of local and state chapters of the National Federation of Federal Employees. He then worked a number of years as a school bus driver for Grant School District No. 3, and served as president of the classified employees union.

In John Day, Chet was

constantly involved in his church and community and especially his sons' activities as Little League baseball coach, Boy Scout leader, swim team and Grant Union booster clubs, and advisor to DeMolay and Rainbow chapters. An avid deer and elk hunter, Chet looked forward to fall hunting seasons each year and some of his favorite times were days in the woods with his sons and hunting partners.

Chet was recently recognized as a 50-year member of John Day Elks Lodge #1824, where he was a Past Exalted Ruler. He also served as district deputy for Southeast District of the Oregon State Elks Association. Chet was particularly involved in Elks ritual competitions as a team coach and judge. In 2001, Chet was named to the OSEA Hall of Fame for his many years of service. Chet was also a Past Master of Canyon City Lodge No. 34, A.F. & A.M. and a 32nd degree member of Baker Valley Scottish Rite. Chet served on the board of directors of Old West Federal Credit Union for 35 years, beginning with the Grant County Credit Union and continuing on the board through the series of mergers that created Old West Federal Credit Union.

In 2006, Chet married Kay Burns of Hermiston and they enjoyed 10 years of world travel, adventures, and loving togetherness. They volunteered several years for the Columbia River Cowboy Gathering & Music Festival and attended other music and arts events throughout the region.

Chet is survived by his wife Kay; son Jon (Laura) of Grants Pass, Ore.; son Don (Anne) of Puyallup, Wash.; granddaughters Rita (Daniel) Bennett Adams of Eatonville, Wash., and Caria Bennett of Bronxville, N.Y.; stepdaughter Heather (Nick) Powers and their children Elizabeth and Connor of Newberg, Ore.; and brothers Bill (Martha) of Wilsonville, Ore., and Ben (Edna) of Raleigh, N.C.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 15, 2016, at the Hermiston Elks Lodge, 480 E. Main Street, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Charitable contributions in memory of Chet Bennett may be made to Oregon Elks Children's Eye Clinic, 3295 Triangle Dr. S.E., Salem, OR 97302 (www.onwardohsu.org/donation/oregon-elks-childrens-eye-clinic), or Hermiston Agape House, P.O. Box 1723, Hermiston, OR 97838 (agapehousehermiston.org).

Frederick Albert Wimmer

Pendleton

July 31, 1923-October 4, 2016

Fred Wimmer was born in Echo, Oregon, on July 31, 1923, to May (Mary) Dockweiler and Henry Albert Wimmer. He graduated from Echo High School in 1941 and served in the Army Air Force and 525th Bombardment Squadron stationed in Italy during WWII.



Wimmer

Friends introduced him to Rayjean Hendrickson and they married November 18, 1946. They lived most of their nearly 70 years of marriage in Pendleton. Together they raised four daughters, Linda Parker of Hermiston, Ore., Nila Wimmer of Pendleton,

Ore., Marla Ellis of Spokane Valley, Wash., and Gia Weathers Baker of Anchor Point, Alaska. They have nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Fred worked as a glazier in Pendleton, starting his own business, Glass by Dick and Fred, in 1976 to 1990. Fred was preceded in death by his parents and two older sisters, Margaret Morehead and Mary Dupuis.

There is an online guest book available through Burns Mortuary. No public service is planned.

BIRTHS

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CLAWSON — Amanda Clawson and Scott Clawson of Hermiston: a boy, Connor Scott Clawson.

ANGEL — Cristina Angel and Jose A. Angel of Umatilla: a girl, Aliya Angel.

VIEIRA — Cynthia J. Vieira and Joseph V. Vieira of Hermiston: a girl, Estela Lea Vieira.

PALUSO — Darcie Paluso and Jason Paluso of Hermiston: a boy, Jarhett Lane Paluso.

COX — Arraceli M. Flores and Kenneth H. Cox III of Hermiston: a girl, Auriella Rose Cox.

SORENSEN — Sonja M. Sorensen and Jake N. Sorensen of Boardman: a girl, Serenity Rose Sorensen.

TORRE — Breezy S. Torre and Joseph S. Torre of Hermiston: a girl, Brittany Lynn Torre.

SPARKS — Jordaen Martinez and Dionte Sparks of Irrigon: a girl, Zoe Lynn Sparks.

BURGUS — Rebecca Burgus and Carl Burgus of Umatilla: a boy, Ezekiel Eugene Burgus.

COURT REPORT

Sentences

The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

FELONY

•Diane Rochelle Berecz, 43, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Theft I: sentenced to 2 years probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 204 hours community service, \$1,250 fine and \$1,250 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

•Brian Keith Beaty, 28, Kennewick, Wash., pleaded guilty to Burglary I: sentenced to 24 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 3 years post-prison supervision and \$200 fine-suspended.

•Toni Marie Taylor, 33, Irrigon, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 6 months jail, 1 year post-prison supervision, \$100 fine, \$400 fine-suspended and 6 months driver's license suspension.

•Ray Eugene Wynne, 58, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to two counts of Theft I: sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service and \$200 fine for each count, and \$23,998 restitution, plus court costs and fees.

•Jordin Andru Grimm, 21, Kennewick, Wash., pleaded guilty to felony Assault IV-domestic violence: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, 160 hours community service, \$500 fine and \$2,000 fine-suspended; pleaded guilty to two counts of Recklessly Endangering Another: sentenced to \$100 fine for each count.

MISDEMEANOR

•Jose Alfredo Zamudio Jr., 36, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Disorder-

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DEATH NOTICES

Barbara J. Shockman Reel

Hermiston

April 13, 1934-June 20, 2016

Barbara J. Shockman Reel, 82, of Hermiston died June 20, 2016, at her home. She was born April 13, 1934, in Weiser, Idaho. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 1 p.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery in Weiser. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Kathryn Ann (Doherty) Fowler

Forest Grove

July 5, 1955-Oct. 5, 2016

Former Hermiston resident Kathryn Ann (Doherty) Fowler, 61, of Forest Grove died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, at her home. Recitation of the rosary will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m., followed by a funeral mass at 10:30 a.m., at Visitation Catholic Church in Verboort, Ore. A reception will follow at the church parish hall. A graveside service will be scheduled for a later date at the Hermiston Cemetery. Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home in Forest Grove handled arrangements.

Patricia Jean Deisch

Irrigon

April 13, 1931-Sept. 22, 2016

Patricia Jean Deisch, 85, of Irrigon died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, at her home. She was born April 13, 1931, in The Dalles. A celebration of life will be held Friday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online guest book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Lloyd W. Frerichs

Hermiston

Dec. 6, 1929-Sept. 27, 2016

Lloyd W. Frerichs, 86, of Hermiston died Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016, at his home. He was born Dec. 6, 1929, in Gurley, Neb. A celebration of life service was held Saturday, Oct. 8, at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online guest book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Mervin L. 'Merv' Grubaugh

Hepner

June 13, 1953-Sept. 30, 2016

Mervin L. "Merv" Grubaugh, 63, of Hepner died Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, near Echo as the result of an automobile accident. He was born June 13, 1953, in Grand Junction, Colo. A graveside service was held Saturday, Oct. 8, at noon at Cascade Locks Cemetery. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, at 1 p.m. at the Hepner Elks Lodge. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

SUNDAY, OCT. 9

12:28 p.m. - Police looked for but did not find a man after a woman at Wildwood RV Park, 82280 Wildwood Lane, Umatilla, called 9-1-1 and said she was outside when a male came up to her and asked her questions about her personal life.

12:31 a.m. - A caller reported a man was assaulting a woman at the Boardman Marina, 1 Marine Drive N.W., Boardman.

7:47 a.m. - A Hermiston man reported a "black mutt" tried to attack him at Southwest 10th Street and West Highland Avenue.

3:04 p.m. - Hermiston police received a report that a resident of Guardian Angel Homes, 540 N.W. 12th St., Hermiston, was missing.

6:26 p.m. - Hermiston police received a call that three clowns were near Eastside Market, 582 E. Main St., and running toward Highway 395. Once more, police did not find any clowns.

7:41 p.m. - Hermiston police received another report of a clown sighting, this time second-hand. The caller claimed the clown was on the road at Armand Larive Middle School, 1497 S.W. Ninth St., and trying to scare people.

10:42 p.m. - Guess what? Yep, another clown sighting. A caller on the 500 block of Willamette Avenue, Umatilla, reported a Caucasian male dressed all in black with white paint on his face hit him with a water balloon through the window of his vehicle.

And police did not find the clown.

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

5:22 a.m. - A caller told dispatchers he wanted a member of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office to stop stalking him.

3:32 p.m. - A caller reported possible game poaching after seeing

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