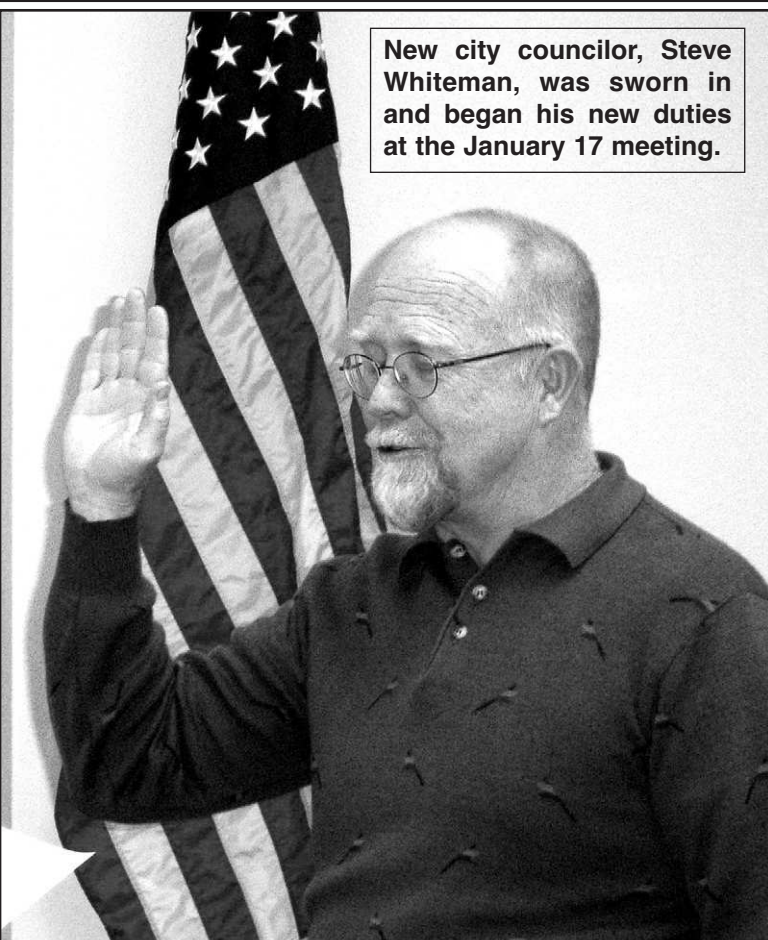




New city councilor, Steve Whiteman, was sworn in and began his new duties at the January 17 meeting.

Bid to build Learning Center approved

From page 1

tion and answer session for council candidates, Whiteman, whose professional background is as a teacher, high school principal and superintendent, said that his grandparents moved to Vernonia in the 60's, he taught here in 1984-1986 and that three of his children moved back here, as did he and his wife when he retired. They have been in Vernonia for 18 months now and he is on the Learning Center Committee.

Whiteman said his strengths in dealing with local government problems come from experience. "That as an administrator when dealing with emotional issues, I can look at both sides, be accessible, and the other side has an equal chance to tell me what they think. After 36 years of teaching, I've become a little more thoughtful of

the repercussions of any decisions," he said.

Regarding what he sees as the biggest problem facing Vernonia right now, Whiteman said, "The evolution of Vernonia. I remember standing in a strawberry field along Hwy 26 with a group of students and one of them saying, 'Oh, you're from Vernowhere.' We need to decide, 'who we are?'"

Previously, at the January 3 council meeting, city Administrator Robyn Bassett presented the bids received for the Learning Center. J. H. Kelly, the contractor who built city hall and the library, submitted the lowest bid, which was accepted at the January 19 meeting.

An amendment to the airport ordinance, prohibiting remote controlled or radio controlled airplanes at Vernonia airport was read for a second time and was unanimously approved.

The Building Department was the only bid received in the building permit assumption process. Building permits and inspections will be handled locally, beginning July 1. Columbia County now handles building permit processes in Vernonia.

During Topics from the Floor at the Jan. 19 meeting, Alan Marsh told council that he is a new property owner in Vernonia and has a 12-inch culvert on his property that is blocked or collapsed, leaving a 4-1/2 acre pond with a maximum depth of five feet. Marsh said he thinks the city or county needs to repair or replace the culvert. Mayor Harrison asked Marsh to meet with her, City Administrator Robyn Bassett, and Jeff Burch from Public Works to discuss possible solutions.

Mayor Harrison appointed

See page 23

Obituary

ISABELLE ARMSTRONG

Isabelle Armstrong, 95, Madras, died January 5, 2006. Graveside services were held January 11, in Fir Lawn Memorial Park in Hillsboro.

Mrs. Armstrong was born December 4, 1910, in Ellensburg, Washington, to John L. and Fannie Hall Green. She earned an associate degree from the Normal School in Ellensburg.

In 1934, she married Paul C. Armstrong. She worked as a clerk at Hillsboro Office Supply for more than 20 years before retiring. She moved to Madras in 1994.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Paul I.; three brothers, Jesse, Ray and James Green; and a sister, Elizabeth.

Survivors include four sons, Ray C. of Bonanza, John R. of Yakima, Wash., Harry I. of Madras, and William C. of Vernonia; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-

grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

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

ROY EARL KATELY

Roy Earl Kately, 64, Gales Creek, died January 3, 2006. Memorial services were held January 7, at the Gales Creek Church of God. Interment was in Gales Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Kately was born August 12, 1941, in Underwood, North Dakota, to Chauncy and Tillie Schacker Kately. He was raised in Cutback, N.D. He moved to Banks when he was 17 and worked at Daniel's Fir Farm.

In 1973, he married Agness Bigsby. They made their home in Forest Grove until moving to Gales Creek in 1988. He worked in concrete construction for Atlas Concrete and Westland Concrete and retired in 1993.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roy E. Jr.; two brothers, Tom and Wilbert; and two sisters, Doris Kately and Elsie Burnside.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Casey of Gales Creek; three brothers, Roger of Winston, Billie of Montana, and Don of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Annie

Peterkin of Molalla; two honorary brothers, Mike Yeoman and Harry Snider; one grandson; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the Gales Creek Church of God.

Westside Cremation and Burial was in charge of arrangements.

LEORA MAY LAYTON KEENON

Leora May Layton Keenon, 90, Sweet Home, died December 31, 2005. Funeral services were held January 5, at Workman and Steckly Funeral Chapel in Sweet Home.

Mrs. Keenon was born December 3, 1915, in Hillsboro, to Claude and Mabel Northrup Williams. She was raised on the family farm in Banks and graduated from Banks High School in 1934.

In 1936, she married Gordon B. Layton. They made their home in Sweet Home. He died in 1970. In 1974, she married Ed Keenon. She worked as a secretary at Sweet Home High School for 22 years. She moved to Hillsboro in 1988, to Lebanon in 1996 and later back to Sweet Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a brother, Bob Reilly; a sister Wanda Garrigus; and a grandson.

Survivors include two sons, Evan Layton of Cornelius and Leslie Layton of Salem; a daughter, Carol Hagle of Lebanon; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Wiley Creek Activity Fund, 5050 Mountain Fir, Sweet Home OR 97386.

Workman and Steckly Funeral Home of Sweet Home was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM HENRY MEIWES

William Henry Meiwes, 80, Springfield, died December 30, 2005. A funeral mass was held January 5 at St. Alice Catholic Church in Springfield. Entombment was in Mountain View Memorial Gardens in Forest Grove.

Mr. Meiwes was born May 29, 1925, in Hartington, Nebraska, to Henry and Mathilda Uhing Meiwes. At age 10, he

moved with his family to Vernonia.

In 1950, he married Elizabeth "Betty" VanDyke. They made their home in Vernonia, then in Oakridge, then moved to Springfield in 1956. He worked as a millwright at lumber companies, then worked at Umpqua River Navigation until he retired in 1987.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bernard "Ben" and Conrad "Ike."

Survivors include his wife; a son, Joel of Tigard; three daughters, Jane Offutt of Lacey, Washington, Judy South and Joyce Meiwes, both of Vancouver, Wash.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Mayo Foundation Lung Cancer Research Funding, 200 First St. SW, Rochester MN 55905.

Buell Funeral Chapel of Springfield was in charge of arrangements.

MARGIE LAREE WEBB

Margie Laree Webb, 60, Hillsboro, died December 30, 2005. Private services will be held later.

Mrs. Webb was born November 6, 1945, in Grants Pass, to Herman and Joy Turner Hobson. She graduated from high school in Oklahoma in 1965.

In 1966, she married Larry Webb. They lived in Utah and Oklahoma before moving to Oregon in 1974. They lived in Forest Grove, Cornelius, and Vernonia before moving to Hillsboro in 2005. She had work as a floral delivery driver in the mid-1990s, but was primarily a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Tom and Bill Hobson.

Survivors include her husband; two children, Danny Hobson of Corvallis and Dara Webb of Hillsboro; and three grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Westside Cremation and Burial was in charge of arrangements.

EDNA LEE WILCOXEN

Edna Lee Wilcoxen, 95, Jewell, died January 7, 2006. A private family service will be held at the Jewell Cemetery.

Mrs. Wilcoxen was born November 29, 1910, in Delena, to Grover Cleveland and Harriet Rosela (Lane) Curteman.

In 1929, she married Felix Debbs Wilcoxen.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sisters.

Survivors include three sons, Felix Darwin, Donald Jesse, and Dennis Grover; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Lower Columbia Hospice, 486 12th St., Seaside OR 97103.

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

BETTEEN A. WRIGHT

Betteen A. Wright, 91, Mist, died January 3, 2006. At her request, there will be no services. Private interment was at Mist Cemetery.

Mrs. Wright was born August 3, 1914, in Mist, to Lucius Plin and Bess (Upson) Mathews. She was raised in Vernonia and graduated from Vernonia High School.

In 1945, she married Alvin D. Wright. They made their home in Manzanita and Lafayette before moving to Mist in 1999. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

Survivors include her husband; a son, David A. of Mist; a sister, Virginia E. Mathews of Mist; one grandchild; three great-grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

Remembrances are suggested to the Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Department, 12525 Hwy 202, Birkenfeld OR 97016.

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

"A Trusted Name in Funeral Service"



Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt
Funeral Home

*Third Generation
Family Owned & Operated*

Jeffrey & Debra Rose-Hoyt
Tina Rose-Reynolds, Gregory Hoyt
Jane Schneider, Ross Mathews
Yvonne La Mont, Dan Raney
Attendant: Ray Pelster

2308 Pacific Av. Frst Grv....357-2161
741 Madison Av. Vern.....429-6611
E-mail: Fuitenrosehoyt@aol.com

Direct Cremation

\$475

Direct Burial

\$675

Plus Cemetery Costs

Tualatin Valley
Funeral Alternatives

~ There are Options ~

241 West Main St., Hillsboro
503-693-7965