

**OBITUARIES**

~ In Memoriam ~



**Ron Turpen**

**Applegater Advertising Representative**

For around nine years, Ron helped support the *Applegater* newsmagazine as its advertising representative for Jackson County. He always made his quota and always met his deadlines. He always had suggestions for improvement, too, such as increasing commissions or special offers or new forms or .... His ideas were always appreciated.

Originally from southern California, Ron attended Santa Monica College. He spent a good deal of his career in sales—for the former *Medford Mail Tribune* and as an account executive at Southern Oregon Media Group.

Ron was a long-time resident of Jacksonville and, according to Ron, was known around town as the “Mayor of Jacksonville.”

After an accident in his home, Ron died in May 2024.

We will miss him.

**We have a treasurer!**

The *Applegater* Board of Directors is delighted to welcome Jennifer Theone as its treasurer. She brings a breadth of experience and an enthusiasm for learning that have already enlivened the board. Originally from Austin, Texas, Jenn spent two years traveling in Central and South America before moving to Portland, where she lived for five years, working in social services for homeless people and foster youth. She moved to the *Applegater* in 2021, as part of the Rogue Farm Corps, collaborating with Cacia Huff at Feral Farm. Currently a student at Southern Oregon University for a master’s degree in business administration, Jenn hopes that that education will help her “uplift small businesses throughout the valley.” She thinks that being treasurer of the *Applegater* will be part of that education. Besides, she says, she loves this community and looks forward to serving it through the *Applegater*.

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**— Employment opportunity —**

**Part-time Editor in Chief  
Applegater Newsmagazine**

Applegate Valley Community Newspaper, Inc., seeks an experienced editor in chief to manage content and print production of its quarterly 24-page newsmagazine, the *Applegater*. The editor in chief is an independent contractor; benefits are not included. The editor is required by corporate bylaws to sit on the board of directors as a volunteer and attend monthly board meetings in the Applegate Valley.

See more information, including responsibilities and requirements, on page 19.

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**Walter Lindley  
July 17, 1947 - February 24, 2024**

Walter Lindley, a 50-year resident of Williams, Oregon, departed this life with grace and peacefulness on February 24, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Los Angeles, California, Walter spent much of his childhood riding his bicycle around the city and swimming and surfing with his older brother, Haynes. At an early age Walter recognized his love of nature, and as a young man he realized he was not a city boy.



taking care of his forest home and spending time with his beloved family.

In the 1980s and 1990s Walter and Conny created and ran two successful wholesale businesses from their home: Rock Creek Nut Company and Handloomed

Textiles of Nepal. Walter enjoyed the challenges of running businesses and learning new things.

Walter lived his life in a thoughtful way, with great kindness and compassion, generosity, and integrity. He sincerely cared about people and was supportive and encouraging, interested and attentive. He was a great advisor and researcher and everyone’s favorite consultant.

As a highly creative person, Walter was filled with ideas and inventions. He could build anything. He could fix anything. He had the mind of an engineer, the heart of a romantic, the eye of an artist, and the heart and soul of loving kindness.

Walter was passionate about music. Playing and studying music on his double bass brought him immense pleasure and satisfaction. He and Conny were musical partners and played in numerous bands around southern Oregon for decades.

Walter lived with a spirit of joyful enthusiasm and gratitude. He often said he felt like a really lucky guy.

Walter is survived by Conny Lindley, his loving wife and life partner of 57 years; his daughter, Taya Lindley (Marc Javurek); his son, Aubrey Lindley (Jesse Manis); and his grandchildren, Jalen and Phina Javurek.

Walter was a beautiful and fine human being who enriched the lives of all who knew him. He is missed enormously. May we keep his memory alive by being a little bit kinder, funnier, and more grateful for the blessings in our lives.

**Elaine Gipson  
1938 - 2024**

Elaine Gipson, 85 years old, passed away peacefully in her home in Applegate on July 17, 2024. Born in Pennsylvania, she was the first of four children of parents Harold and Pearl Brobeck.

in various places in Southern California before moving to Oregon in the early 1970s. They transformed an overgrown side of a mountain into a nice home. There she lived with her son Mark until her passing.

As a child, she lived in the country with her family where she enjoyed picking wild strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries and helping her mother weed their large garden. She also enjoyed “jelly bread” when her grandmother, who lived next door, baked bread.

Elaine had many interests, including indoor plants, gardening, and canning fruits and vegetables for winter. She loved to cook, especially for company. Blackberry picking was a fun day, after which she would make jam and delicious syrup for pancakes. She also worked as a waitress and hostess for several area restaurants.

When Elaine’s carpenter father was off work, almost all summer evenings were spent at a favorite swimming hole a mile away. While the children played in the water under the watchful eye of their stay-at-home mother, their father fished farther downstream.

She is survived by sons Mark and Paul Gipson; sisters Sandra Grinnell of Bishop, California, and Beverly Frye of Meridian, Idaho; nieces Christine Findley, Diane Webster, Lisa Frye, and Carrie Sprague; nephew, Steve Frye; and various cousins.

Most of their relatives lived nearby and were a close-knit family. They visited often and had reunions with other relatives who lived farther away.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Gipson; her parents; brother, Dennis Brobeck; brothers-in-law Frank Frye and Alvin Grinnell; and niece, Darlene Mardilla.

Elaine graduated from high school in 1956. Shortly afterward her family moved to Ohio, where she met her first husband and moved to California. Howard Gipson, her second husband and father of her two children, Mark and Paul, was the love of her life. They lived

Services were held July 19, 2024, at Missouri Flat Cemetery in Applegate. Elaine will be missed by family and many friends.