

Vernonian competes in triathlons

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ily, says Isakson, "I thank God for my abilities, faith is the most important thing to me and my family."

Isakson and team will leave soon for the Florida Ironman Triathlon on November 4. He will compete against approximately 2,200 other triathletes. One of four won't finish; he hopes to be one of those who do finish.

The reason to finish at the triathlon in Florida, or one of 23 others around the world, is to qualify for the Ironman in Hawaii. The first triathlon was held in Hawaii in 1978 with 15 competitors, 12 of whom finished. It is the premier Ironman Triathlon, much like the Tour de France in bicycle racing. Statis-

tically, it usually takes five years of competition to qualify in one of the 24 events (like the one in Florida) and gain the opportunity to compete in Hawaii.

Isakson is still taking pledges, in any amount, for money to go to the orphans in Romania. He said "I'm always going to do triathlons, so helping someone as I do it is a side benefit that God has given me." Anyone who would like to pledge or who wants more information can contact Isakson at iaijo9@aol.com.

Look for Isakson on the roads around Vernonia, then start looking for him on your television when you see a triathlon event. And, when you see him, wave and give him a thumb's up from Vernonia.

EPA has new Region 10 Administrator

Elin D. Miller has been appointed as the new Region 10 Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She will be responsible for managing Agency programs in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska, beginning October 30.

Most recently, Miller served as president and CEO of Arysta Life Science North America & Australasia, an agricultural chemical company based in Tokyo. From 1996-2004, she held various high-level executive positions at Dow Chemical, overseeing the company's public affairs, global pest management and Asia Pacific operations.

Prior to joining Dow, Miller was director of the California Department of Conservation, where she was responsible for regulating oil and gas production, as well as the state's mining, recycling and agriculture land conservation initiatives. She also served as chief deputy director of the California Department of Pesticide Regulation at California (CAL)EPA.

Miller has a BS degree in Agronomy/Plant Protection from the University of Arizona. She also held the position of national vice-president of Future Farmers of America (FFA) and last year was elected 2008 National FFA Sponsor's Board chair.

"I look forward to this opportunity to lead EPA in its critical mission of protecting human health and the environment in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska," said Miller on her appointment. "This region offers a remarkable blend of diversity, beauty, and challenge deserving our highest ethic of stewardship and service. I firmly believe that the best solutions to difficult challenges are those developed locally and collaboratively, with all parties actively engaged in the process."

Miller will assume the position in which Ron Kreizenbeck, a 30-plus year veteran of the EPA, has been temporarily serving since July 10, 2006. Kreizenbeck will return to his role as deputy regional administrator.

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Council agrees to raise sewer rates

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loan in five years and then the fees would sunset (meaning they would be removed and the rates would go down by \$12.00 per month). He asked if council wanted him to work on formulating such a rate increase that could go into effect January 1, 2007. Council gave him the go-ahead.

The Bike Skills Park Committee did not get the Travel Oregon grant they sought and will be coming back to council with a new proposal for the

\$3,000 they previously requested from the city.

Kline told council that Jeff Burch has been doing lots of work while there was no city administrator or public works director (for about two and a half months) and that, "I feel we should pay him 75 percent of the difference between the director salary and the foreman salary, which would be \$900." Council agreed.

The next council meeting will be November 6, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

Trivia answers (from page 23)

1. Troutdale, at 62 percent (from 7,852 resident to 12,750).
2. A valid snow pass.
3. *Lot Whitcomb*, built in 1850 at Milwaukie.
4. *Honey in the Horn*.
5. 1908, in London.
6. Lava flows from ancient volcanoes.

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EMMA MARIE BUSH

Emma Marie Bush, 96, Forest Grove, died October 7, 2006. A celebration of life will be held October 28, at 11:00 a.m., at the Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home, in Forest Grove, with the Reverend C. Eugene Sabin, retired, officiating. Private interment will be at Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland.

Mrs. Bush was born August 29, 1910, in Portland, to Joseph E. and Ida May (Tapp) Lang. She was raised in

Portland.

In 1932, she married Floyd Arthur Bush. They made their home in Portland until moving to Vernonia in 1946, then moved to Forest Grove in 1968. Before marrying, she worked at First National Bank in Portland. In Vernonia, she and her husband owned and operated the Nehalem Dairy for several years. She later worked as a computer operator for PP&L for fifteen years before retiring in 1969.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and a brother, Michael Lang.

Survivors include three sons, Richard A. of Hillsboro, Jerrold J. of

Ridgefield, Washington, and Delbert D. of Forest Grove; a daughter, Martha M. Bush of Hillsboro; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Hospice of Washington County, 900 SE Oak St., #202, Hillsboro, OR 971213, or to the American Cancer Society, 0330 SW Curry St., Portland, OR 97201.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove is in charge of arrangements.

EMOGENE V. CHAPMAN

Emogene V. Chapman, 85, Gresham, died September 29, 2006. Graveside services were held October 4, at Willamette National Cemetery, in Portland, followed by interment.

Mrs. Chapman was born May 5, 1921, in Calhoun, Georgia, to Albert and Bessie Missouri (Wilson) Barton. She was raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and received an Associates Degree in Nursing from Lorain Community College.

In 1951, she married Wayne Chapman. They made their home in Ohio until moving to Gresham in 1986. She worked as a nursing home administrator. Prior to that, she worked as a real estate broker and was owner/operator of the Pike View Motel in Strongsville, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl Joy Chapman; and a brother, Robert Barton.

Survivors include her husband; and a daughter, Carol Ford of Banks.

Remembrances are suggested to the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Attention: Donation Coordinator, 1275 Lakeside Ave., East, Cleveland OH 44114-1132.

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

BRADLEY CHARLES FREESE

Bradley Charles Freese, 17, St. Helens, died October 4, 2006, at Portland Providence Child Center where he had lived for the past 14 years. A celebration of life has been held.

Mr. Freese was born July 25, 1989, in Portland, to Jeffrey and Patty (Hendricks) Freese. He was a junior at Cleveland High School in Portland.

Survivors include his parents of St. Helens; a brother, Jason of St. Helens; grandparents, Chuck and Charlene Luttrell of St. Helens, Verna Martell of Banks; and Jim and Nancy Bemis of Scappoose; two uncles; three aunts; and 18 cousins.

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