

Obituary

VELVA R. CHRISTENSEN

Velva R. Christensen, 89, Garibaldi, died June 25, 2003. Private inurnment will be held at a later date.

Ms. Christensen was born April 3, 1914, in Madras, to Claude and Myrtle Loveland Ramsey. She grew up in Madras and attended college in Monmouth. She taught elementary school in Alpha and 40 years in Vernonia. She was also a principal.

In 1993, she moved to Garibaldi.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lowell Ramsey.

Survivors include two sisters, Thelma Bryan of Cupertino, Calif., and Arlein Franklin of Garibaldi; nieces and nephews.

Waud's Funeral Home in Tillamook was in charge of arrangements.

PAULINE L. WOODARD

Pauline Luna Woodard, 67, Port-

land, died June 21, 2003. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was June 24. A funeral mass was held June 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Vernonia, with the Rev. Ron Millican, of St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Mill, assisted by St. Mary's Pastoral Associate Juanita Dennis. Vault interment was at Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Woodard was born November 3, 1935, in Lubbock, Texas, to John and Betty Garcia Luna. She grew up in Lubbock.

In 1961, she married Elmer V. Woodard. They lived in Lovington, New Mexico. In 1963, they moved to Salinas, Calif., and in 1978, to Vernonia. She moved to Portland in 1996.

Mrs. Woodard was preceded in death by her husband in 1993 and two sisters, Lucy Garcia and Molly M. Rojas.

Survivors include four sons, Gilbert A., Sr. of Salinas, Calif., David B. of Portland, Elmer V., Jr. of Olympia, Wash., and Matthew S. of Portland;

four daughters, Rachel Aguirre of Portland, Dolores Serna of El Paso, Texas, Cindy L. Roberts of Hillsboro and Betty J. Dirks of Tualatin; four sisters, Eva Valdez of Sacramento, Calif., Janie Estrada of Las Vegas, Nev., Nancy Perez and Christina Luna, both of Fresno, Calif.; three brothers, Santos Luna and John Luna, both of Sacramento, Calif., and Alvino Luna of Las Vegas, Nev.; 22 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the Pauline L. Woodard Memorial Fund c/o St. Mary's Catholic Church, 960 Missouri Ave., Vernonia, OR 97064.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia was in charge of arrangements.

GORDON E. GIRARD

Gordon Edward Girard, 78, Hillsboro, died June 24, 2003. A graveside service was held June 26 at Valley Memorial Park Mausoleum in Hillsboro, with Pastor Mark Rainey, of Orenco Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Mr. Girard was born February 27, 1925, in Lewiston, Idaho, to Edward and Hazel Wood Girard. He grew up in Lewiston and moved to Olympia, Wash. He served in the US Navy.

In 1946, he married Katherine. They lived in Olympia, Dallas and Gualala, Calif. In 1961, they moved to Forest Grove and started a lumber company in Banks. He retired in the early 1990's.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, George of North Plains, and Tom of Hillsboro; a brother, Gerry of Grangeville, Idaho; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Donelson, Sewell & Mathews Mortuary of Hillsboro was in charge of arrangements.

FRANCES A. FRANKE

Frances Alberta Franke, 76, Forest

Grove, died June 25, 2003. A memorial service was held June 28 at Forest Grove Memorial Chapel, with Larry Polvogt, Licensed Minister with the Christian Missionary Alliance in Redding, Calif., officiating. Vault entombment was at Mt. View Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Forest Grove.

Mrs. Franke was born July 18, 1926, in Hoquiam, Wash., to Sam and Alberta Groshong Ball. She grew up in Raymond, Wash., and graduated from Raymond High School in 1943. She attended Willamette University for two years.

In 1968, she married Herb Franke. They lived in Forest Grove. She attended Pacific University and earned a Bachelor's degree in Education. She was a counselor and teacher at Banks High School for six years, and retired in 1974.

She was a member of the Forest Grove United Methodist Church and of P.E.O.

Survivors include her husband, two daughters, Kathy Reese of Portland, and Susan Tasker of Hillsboro; a son, Warren "Chip" Brown of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; two brothers, Ron Ball of White Salmon, Wash., and Louis Ball of Salem; a sister, Ella Smith of Forest Grove, eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, Columbia-Willamette Chapter, 1311 NW 21st Avenue, Portland, OR 97209.

Forest Grove Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

ESTHER E. FARLIN

Esther Erle Farlin, 97, Clatskanie, died June 15, 2003. Services were held June 21 at Haakinson-Groulx Mortuary in Clatskanie, with Pastor Ron Jacobson of the Clatskanie Baptist Church officiating. Interment was at Maple-

wood Cemetery in Clatskanie.

Mrs. Farlin was born September 10, 1905, in Swea City, Iowa, to Pearl Edwin and Lena Regina Meyen Stroud. She graduated from St. Helens High School, then attended South Heart Consolidated Schools in South Dakota and Oregon Normal School in Monmouth. She taught in Vernonia and Clatskanie.

In 1926, she married Oscar Ernest Farlin. She was a charter member of the Clatskanie Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1995.

Survivors include a daughter, Elva Groskopf of Clatskanie; a sister, Olive Goodman of Des Moines, Wash.; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Remembrances are suggested to Clatskanie Baptist Church New Building Fund, P.O. Box 613, Clatskanie, OR 97016.

Haakinson-Groulx Mortuary in Clatskanie was in charge of arrangements.

JOHN "SKIP" SIMON

John "Skip" Simon, 52, Columbia City, died July 1, 2003. Memorial services will be held Saturday, July 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the Scappoose Senior Center.

Mr. Simon was born October 17, 1950, in Philadelphia, Penn. He moved to Oregon as a young child.

In 1975, he married Peggy. They lived in Vernonia for 18 years, then moved to Columbia City.

He worked for Tektronix for 19 years before retiring in 1993.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Racheal Baiteau of Columbia City, Traci Stebbins and Alison Jordan, both of St. Helens; eight grandchildren.

Wilhelms Heritage Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Vernonia City Council will hold a Public Hearing on July 7, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chamber Room of City Hall at 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon.

The purpose of this hearing is to notify the public of the City's intent to apply for a Rural Utilities Service loan/grant to upgrade the current wastewater facility. Public comments and written testimony are welcomed.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to public hearing to Kate Conley at 503-429-5291, TTY 1-800-735-2900 or at City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon.

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NOTICE OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS

This is to notify the public that the City of Vernonia has proposed a land use regulation that will affect the permissible uses of some land.

Public hearings to consider adoption of the "Smart Development" Ordinance are scheduled before the Vernonia Planning Commission on July 17, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. and before Vernonia City Council on August 4, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon. The "Smart Development" Ordinance would amend the Vernonia Development Code, Vernonia Ordinance 711 to in-

corporate "Smart Growth" Development principles in the General Residential zone and portions of the General Commercial zone. The General Commercial zone will not be immediately affected, but a new "Downtown Zone" will be created, the boundaries of which will be decided at a future date to include portions of the General Commercial zone in the downtown area, and possibly a limited number of properties in the General Residential zone. Citizens who own property within the zone proposed to be amended are being notified of this hearing. The City of Vernonia has determined that adoption of this ordinance will affect the permissible uses of specific property and may reduce the value of that property. The "Smart Development" Ordinance is available for inspection at Vernonia City Hall located at 1001 Bridge Street. A copy of the "Smart Development" Ordinance is also available for purchase at a cost of \$3.20.

The Public Hearings are governed by Vernonia Ordinance 711, ORS 197.763, ORS 197.005, ORS 197.175, and Oregon Statewide Land Use Goals 1, 2, 10, and 14, and OAR 660-025. A staff report will be available to the public at City Hall one week before the hearing, and may be copied for a nominal fee. Failure to raise an issue in a hearing, in person or by letter or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the board based on that issue. Public testimony is welcome, and written statements will be received before the hearing, if you cannot attend. For additional information concerning the "Smart Development" Ordinance, you may call the Vernonia City Planner, Julie Coontz, at 503-429-5291.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Under Periodic Review Work Program Task IV, Goal 5 Sensitive Lands, and as a Post Acknowledgement Plan Amendment

1. The Board of County Commissioners will hold public hearings on the following dates: July 16, 2003, at or after 6:00 p.m. at Clatskanie Middle School, 555 SW Bryant St., Clatskanie, Or.; July 22, 2003, at or after 6:00 p.m., Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge St., Vernonia, Or.; and July 23, 2003, at or after 6:00 p.m., St. Helens High School Main Auditorium, 2375 Gable Road, St. Helens, Or.

2. The purpose of the hearings is to consider the adoption of amendments to the Columbia County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance under Columbia County Periodic Review Work Program Task IV, Goal 5 Sensitive Lands, and as a Post Acknowledgement Plan Amendment. The pro-

posed amendments would revise wetland and riparian protection measures to comply with State "safe harbor" rules, adopt updated resource maps, and update provisions for threatened and endangered species, sensitive plants, and natural areas, as part of Periodic Review. The proposed amendments would also revise big game habitat rules, and historic cultural inventory as a Post Acknowledgement Plan Amendment. The amendments would not affect property within incorporated cities.

3. All interested persons may appear and be heard. A copy of the proposed amendments, all documents and evidence relied upon, and the staff report are available for

Bus transportation remains unsettled

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tracts with MetroWest and Scappoose Senior Center were unsigned because they were written for 90 days, but the state is providing funding for only 30 days.

County Counsel John Knight, after considerable time on the phone with state officials, said he felt comfortable in predicting that the problems would be worked out without further difficulty.

The contract calls for MetroWest to provide dial-a-ride service, six hours a day, in Vernonia, Clatskanie, Rainier and St. Helens, plus a fixed route from St. Helens to Portland on

inspection at no cost and copies will be provided at reasonable cost at least 7 days prior to the first hearing from Land Development Services Department, Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, Oregon 97051. For additional information concerning this matter, please call Todd Dugdale or Glen Higgins, at the Columbia County Land Development Services Department, at 503-397-1501.

Dates this 19th day of June, 2003.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
By: Joe Corsiglia, Chair

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weekdays. Scappoose Senior Citizens will provide transportation there, which they have been doing, anyway.

Knight said he was under the impression that MetroWest will be re-hiring Colco drivers.

With luck, not planning, seniors in Columbia County will be able to get to medical appointments again, starting next week. How, or whether, there will be bus service to St. Helens for anyone needing to see their case worker, hasn't been addressed.

The INDEPENDENT was unable to talk with MetroWest before press time.