

With no prior evidence of flooding, many areas of Vernonia were under 2' - 4' of water as 500-year flood boundaries are breached

teers in all parts of town. About 11:30 a.m., before the town was divided but after all roads out of town were closed by flooding and landslides, a major medical emergency occurred. A stroke victim needed to be transported to a hospital. Lifeflight was unable to respond because of limited visibility. The U.S. Coast Guard agreed to send a helicopter that could operate by instrument in the increasingly heavy rain. While waiting for the helicopter, the patient was evacuated to Washington Grade School, where medical care was available.

A few hours later, with water nearly three-feet deep at the front stairs of the school, EMTs transferred the stroke victim back into the ambulance, then drove up O-A Hill to meet the Coast Guard helicopter at Spencer Field. (A second medical evacuation was needed later that day and was managed in much the same way—except the water was deeper.)

Looking back, it all seems so simple, but with a patient's life at stake, it took a lot of telephone and radio contact, as well as critical decision-making.

The evacuation center at WGS was set up without supplies because the American Red Cross couldn't deliver equipment requested for a

200 person shelter. Principal Randy Aultman worked to keep everyone as comfortable as possible while other volunteers scoured the town for groceries, sleeping bags, blankets and pillows.

The cafeteria in the basement couldn't be used because flood water was accumulating there. Groceries were sent, by pickup and boat, from the fire hall. Volunteers took over in a makeshift "kitchen", assessed what was available and made sandwiches for lunch. Hot coffee was available around the clock.

At dinner time, the volunteer cooks served salad, rolls and hot, freshly-made vegetable-beef soup to 115 people. It was a remarkable meal considering what they had to cook with — an electric griddle, one crock pot and an ancient microwave oven.

Before dinner, when it appeared that the shelter would run out of bread, two volunteers braved high water at the Senior Center to see if they could locate surplus bread that had been delivered the day before. The bread was in boxes on a table in the center dining room. Although the water was higher than the table top, the table floated and the bread was high and dry, still in the boxes!

Later, bedding was handed out and room assignments made. There were some fam-



Only the railing of the stairway to the Rock Creek swimming pool is out of the water.



Looking east across Rock Creek from Park toward Grant.



High water at the corner of Grant and "A" Streets.



Less than a foot of the five-foot fence posts around the Anderson Park horse arena remained above water.

DEQ sets free hazardous waste pickup in Vernonia

Hazardous wastes from households, small businesses and agriculture will be picked up in Vernonia from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Saturday, February 24. The collection by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality will take place at the railhead on Weed Avenue. There is no charge for the collection.

Flood victims are urged to separate flood-damaged chemical wastes from regular debris and garbage in or

around their homes. Do not dispose of hazardous wastes with other wastes, or take them to the flood debris collection area on Weed Street until next Saturday.

The following flood damaged items will be accepted: automotive products (oil, gasoline, degreasers, wax, antifreeze, transmission fluid, brake fluid, batteries), pesticides, fuel, paint products (paints, thinners, solvents), cleaners (spot removers,

drain and toilet cleaners), fertilizers, and unidentified chemicals.

Do NOT bring: explosives and radioactive wastes.

When transporting hazardous wastes, it is important to keep products in original containers if possible, do not mix products, and do not transport leaking containers of waste.

For further information call 1-800-452-4011 and ask for Dave Kunz or Maggie Conley.



For the first time, Rock Creek overflowed into Vernonia Drug, causing major damage.



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Obituary

RYLVIA GREINIA
Rylvia "Babe" Greinia, 90, Aloha, died February 12, 1996, at a Beaverton care home. Funeral services were held Feb. 16 at the Donelson, Sewell and Mathews Chapel in Hillsboro, with Chaplain Roy Hemphill of American Legion Post #104 in Aloha, officiating. Entombment was at River-view Abbey Mausoleum in Portland.

Mrs. Greinia was born January 3, 1906, in Forest Grove, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eberly. She was raised and educated in Banks.

She married Leslie J. Greinia in 1922. They lived in Vernonia until 1942, when they moved to Aloha.

Mrs. Greinia and her husband owned and operated the Babe & Les Restaurant and Bar in Vernonia for several years. In 1943, she worked

as a cook for the Oregon Forest Service at Wilark. In 1951 she began work at The Shack, now known as The Reedville Cafe, where she worked until she retired in 1986.

She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary Post #104 in Aloha.

Mrs. Greinia was preceded in death by her husband, Les, in 1953; three brothers, Bill, John and Chick Eberly; three sisters, Edith Raymond, Bessie McNutt, and Florence Eberly.

Survivors include her son, Dale of Aloha; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Fuiten-Rose Chapel of Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

DALE E. WALTRIP
Dale Eugene Waltrip, 38, Portland, died February 14, 1996. Private services were held. Disposition was by cremation.

Mr. Waltrip was born July 16, 1959, in Chino, Calif. He had lived in Portland for the past eight years.

He was a self-employed tattoo artist for 20 years.

Survivors include his parents, William Waltrip of Myrtle Point and Margie Post of Antioch, Calif.; daughter, Janet Waltrip of Morro Bay, Calif.; sisters, Donna Doney of Portland, Leslie Waltrip of Stockton, Calif., Helen Waltrip of Clearlake, Calif.; brothers, William R. Jr. of Vernonia, Glenn of Novato, Calif., and Gary of Oak Harbor, Wash.

Aftercare Cremation & Burial Service was in charge of arrangements.

PETER F. MATIACO
Peter F. Matiaco, 69, died February 2, 1996, in Las Vegas, of cancer. A memorial service was held Feb. 12, in Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Matiaco was born March 17, 1926, in Vernonia. He lived 15 years in Rainier and was an excavation contractor. For the past 10 years, he had lived in Las Vegas.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Matiaco married Joyce Welke in 1982.

Survivors include his wife; mother, Bertha of Santa Cruz, Calif.; sons, Steven of Forest Grove and Michael of Medford; step-sons, Norman Johnson of Reedsport and Neal Johnson of Bend; daughter, Linda Monte of Forest Grove; step-daughter, Gayle Street of Sherwood; sisters, Joyce Burns of Santa Cruz and Gertrude Magoff of Vernonia; 16 grandchildren.

EARL PRICKETT
Earl K. Prickett, 81, Hillsboro, died January 31, 1996, at Tuality Community Hospital of causes related to a stroke. A memorial service was held at Hillsboro Christian Church with interment at Fir Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Prickett was born Aug. 11, 1914, in Banks, to Orville Nathan and Rose (Schlegel) Prickett. He was educated in Hillsboro and later attended Oregon State University. During summer breaks he worked for the forest service in fire lookout stations.

He worked for PGE before World War II.

Mr. Prickett married Gwendolyn Dumas in 1941 at Hillsboro.

He served in the U.S. Navy as a radio technician during World War II. After the war, he returned to PGE, where he worked for 35 years as a rural service representative, until his retirement in 1977.

Mr. Prickett was a member of Hillsboro Christian Church, where he served as an elder, sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and called on shut-ins. He belonged to Toastmasters of Bend; daughter, Linda Monte of Forest Grove; step-daughter, Gayle Street of Sherwood; sisters, Joyce Burns of Santa Cruz and Gertrude Magoff of Vernonia; 16 grandchildren.

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KATHLEEN M. OLSZEWSKI
Kathleen M. Olszewski, 46, died February 9, 1996. The cause of death has not yet been determined. A memorial service was held Feb. 13, in Sandy Funeral Home. Disposition was by cremation.

Mrs. Olszewski was born April 20, 1949, in Elyria, Ohio. Her maiden name was Quirk.

She trained as a licensed practical nurse before moving to Oregon in 1976. She studied massage therapy at Western States Chiropractic Col-

MABEL CHRISTIANSON
Mabel Christianson, 87, Salem, died February 7, 1996. At her request, no services were held.

Mrs. Christianson was born April 3, 1908.

She moved to Salem from Vernonia. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Christianson was preceded in death by her husband, Carl.

Survivors include her step-daughter, Norma Christianson of Portland; step-son, Gene of Portland; brother, Melvin Sykes of Salem; sisters,

Hazel Boyum of Mentor, Minn. and Ruby Tronavich of Fertile, Minn.

Howell-Edwards-Doerksen Chapel of the Gardens, Salem, was in charge of arrangements.

WILFRED PULTZ
Wilfred Pultz, 61, Buxton, died February 6, 1996, at his home of causes related to cardiac arrest. Funeral services were held at Bronleewe-Bass Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Interment was at Fir Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Pultz was born May 6, 1934, at Willford, Ark., to Virgil and Edith (Jones) Pultz. He received his early education in Arkansas, then finished in Indio and Strathmore, Calif. His family moved to North Plains in 1949. He moved to Manning in 1953 and to Buxton in 1963.

He married Carol M. King in 1973 at Vancouver, Wash.

Mr. Pultz worked for Pacific Plastic in West Union for 13 years, until ill health forced him to retire in 1981.

He was a member of Valley Full Gospel Church in Hillsboro, and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Mr. Pultz was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry and Rubin; and a sister, Kathryn Willis.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jeffrey of Banks; step-son, Dale Haglund of Parkdale; two step-daughters, Karen Cutright of Hillsboro and Teri Skjole of Forest Grove; brother, Chester Pultz of Strathmore, Calif.; two sisters, Mildred Washington of Buxton and Shirley Musick of Lindsay, Calif.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Remembrances may be contributions to Tri-City Fire Department, 300 Main St., Banks 97106.

Bronleewe-Bass Funeral Home of Hillsboro was in charge of arrangements.

It's not what we don't know that hurts, it's what we know that ain't so.

— Will Rogers