

## Letters

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Thanks also go out to Cedar Ridge and Creatures for use of their freezer storage as well. The Turkey Drive begins when turkeys go on sale at Thanksgiving, so it is critical to store them frozen until Christmas. THANK YOU everyone!

This has been the fourth annual Turkey Drive and has been a tremendous success! THANK YOU ALL AND TO ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**The Turkey Herders of Vernonia**

### Booster Club thanks

### bazaar participants

To the Editor:

We would like to thank all the vendors and shoppers who came out to support the Booster Club's annual Christmas Bazaar, as well as the following people for their help and support, without you this bazaar would not be possible: Barbara Rainbolt, Carol Senn, Cathy Ward, Theresa Gray, Penny Dean, Julie Ramsey, Angela Wolfe, Shannon Dotter, Barbara Ervin, Hudson Dotter, Haven Waters, Jeni Waters, Mark Brown, VMS Leadership

Class, VMS Boys BB Team, Jan Dyer, Aaron Miller, Bill Yeo, James Brookins, HS Wrestlers, Gienah Cheney, VMS/VHS Bands, Tim and Tammy Jennings, Herb and Shelly Huson, Clayton Smith, Storage Too.

Thanks again for all your hard work and help in supporting this worthy cause.

**Corrie Smith  
Vernonia**

### Truck Parade winners get sweet rewards

To the Editor:

I wish to thank all again, for

your participation in our Lighted Big Rig Parade. It was great! I want to thank my judges; Mary Tolenon from True Value, Rebecca McGaugh from *The Independent*, Cindy Ball and Alexis Posey, both friends of mine, who came out into the cold to pick our winners. I was glad it was their job and not mine, they all looked great.

Our grand prize winner was Weller & Sons with Matt Poetter driving. The company got a plaque with their name and year on it, to display for the year. The driver's prize was an apple pie. Whimsical was won by Robb Wilson who got an ap-

ple pie; Most Original – Ray Pelster who also got an apple pie; Judge's Favorite – Jazzer-cise, who can work off their apple pie all next week.

The Parade doubled in size from last year and I can see more growth again next year. Write this down as another fun time in Vernonia, the town where family is our number one commodity.

See you next year and Merry Christmas to all with a wonderful 2007 to come.

Ho Ho Ho,

**Carolyn Velasco  
Vernonia  
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## Obituary

### ARTHUR GUY BELLINGHAM

Arthur Guy "Art" Bellingham, 86, Birkenfeld, died December 15, 2006. A celebration of life service was held today at 11:00 a.m. at Haakinson-Groulx Mortuary Chapel in Clatskanie, with Pastors Eldon Shelter and Donald Wantland officiating.

Mr. Bellingham was born June 3, 1920, in Portland, to Guy Edward and Zelia (Halstead) Bellingham. The family moved to Jewell in 1927, then later moved to Birkenfeld. He graduated from Winema High School in Birkenfeld, then worked in the logging industry.

In 1941, he married Marie Julia Richardson. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. After his discharge in 1945, they made their home in Birkenfeld. He owned and operated the Birkenfeld Country Store for 18 years, and Bellingham Logging (first called Nordstrom & Bellingham) for 30-plus years.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Douglas of Jewell, and James of Horton; one sister, Stella Bellingham

Saturn of Vancouver, Washington; one brother, George of Vernonia; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to Birkenfeld Community Church, 11249 Hwy. 202, Birkenfeld OR 97016.

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

### DEVON KAY BROWN

Devon Kay Brown, 16, Banks, died December 7, 2006. A celebration of life was held December 18 in the Banks High School gymnasium.

Ms. Brown was born November 18, 1990, in Portland, to David Brown and Carrie Isabell Shaw. She attended Banks Elementary School until the family moved to Vernonia in 1997. They moved back to Banks, in 2000. She was a sophomore at Banks High School.

Survivors include her mother and step-father, Carrie and Michael Shaw of Banks; her father, David Brown of Manning; three brothers, Everett Brown of Camp Pendleton, California, Jeremy Brown and Steven Shaw, both of Banks; one sister, Michaela Shaw of Banks; five grandmothers; three grandfathers; aunts and uncles.

Remembrances are suggested to the Devon K. Brown Scholarship Fund, c/o Banks High School, 450 S. Main St. Banks OR 97106.

Duyck and VanDeHey Funeral Home of Forest Grove was in charge of

arrangements.

### BETTY SUE COTA

Betty Sue Cota, 63, Vernonia, died November 29, 2006. Private interment has been held.

Mrs. Cota was born August 12, 1943, in Astoria, to Willard G. and Olga T. (Miller) Clites. She was raised in Cornelius, and graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1961. She later attended Pacific University and Portland Community College.

In 1964, she married David R. Cota. They made their home in Cornelius. They divorced in 1970. She later moved to Beaverton, then to Vernonia in 1996. She worked as a computer programmer for several years.

Survivors include her son, David G. Cota of West Linn; her mother of Hillsboro; a sister, Patsy J. Werner of Cornelius; a niece and a grandniece.

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

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives in Hillsboro was in charge of arrangements.

### HILDER MARIE DAVIS

Hilder Marie Davis, 78, Vernonia, died December 8, 2006. Funeral services were held December 11 at the Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia with Pastor Grant Williams, of the Vernonia Community Church, officiating.

Mrs. Davis was born February 1, 1928, in Mission Creek, Minnesota, to John and Ellen (Nelson) Sundquist. When she was eight, she moved with her family to the Camp 8 area near Ver-

nonia. She graduated from Vernonia High School in 1946.

In 1947, she married Samuel Davis. They made their home in Vernonia. She worked for a short time at Tektronix, and provided day care in her home.

She was preceded in death by a brother, John G. Sundquist.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Gary Davis of Vernonia, Rick Davis of Mist, and Duane Davis of Silverton; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

### WILLIAM LEVI HIGLEY

William Levi Higley, 69, Aloha, died December 6, 2006. A memorial service was held December 16 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on SW 209th Avenue.

Mr. Higley was born December 11, 1936, in Cedar City, Utah. His family moved to California, then to Oregon when he was six. He graduated from Vernonia High School.

In 1956, he married Jacalyn Janeen Rogers. He worked for Tektronix for a short time, then started his own insurance agency.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Mikael Higley; a daughter, Kathleen Alexander; six brothers, Own Higley, Roy Higley, Leland Higley, Dennis Higley, Wesley Wright and Rick Wright; a sister, Muriel Gordon; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to Doernbecher Children's Hospital, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd., Portland OR 97201.

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

### MYRTLE BLANCHE MARR

Myrtle Blanche Marr, 93, Forest Grove, died December 4, 2006. Funeral services were December 9 at Forest Grove Memorial Chapel, followed by vault interment in Forest View Cemetery.

Mrs. Marr was born October 31, 1913, in Roberts, Idaho, to Clifford and Laura Lauder Sandy. When she was a young girl, she moved with her family to Banks by wagon train, via Canada. She graduated from Banks High School.

In 1933, she married Ernest E.

Marr. They made their home on the family farm in the Kansas City district until moving to Cornelius in 1968. She worked as a sales clerk at J.C. Penney in Forest Grove for 17 years and helped on the family farm.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Marvin Marr; a daughter, Darlene Kohanes; two brothers, Lamar Sandy and Ray Sandy; and two sisters, Mamie Thompson and Mary Wessels.

Survivors include a sister, Thelma Thompson of Forest Grove; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to a charity of choice.

Forest Grove Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

### RUTH MARIE THOMAS

Ruth Marie Thomas, 91, Hillsboro, died November 30, 2006. Graveside services were held at Willamette National Cemetery.

Mrs. Thomas was born October 10, 1915, in Wheatland, Wyoming, to Pearl T. and Matilda Louise Magnus Elder. She attended the University of Wyoming and earned a teaching credential at San Diego State College. She taught school in Wyoming and California.

In 1942, she married Robert E. Thomas. They moved to Banks in 1981. She worked in airplane manufacturing during World War II.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include two sons, Robert S. Thomas of Orangevale, Calif., and Dan Thomas of Hillsboro; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Fir Lawn Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Norman Hamnett wishes to thank all our friends for their support during his illness and for sharing our deep loss. He will be missed but will always remain in our hearts. Thanks to all who joined in our celebration of his life on the 30th. With love to all,

**Louise Hamnett  
Ray Hamnett and family  
Nancy MacKerrow and family**

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