

Obituary

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In 1947, she married Wilhelm “Bill” Ritz. They made their home in Vernonia. In 2003, she moved to Federal Way to be near her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Dianna; two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Deanna Ebsen of Steilacoom, Wash.; a sister, Erma Woodruff of Gardnerville, Nevada; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to a local Humane Society.

Fuiten, Rose and Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

NORMAN WILLARD ROSSBACK

Norman Willard Rossback, 89, Albany, died September 15, 2004. A graveside service was held at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Medford.

Mr. Rossback was born November 6, 1914, in Buxton, to Harry Alford and Clara M. Smith Rossback. After his mother died when he was an infant, he was raised by foster parents Abe and Suzy Yungen in Helvetia. He served in the U.S. Army.

In 1936, he married Joy Maxine “Joyce” Roath. They lived in Portland, then in the Forest Grove/Hillsboro area, then Coos Bay. He moved to Albany in the 1990s. He worked in the shipyards during World War II, then in various sawmills, then at Weyerhaeuser until he retired in 1979. He also worked with honey bees.

He was preceded in death by his wife; a brother, Herman; two sisters, Ruth Robb and Elaine Yungen. One son, Norman H. of McMinnville, died September 17.

Survivors include five sons, Allen of Jefferson, Marlin, John, Steve, and Randy, all of Coos Bay; seven daughters, Marilyn Gindhard and Maridee LeBrun, both of Eugene, Carolyn Kirk Barton of Albany, Maureen Hutcheson of Medford, Janice Arnot of North Bend, Judy Nickerson of Oregon City, ad Roxy Timothy of Coos Bay; 25 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Evergreen Hospice, c/o AASum Funeral Home, 805 Ellsworth St. SW, Albany, OR 97321.

AASum Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GINA M. THOMPSON

Gina M. Thompson, 41, Forest Grove, died September 24, 2004. A celebration of life was held September 28 at the Fuiten, Rose, and Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove. Private interment has been held.

Ms. Thompson was born October 18, 1962, in Phillipsburg, Montana, to Coquelle Gene and Lonnie L. (Ingram) Thompson. The family moved to Siletz in 1963, to Albany in 1964, and to Forest Grove in 1973 where she finished her education. She worked at a cannery, a convenience store and at Leopold & Stevens until 1987 when she became disabled in an accident.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Tina and Tamara.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Frank “Pops” Ornie of Drain; her foster-daughter, Brandy Sears of Portland; two brothers, Richard Moore of Hillsboro, and Jeff

Frale of Portland; four sisters, Susan Brill of Sandy, Sharon Bernal and Cindy Smejkal, both of Vernonia, and Jody Thompson of Astoria; her caregiver, Dana Anderson of Forest Grove; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter, 2650 SE TV Hwy, Hillsboro, OR 97123.

Fuiten, Rose and Hoyt Funeral Home of Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

LOUIS ROY “DUTCH” WINTERS, JR.

Louis Roy “Dutch” Winters, Jr., 74, died September 29, 2004. A Mass and recitation of the rosary were held October 4 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Beaverton.

Mr. Winters was born June 18, 1930, in Eugene. He moved to Banks as a child and graduated from Banks High School.

In 1951, he married Joene C. Paola. He was a truck driver for several companies, including Darigold.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Ann.

Survivors include a son, Mark A.; a daughter, Christine M. Lundy; a brother, Ronald C.; two sisters, Alta Thompson and Sadie Dardis; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Remembrances are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Donelson, Sewell and Mathews was in charge of arrangements.

FRANCIS LEROY “FRANK” WOLF

Francis Leroy “Frank” Wolf, 82, Vernonia, died September 30, 2004. Funeral services were held October 6 at the Fuiten, Rose and Hoyt Funeral Home, in Vernonia, with Pastor Grant Williams of the Vernonia Community Church, officiating. Interment was at Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Wolf was born July 29, 1922, in Marshall, Oklahoma, to Thomas Levi and Nellie Cleveland (Simpson) Wolf. He was raised in Marshall. In 1934, he moved to the Seaside/Warrenton area. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

In 1946, he married Norma E. Rohr. They made their home in Vernonia. He worked at Twin Spruce Cemetery in 1942, for the Army Corps of Engineers, as a welder in the Oregon shipyards, for the Oregon American Lumber Mill, as a logger, a longshoremen and on a dredge. He was working for Stimson Lumber Company when he retired in 1984.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Homer, Cecil, Jack, and Thomas L.; two sisters, Mary Lou Wolf and Ruth Sullivan.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Dianna Dickinson and Norma L. Wolf, both of Vernonia, and Sheelia Grady of Hillsboro; two sisters, Catherine Dailey of Quartzite, Ariz. and Nellie M. Anderson of Aloha; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the Hospice of Washington County, 427 SE Eighth Ave., Hillsboro, OR 97123, or to the American Heart Association, 1425 NE Irving St., Suite 100, Portland, OR 97232-4201.

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

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Where the “coalition” is 90 percent U.S. and 10 percent “others.”

And here at home, how secure are we who, as United States citizens, are harassed for speaking our truths, for exhibiting dissent to government policy or for protesting government injustice, inequity, hypocrisy and out and out lying? Why did it seem that massive police presence during nominating conventions was not so much for protection of a president as it was to harass dissenters and demonstrators?

If your administration has the power to provide for our “security,” why will you speak in public only when the audience is hand-picked and limited in size? John Kerry greets unlimited thousands out in the open, as he did in Portland this summer when over 50,000 cheering people crammed into the park along the Willamette riverbank, overflowing across bridges to greet a bright, articulate candidate. John Kerry did not cloister himself as did you, Mr. Bush, inside a highly guarded high school gymnasium with only 2500 pre-approved people.

As to the most important ingredient of real security in this country, are you able to tell us how the election will be secure when voting is done by computers? On September 22, the National Press Club watched demonstrations of methods for manipulating voting programs. There seems to be a hidden program for vote manipulation which resides on Diebold’s election software which is enabled by a two-digit trigger. The National Ballot Integrity Project Task Force also states they have been able to hack into both Diebold’s and Sequoia Voting Systems’ machines.

Mr. President, how secure are we when one-third of voters nationwide will use touchscreen computer voting machines this November? Did you think no one would notice?

We really do believe in “the land of the free and the home of the brave” President Bush! But your leadership has demoted us to the land of the spied upon, over-regulated, lied to and depressed, both economically and spiritually. I now live daily in the home of the brave, outraged and disgusted. I refuse to believe that patriotism means cow-

towing to arrogance, elitism and stupidity.

This woman rejects your kind of “security.”

Nancy D. Phillips
Vernonia

Thanks to everyone for Exhibition help

To the Editor:

This letter is to all the people who took the time to enter the Exhibition/Show that was held on Oct. 2.

Many, many thanks to all of you!!! The talent in the area surpassed my wildest dreams. What a great display of talent in so many areas. Without your support NONE of this would of happened. The support shown by the public that came to view the show on Saturday was greatly appreciated.

I would like to give a SPECIAL Thank You to Gail Snethen, Betty Holsey and Katie Laird. Your help was greatly appreciated and without it things would not have gone as smoothly as they did. Thanks also to the Judges for taking time out of their busy lives to judge the entries. Also, thanks to Kate Conley and the staff at City Hall, St. Mary’s Church (for the loan of the quilt rack) and the American Legion for the use of the hall.

This year’s event was a great success and I am already looking forward to next year. Thanks again everyone!

Janie Wasmann
Exhibition/Show
Chairperson

New Day open house winners are named

To the Editor:

We have felt a sense of Community Spirit and support since our first day here. I look forward to being able to serve the people of this community for many years to come.

Also, thank you to everyone that braved the weather Saturday, Sept. 18, to help make the Open House at New Day Massage & Bodyworks a success.

The winners of the free 1/2 hour sessions are Barb Larson, Tamara Sullivan, and Kelli Martinez.

The winners for the aromatherapy candles are Julie Prohaska, Cindy Thomas, Mark Forman, Julie Sinacola, Ken

Martin, and Sasha Holmes.

Wishing you all good health,
Heather Lewis, LMT
New Day Massage &
Bodyworks
Vernonia

PTA carnival great, but seeking raffle winner

To the Editor:

Vernonia Community PTA had a very successful school carnival on Saturday, September 25.

We were able to locate all of the raffle winners except one. Unfortunately, the phone number was incorrect. If your name is Kevin and your raffle ticket number is 977414, you are the winner! Please call Kinnell Steward at 429-8133 to claim your prize. You will need to have your 1/2 of the ticket for redemption.

Thanks again to all the people who donated items, cash and time to make our event worth while.

Kinnell Steward
Vernonia

WEATHER REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2004

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI	LO	PRECIP. AMT.
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7	75	42	--
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9	70	46	T
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15	64	47	.18
16	60	50	.12
17	62	46	.23
18	53	45	.75
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Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in September totalled 2.42 inches.