

James Michael Rogers Sr.

Hermiston

March 24, 1926-July 5, 2013

James Michael Rogers Sr. was born March 24, 1926, at Pendleton, Oregon, to parents Glen Edward and Ann (Kopp) Rogers. He died with his son at his side on Friday, July 5, 2013, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 87.

He was raised in Pendleton and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1944. He farmed in both Pendleton and Hermiston. On December 26, 1970, he married Grace Lorraine Thurston in Pasco, Washington. He also owned and operated the Cozy Corner Tavern in Hermiston for 10 years, worked at Marlette Homes and was a real estate agent. Jim was a member of the Catholic Church and was a member of the Elks Lodges in Pendleton (past exalted ruler) and in Hermiston. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fish-

ing.

He is survived by son William "Bill" Rogers of Portland, Ore.; daughter Cheryl Ann Grafton of Tacoma, Wash.; 1 grandson, and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by wife Grace in 2010; son James M. Rogers Jr.; and three brothers, Francis, Ralph and Bill Rogers.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, July

11, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Private burial of cremains will be at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Oregon Affiliate Inc., 1200 N.W. Naito Parkway, Suite 220, Portland, OR 97209.

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Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.



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• **Lawmakers voted to let public uni- versities break free from the statewide higher education system, acceding to requests that came first from University of Oregon and Port- land State University.**

• **Lawmakers again failed to pass leg- islation requiring people with prepaid cellphones to pay the state tax as other phone users to support the state's 9-1-1 emergency services. They did, however, vote to extend until 2022 the monthly phone tax. It was set to expire next year.**

• **The Legislature backed a bill allow- ing rural, timber-dependent counties to use measures other than voter-ap- proved property taxes to raise money for public safety.**

working with the program's task force to precisely determine seasonal flows and protect native fisheries.

"We want to make sure the language tied to those flows meets the needs of native fish species," Quaempts said. "The combination of the legislation and task force can achieve that, if we do it responsibly."

J.R. Cook, director of the newly formed Northeast Oregon Water Association, said the bill is a more useful, methodical approach to developing water supply projects, as well as legislation related to handling water.

The bill does not address all needs in the Umatilla Basin, Cook said, but is a step- ping stone and broad-based approach to a more competent water management.