

## Letters

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### Our behaviors affect community response

To the Editor:

A huge 'Thank You' goes to Nancy and Henk From Oregon Realty in Vernonia. They found us a beautiful home. They both tried to find us a home in Vernonia, but it didn't work out. So they found us one in St. Helens.

Our family is all together plus we have room for our ex-

tended family and visitors. Our family feels whole once again. We wish to send a thank you to all of those in Vernonia who made us feel welcome and helped us survive while we worked things out as our family made the transition from working for 27 plus years to making the choice to retire and spend time with our three teens.

My other reason for writing is due to the article which was written about those not so happy with the way things are go-

ing in Vernonia. I have thought about a response for over a week. Our family had ups and downs with the school and city hall but we choose to deal with those issues differently. Those ups and downs affected our teens more than us. When the first house we chose didn't work out, we listened to our teens' opinion. Cost of living did play a part in their opinion. What weighed more in their minds was the open and accepted use and open discus-

sion of drugs and alcohol by some teens within the community, (parks, school and homes). Also, the disrespect some teens showed to teachers, staff and folks in the community. My youngest would rather be with upper classmen who are at school to learn than with some students her own age due to their immature behavior. Not all students around her fell into this category. One needs to understand that my teens have been to a public

charter which set high standards for one's behavior/character and achievement on and off campus. It was an honor to attend and one behavior was to be conducted honorably. What standards we teach, accept or allow will set the stage for an outcome.

Vernonia is a wonderful town - "The Friendship Town". We enjoyed and loved the friendship, kindness, willingness to lend a hand, to protect

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## Obituary

### CATHERINE E. ATKINSON

Catherine Elizabeth Atkinson, 86, Forest Grove, died June 17, 2012. Funeral services were held June 22 in Arcade Cemetery.

Mrs. Atkinson was born February 15, 1926, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, to Edd Thomas Tanksley and Pansy Wyatt Tanksley Bane.

In 1940, she married Charlie Grover Atkinson. They moved to Forest Grove in 1988. She was a homemaker and textile worker in her early years.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include two sons, Chuck Atkinson of Vernonia, and Wesley Atkinson of Forest Grove; three grandsons; and eight great-grandchildren.

### CHARLES L. MARTIN



Charles L. Martin, 81, Banks, died June 16, 2012. Funeral services were held June 21 at the Banks Community United Methodist Church. Burial was at Banks Union Point Cemetery.

Mr. Martin was born September 9, 1930, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Charles Ervin and Jessie (Brown) Martin. He started picking crops at a very young age, beside his family as they followed the seasonal harvests into California.

In 1948, he married Lois Simmons. They followed the harvests in Calif., Arizona and Oregon. They moved to Banks in 1967. He had the knack of fixing things, so he worked as a

welder, septic tank servicer and in many other areas. In Banks, he owned and operated his own scrap metal recycling business for over 45 years.

He enjoyed old country music, western movies, playing pool and dancing.

He was preceded in death by three siblings, Hubert W. Martin, Bobby Joy Martin, and Lorraine Gasiorowski.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Charles Martin of Cornelius; three daughters, Diann Vandecoevering, DeLinda Huggins, both of Banks, and Darlene Capone of Hawthorne, Calif.; two sisters, Patsy Wallis, and Peggy Hernard, both of Texas; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with a fourth on the way.

Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### MARCUS JOSEPH PEREZ



Marcus Joseph Perez, 19, Portland, died June 15, 2012. A

celebration of life service was held June 22 at City Bible Church in Tigard, followed by interment at Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Perez was born March 30, 1993, in Portland, to Joe Thomas Perez, Jr. and Reeann Marie Gray. He was raised in Clackamas and Damascus. He attended Renewable Air Institute in Vancouver, Washington.

He enjoyed playing basketball, swimming, listening to rap music, and was involved in theater while in middle school.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother of Happy Valley; a brother, Justin Perez of Happy Valley; a sister, Alisha Tolboe of Astoria; two grandmothers; one grandfather; one great-grandmother; aunts; uncles; and cousins.

Remembrances are suggested to the Marcus J. Perez Memorial Fund at Wells Fargo Bank.

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives was in charge of arrangements.

### BEULAH L. PETERSON

Beulah Louise Peterson, 89, Buxton, died June 18, 2012. A service was held at Buxton Cemetery on June 20.

Mrs. Peterson was born September 29, 1922, in Kansas City, Kansas, to Orval and Louise (Wickle) Buxton. She was raised in Burlington, Iowa, graduating from Burlington



**Beulah L. Peterson**

High School in 1940.

In 1940, she married Charles Norman "Norm" Peterson. They made their home in Seattle, Washington, Whidby Island, Wash., Tillamook and Cascade Locks, before moving to Buxton in 1949. She was a homemaker.

She enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1996.

Survivors include three sons, Charles Peterson of Banks; Dan Peterson of Forest Grove, and Donald Peterson of Buxton; two brothers, Millard Buxton of Forest Grove, and Carlyle Buxton of Carlton; one sister, Eula Graber of Lincoln City; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

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

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Leland Seibert would like to thank the community, Metro West/Volunteer Ambulance, churches and friends for all the support given the last 14 months of his life, including flowers, cards, and prayers.

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