

Letters

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I have seen water cover over six feet on Hwy. 47, this is a safety issue. Modifying these bridges may help take the water level down during the floods. It will make the public roads a lot safer and the property damage less severe.

Everyone recognizes why we need bridges, but they should meet current building requirements just like the foundation of every lifted up house is required to meet current building codes.

I am not the only one that holds this view, and can provide names of many citizens

that have resided in this valley for a long time.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Samuel Semerjian
Birkenfeld**

Honored to help finish project for student

To The Editor:

The family, friends, and mentor wanted to finish Taija's Sr. project. So when I was invited to speak on LNG (Liquid Natural Gas), I was honored to do so. LNG was an issue that Taija Belwood wanted people

to be aware of, so she choose LNG to be her Sr. project. Unfortunately Taija was killed in a car accident in late December of 07.

I met Taija at a county commissioners meeting, along with several of her classmates who were attending the meeting, being a requirement for their civics class. The students were well schooled in the procedures of the meeting and were interested in the meeting agenda. After the meeting concluded I spent some time with Taija and

her classmates talking about political issues relating to Columbia County and nearby counties, such as LNG in Clatsop County. I was delighted that there were young people interested in such a huge controversial issue such as LNG. Being an anti-LNG person myself, I was delighted in sharing some of my more colorful meetings and anti-LNG activities, Taija was interested in how to do research on records, so I gave her a whirlwind course in how and where to find certain

public records. Not knowing until I was invited to help finish Taija's Sr. project, that what I said about LNG impressed her so much that she wanted to learn more about LNG and wanted others to learn more as well.

I was going to write an article describing the meeting tonight but all I really need to say is, thank you for allowing me to help fulfill Taija's wishes, on her Sr. project, it was my pleasure.

**Tammy Maygra
Deer Island**

Did You Know . . .

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accompanied by parent, guardian or other person 21 years or older who is authorized by parent or by law to have custody of the minor, between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day (Sunday through Thursday) and 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day (Friday and Saturday). This does not include a child traveling to or

from work, school, or religious function, an emergency, or going to or from legally established place of recreation with consent of the above mentioned adults. The ordinance also addresses officer and parental duties. Offending juvenile to be taken into custody and referred to the juvenile department, as well as parents who knowingly allow children to

violate this ordinance, can be fined from \$100 to \$1000. As for park usage, I would remind everyone that if you are going to use Vernonia Lake and are a citizen paying the park surcharge, make sure to come to City Hall and get a parking sticker. Otherwise, even residents are subject to the \$4.00 parking fee.

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Obituary

MARJORIE JEAN CHANEY

Marjorie Jean Chaney, 86, Fredericksburg, Virginia, died June 2, 2008. No services will be held.

Ms. Chaney was born May 28, 1922.

Survivors include a son, Hal Taylor of Fredericksburg, Virg.; two daughters, Trish Jean Taylor of Fredericksburg, Virg., and Mary Katherine Taylor of Enid, Oklahoma; a brother, Guy Merlin

Mullen of Vernonia; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; nieces and nephews.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Fredericksburg, Virg. was in charge of arrangements.

LESTER M. DEHART

Lester M. DeHart, 77, Willamina, died April 25, 2008. A memorial service was held May 10 at Willamina High School. Interment has taken place.

Mr. DeHart was born March 18, 1931, in Vernonia, to Artemus Leon and Maggie May (Cooley) DeHart. He graduated from Vernonia High School in 1949, earned a bachelor's degree from Western Oregon University and a master's degree at the University of Oregon.

In 1952, he married Drusilla Hughson. He taught elementary school in

Bay City and served as principal. He moved to Sheridan in 1962 and was principal at Chapman Elementary until 1987. He spent a year as interim superintendent and high school principal before retiring.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Thurman, Leon, Mitchell and Alvin; and three sisters, Otha Ekergren, Dorothy O'Neal and Alice DeHart.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Larry of Eugene and Kevin of Prineville; three daughters, Carrie Zimbrick of Willamina, Melinda DeHart of Redmond and Leanne Reed of Sandy; a brother, John of Portland; two sisters, Tempie Nance of Vernonia and Betty Meier of Tacoma, Washington; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to a local school district education foundation, c/o Macy & Son Funeral Directors, 135 NE Evans St., McMinnville, OR 97128.

Macy & Son Funeral Directors was

in charge of arrangements.

MONTE KELLEY

Monte Kelley, 62, Vernonia, died June 6, 2008. No other information was available at the time of this printing.

DINA ANN KILTON

Dina Ann Kilton, 59, Banks, died June 2, 2008. A gathering was held at a friends home on June 7.

Ms. Kilton was born August 16, 1948, in Greece. Her maiden name was Kyrmes. She immigrated to Salt Lake City when she was seven. She was a homemaker, living in Seattle before moving to Banks in 2000.

She was preceded in death by a son, Nick.

Survivors include two daughters, Anita and Tina; and three grandchildren.

Springer and Son was in charge of arrangements.

MARY E. RANDOLPH

Mary E. Randolph, 52, Vernonia, died June 5, 2008. A memorial service was held June 9 in Mt. Scott Funeral Home in Portland.

Mrs. Randolph was born October 7, 1955, in Eugene. Her maiden name was Easlon. She moved to Portland as a child and graduated from Marshall High School. She served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a son, Nathan Goecks.

Survivors include her companion, Joe Tipton; a son, Jonathan Randolph; two daughters, Chandra Stentz and Marella Goecks; her parents, Floyd Easlon and Phyllis Larsen; a brother, Tom Easlon; three sisters, Cynthia Yacks, Trudy Easlon and Jessica

Larsen; her companion's son, Joe Tipton, Jr.; and nine grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Oregon Food Bank.

Mt. Scott Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DONOVAN EARL REYNOLDS

Donovan Earl Reynolds, 80, Hillsboro, died June 3, 2008. A private family gathering will be held later.

Mr. Reynolds was born February 20, 1928, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, to Albert E. and Florence (Reynolds) Reynolds. They moved to Vernonia when Donovan was two months old. He graduated from Vernonia High School in 1948.

In 1948, he married Edna A. Snyder. They made their home in Vernonia. He worked in the woods, as a millwright for Owens Corning from 1955 to 1981, then worked on a Vernonia Christmas tree farm for 22 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 2007.

Survivors include one son, Glen of Vernonia; five daughters, Nancy Hoy of Aloha, Patty Thompson of Beaverton, Roberta Davis of Scappoose, Cathie Swanz of La Junta, Colorado, and Lorre Bassett of Monterey, California; two brothers, Kenneth of Hillsboro and Forrest of Reedsport; two sisters, Thelma Weaver of Seaside and Georgia McNaughton of Myrtle Creek; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation, MS 20, P.O. Box 4100, Portland OR 97208.

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