

Letters

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We appreciate those affiliated with the Plymouth Presbyterian Church, whose valiant efforts have kept the new shrubs they planted over the summer watered. Finally, the Oregon rains have come back to help them out. And we'd like to acknowledge Corey and Nora Cherrington, who worked beside Lance Dethloff and Lisa Dowdy as guest hosts at Scapponia Park over Labor Day weekend, ensuring that campers would have a safe and enjoyable stay. Many thanks goes to The Columbia County Horsemen's Assoc. members, who joined with Oregon Equestrian Trails members at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Camp Wilkerson, allowing horses back at the park. Along with a huge thanks to

those who stayed for the downed limb clean up: Terry Ball, Ron Ball, Teresa Coffey, Rory Hammond, Carole Smith, Berkely Smith, Lisa Witzel, Mike Witzel, and Rachel Kraske. We'd also like to applaud those who sent in donations targeted for the horse camp. So far we've received \$300.00 from the Columbia County Horseman Association for a picnic table; \$500.00 from Carole and Berkely Smith for a 1-horse stall; and a whopping \$3,000.00 from the Columbia County Sheriff's Posse for a complete 4-stall corral that includes a picnic table, fire-ring, and bedding. The County Parks department is holding another \$500.00 from Carole and Berkely Smith to act as matching funds to add for an-

other stall if someone else (or another group) will donate the other \$500.00. We also have pieces of the ceremonial ribbon for sale for a dollar each. Please contact the Parks' office at 503-397-2353 if you'd like to own a piece of the ceremonial ribbon as a tribute to horses returning to Camp Wilkerson. All proceeds will go toward the future growth of Camp Wilkerson Park.

Columbia County Parks and Recreation St. Helens



Marijuana plants found by Buxton

The Westside Interagency Narcotics Team (WIN), earlier this month, seized over 460 plants from a marijuana growing operation in the vicinity of NW Bacona Road, in the Buxton area.

All of the plants were mature, according to authorities, and had an estimated street value of over \$450,000. The grow operation, on property owned by commercial logging companies, was reported by a local hunter in early October.

An investigation is ongoing though, as of mid-October, no arrests had been made. WIN detectives are asking anyone who may have information about the illegal operation to contact any law enforcement authority.

Lost Lake open via Hwy 26 now, not Spruce Run

Public access to Lost Lake from Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground has been temporarily closed by the Oregon Department of Forestry. The campground is open.

Visitors to the southeast Clatsop County lake may still access it from Highway 26 at Quartz Creek Road.

Recent rains and road construction have made the road unsafe and the closure will remain in effect at least until Thanksgiving.

For more information about the road closure and re-opening, call Larry Sprouse at the ODF Astoria District office, 503-325-5451.

Obituary

JASON SAMUEL COLE

Jason Samuel Cole, 33, died October 13, 2005. A memorial service was held October 18 in the Bonita Community Church in Tigard.

Mr. Cole was born April 15, 1972, in Olympia. He moved to the Banks area as a child. He was a road construction worker in Washington County.

Survivors include his father, Carson; four brothers, James Cole, Kenny Gann, Ed Fendley, and Jesse Cole; and five sisters, Becky Herbert, Mary Gann, Sarah Makowski, Tammy Gann, and Debbie Heinzman.

Remembrances are suggested to the youth services program at the church.

Springer and Son was in charge of arrangements.

WAYNE F. "POPS" GOBEL

Wayne F. Gobel, 64, Roy, died September 29, 2005. A celebration of life was held October 4 at Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove. Interment was in St. Francis Cemetery.

Mr. Gobel was born June 20, 1941, in Crofton, Nebraska, to Sidney T. and Pauline A. Trump Gobel. At age 15, he moved with his family to Roy and attended Banks High School. He served in the Oregon National Guard.

In 1964, he married Linda L. Baughman. They made their home in Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Gales Creek and later divorced. He worked as a contractor and home builder and owned Gobel Construction for several years. He later raised hay and cattle on the Gobel family farm.

He was preceded in death by a son, Brian Wayne; and two brothers, Joseph and Dale P.

Survivors include three sons, Scott D. of North Plains, Todd M. of Gales Creek, and Kurt R. of Hillsboro; two daughters, Melinda K. Hay and Kristi J. Gobel, both of Hillsboro; his mother; four brothers, David and Steven R., both of Tillamook, Lyle L. and Mark L., both of Roy; a sister, Renee E. Gobel of Beaverton; nine grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, 380 SE Spokane St., No. 110, Portland, OR 97202.

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

AMOS KENDALL ILES

Amos Kendall Iles, 86, died October 9, 2005. A funeral was held October 18, in Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Portland.

Mr. Iles was born April 15, 1919, in Bunkey, Louisiana. He moved to Vernonia in the 1930s and graduated from Vernonia High School.

In 1978, he married Mattye Moseley. He was a Red Cap for Amtrak.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Connie Waters, and Doretha Ashley; one stepson, Lowell Jackson; one stepdaughter, Sharon Ingram; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Caldwell's Hennessey, Goetsch & McGee was in charge of arrangements.

HELEN ALICE NORDSTROM



Helen Alice Nordstrom, 89, formerly of Birkenfeld, died October 10, 2005. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held October 15 at St. Mary's Catholic

Church in Vernonia, followed by a funeral mass at the church and burial rites and vault interment at Fish Hawk Cemetery.

Mrs. Nordstrom was born June 28, 1916, in Vesper, to John and Kate A. (Van Atta) Larson. She was raised in Silverton.

In 1934, she married Francis O. Nordstrom. They made their home in Birkenfeld. She later moved to Ocean Park, Washington, to be near family and had moved to a care center in Longview this month. She was a homemaker.

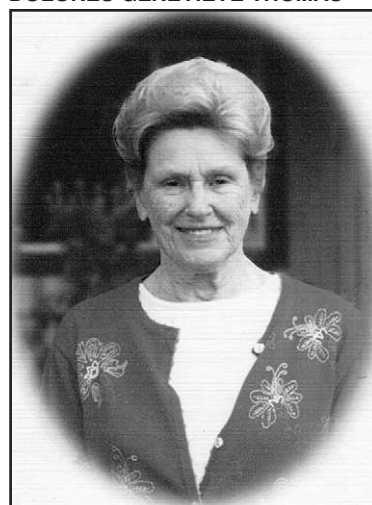
She was preceded in death by her husband; eleven brothers and sisters; and a granddaughter.

Survivors include her son, Ronald O. Nordstrom of Birkenfeld; two daughters, Mary Ann Manning of Ocean Park, Wash., and Linda Kate Larsen of Lacey, Wash.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the American Heart Association, Oregon Affiliate, Inc., 1200 NW Naito Parkway, #220, Portland OR 97209, or to the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Department, Main Station, Hwy 202, Mist OR 97016, or to a charity of choice.

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

DOLORES GENEVIEVE THOMAS



Dolores Genevieve Thomas, 77, Tigard, died October 11, 2005. A funeral was held October 15 at Young's Funeral Home in Tigard, followed by interment at Wilson Bridge Cemetery in Ridgefield, Washington.

Mrs. Thomas was born November 29, 1927, in Vernonia, to Albin and Bessie Bergstrom. She graduated from Vernonia High School in 1945, then

worked in the Oregon American Lumber Mill office in Vernonia.

In 1949, she married George Henderson. They made their home in several logging communities in Northern California, then moved to Redding, California in 1963. She worked as a secretary for California Dept. of Fish and Game. In 1975, she married Roy Thomas. They moved to Tigard in 1976.

Survivors include her husband; four daughters, Susan Minger and Marilyn Landers, both of Vernonia, Kathie Huster of Depoe Bay, and Judy Pieren of Hillsboro; one stepdaughter, Cheryl Mongeon of Rochester, Minnesota; three stepsons, Steve Thomas and Gene Thomas, both of Longview, Wash., and Mitch Thomas of Everett, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Loves and Fishers in Tigard.

Young's Funeral Home in Tigard was in charge of arrangements.

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