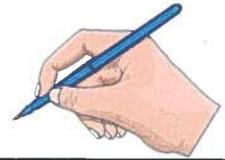


# "Keeping In Touch"



Quarterly Newsletter by/for Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game  
Retirees/Families and Interested Former Employees

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## Dates to Remember

**Retiree Luncheon Schedule**  
**Golden Corral**  
**on Emerald in Boise**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**2010**  
**May 13, July 8,**  
**September 9**  
**November 11**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

## For Your Information

For those of you who access the newsletter on the IDFG website, you may have noticed that the *NeSmith and Kindel* columns have been removed in order to conserve space; however, if space allows, we will include a column periodically in our newsletter. (We try to keep the newsletter to around six pages {three pages back to back} for cost and website space purposes.)

**Also, a reminder to new retirees:** Please return your completed postage-paid postcard as soon as possible (even if you do not want to receive the newsletter/notices). And if you change your e-mail or mailing address, please notify us. It is the only way we can keep up with you!



## Senate Confirms McDermott After Debate February 4, 2010

The Idaho Senate voted 24-10 to confirm Fish & Game Commissioner Tony McDermott, who represents the North Idaho Panhandle, for another term, but only after an extended debate in which Sen. Jeff Siddoway, R-Terreton, tried to frame the vote as a referendum on wolves. Siddoway criticized the Fish & Game Commission for setting a harvest target of 220 wolves in the current wolf hunting season, rather than a figure double that number.

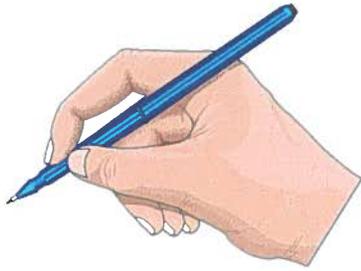
"We have an opportunity here to send the whole Department of Fish & Game a real message," Siddoway said. "This is not about personality, this is about responsibility. My objection has nothing to do with me being a rancher. It has everything to do with the responsibility a Fish & Game commissioner has for the benefit of the hunters and fishermen of this state."

Siddoway said he's not swayed by any argument that a lower wolf kill will appease a federal judge in a pending court case over wolf management, as Idaho's in court over the issue anyway. "That's how these groups make their money, that's how they keep this federal thumb on the state of Idaho," Siddoway declared to the Senate.

Sen. Joyce Broadsword, R-Sagle, said McDermott "has worked tirelessly to support the sportsmen in Idaho," and said,

"He answers the phone no matter what time of day or night I or my constituents call to ask him a question. He is a good man and he deserves our support." Sen. Shawn Keough, R-Sandpoint, who sponsored the confirmation in the Senate, said, "I think those who know me well can count me pretty solidly in the senator's camp in terms of the wolf being here in the first place. But they're here now, and we have to deal with them." Keough noted that only 146 wolves have been shot even with the 220 limit, and said that's the number that would have been killed even if the commission had set the limit at 500, because of the "nature of the critter." Sen. John Goedde, R-Coeur d'Alene, noted that when the Fish & Game Commission saw that it wasn't going to hit its wolf harvest targets, it extended the wolf-hunting season. Sen. Monty Pearce, R-New Plymouth, said, "We have got to send a message that we've had enough, and this is one place we can do it."

McDermott, a semi-retired real estate broker, Vietnam veteran with 28 years in the military, and former professor of military science at the University of Montana, lives in Sagle. He's a life member of the NRA and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and has served on the commission for four years; he now has been confirmed to serve another four-year term.



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## Retiree Committee Leader Passes

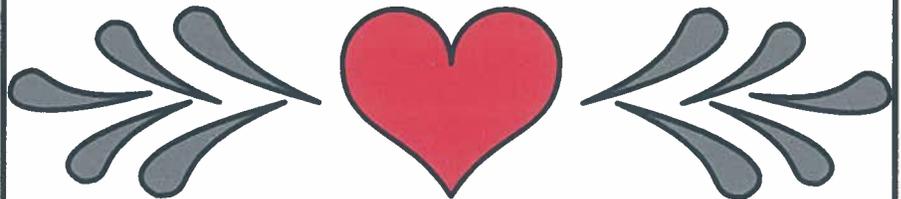


We are sad to report that **Ralph Pehrson** passed away at the Idaho Veteran's Community Living Center (Hospice) on April 6, 2010, of prostate cancer.

Before his passing, he was in the best of spirits and was so grateful for the care he was getting. He received many, many phone calls and visitors before his passing and was truly thankful to be able to visit with each and every one of you. He had the opportunity to remember lots of good times.

We will miss Ralph very much, as well as his cooking and organizing skills. (See obit on page 7, *In Memoriam*)

If you wish to send a card or contact Edie Pehrson, her home address is 3220 Kipling Road, Boise, ID 83706; phone: 343-3945.



### *In Appreciation from The Ralph Pehrson Family*

The Ralph Pehrson family wishes to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy. We appreciated the food, cards, letters, flowers, visits and hugs.

*Edie  
Karyn Frederickson  
Alan Pehrson  
Leanne Spencer  
Kendra Simpson*

*Love, Edie*

## Senior Hunting Needs & 2010 Proposal

The Ada County Fish and Game League has been working with the IDFG for the last four years in trying to initiate a Senior Hunt program as is currently allowed for Youth Hunters. Our efforts have fallen, for the most part, on deaf ears.

Most seniors are unable to compete with younger hunters due to age-related issues which, in turn, have forced many seniors to abandon their big game hunting experience. This results in an annual loss of revenue for the IDFG, which at present, is a major funding issue with the agency. If the Commission can find and justify special hunting opportunities for our "Youth," they can surely set aside a controlled hunt for our respected mentors. Many of whom, have paid into the system for a lifetime.

"Youth Hunts," in theory, were a pilot program to recruit new license buyers into the system fifteen years ago. Small parcels of land were set aside on WMA's and Game Management Units to accommodate "Youth Hunting" only for a few days.

Today, "Youth Hunting," in practice, has grown beyond its original intent and has reduced many opportunities for the "Seniors" as well as the general license buyers. One only has to read the current regulations to discover that "Youth Hunters" have many special opening hunts and extended seasons for big game. They also have early hunts for waterfowl, upland game and turkeys. Opening day hunts no longer exist for most hunters today, unless you qualify as a "Youth." This, in

particular, puts the "Seniors" at a significant disadvantage.

Now that the aging process has slowed most of our physical attributes, our mind and spirits are as strong as ever. Yet we have to stand on the side lines while "Youth Hunters" have their own opening days and hunts which are unavailable to everyone else.

A good example is our pheasant season. Not only do "Youths" hunt before the general season, but they are provided pen-raised birds free, which are paid for by the rest of us.

We have asked for data showing how the "Youth" program has contributed to license sales and increased revenue but the IDFG cannot show results because none exists. Yet, they (IDFG) continue to expand the "Youth Hunting Only" program and at the same time, complain of reduced license sales.

The following are the recommendations by the Ada County Fish and Game League: The League consists of mainly retired folks, many of which are IDFG retirees familiar with the history and management of Idaho's hunting regulations and with the interest of sportsmen and good wildlife management alike.

### Ada County Fish and Game League Recommendations for Region 3 Senior Antlerless 2010 Controlled Deer Hunts

**Hunt —\*— Units 40, 41  
Oct. 10-Nov. 24  
Antlerless Only  
150 permits — Senior Only**

**Hunt 1075  
Unit 44-2\*\*  
Nov.15-Nov.30  
Antlerless Only  
150 permits — Senior Only**

**\* New Controlled Hunt  
\*\* All of Units 44, 45 and 52**

### Proposal Justification

#### Owyhee County Units 40 & 41

These units currently offer a "Youth Only" deer hunt in a portion of the northern part of Owyhee County for unlimited tags for antlerless deer. These hunts are not available to other hunters, yet the northern sections still have a deer population creating depredation complaints from many land owners. Last summer, deer kill permits had to be issued to try and alleviate the numerous complaints.

#### Modification of Youth Hunt #1075

Hunt 1075 is currently a controlled antlerless deer "Youth Hunt" in Units 44, 45 and 52 with 400 permits. During the 2009 hunting season, this Youth hunt had less than half the number of applicants needed to fill the allowable permits. This controlled hunt could easily accommodate 150 "Senior" antlerless deer tags and still leave the "Youth Hunters" with significant uncommitted controlled hunt tags left over. Allowing "Senior Hunters" to apply for this hunt will help generate additional revenue for the IDFG and provide "Seniors" a desirable hunting opportunity.

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## **My Goal of Winning a Golden Trifecta Went Down the Drain**

**By Bill Platts**

I scratched from the 100 and 200 meter dashes at the Idaho Games to allow the thigh muscle, torn badly at the National Track and Field Championships at Stanford University, to mend, thus, saving it for the World Games in October. I did win 5 Gold medals in the Idaho Games in less strenuous events, mainly field events. The Idaho Games are always a great event, just because so many good athletes show up. I now had a month to mend, before the World Games, which is what is needed for a young athlete, but its pushing it for a senior "near dead."

Instead of using the "Australian Method" this time to mend the muscle tear that I used to get ready for the Nationals, I chose my own method, which is forgetting about working out on the track and climbing mountains daily for blue grouse. This method does work well, but you have to eat a lot of blue grouse daily.

By the time the World Games came around a month later, my leg appeared to have healed. I even maxed the muscle on a few occasions to make sure it was ready, as I had to make a hard decision — go to the World

Games and miss the opening days of my elk hunt or go elk hunting and miss the World Games.

I maxed the muscle on several wind sprints, a week prior to the World Games, because if I could hurt it again I could go elk hunting. I seldom make the right decision.

At the Huntsman World Games I entered the long jump, javelin, discus, 50 meter dash and 100 meter dash. Winning Gold in these events would give me the run, throw, and jump required to win a Golden Trifecta. I do not know of anyone winning a Trifecta at the World or National level.

The first day I showed up at the track and checked into the meet at the long jump pit, 5 to 10 minutes late. The difference in time changes confused me, because I hardly know what time it is where I live. I thought I was way early. Because about 15,000 athletes show up for the World Games, they are very strict. I was immediately disqualified and my hopes of a "Trifecta" went down the dark black hole before my meet even started.

There was no chance now to win Gold in a jump and I could have easily beat the senior athlete that did win the Gold. My leg held up remarkably well as the meet progressed and I did go on to win Golds in the javelin, 100 meter dash, 50 meter dash, and even the discus, beating out a bunch of men big as barns.

It was interesting at the Medal ceremonies as they have a stair step system for awarding the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals. The Gold step is the highest. Even though I was on the Gold step, the athletes who won Silver and Bronze in the Discus, stood a foot above me and in the photos that were printed later it looked like I was the one who took last place. This was kind of embarrassing.

This ended my 2009 track and field season without any chance of meeting my goal, and, because I lost the opening day advantage on my elk hunt I did not even see an elk, let alone get an elk. I hope there is always next year.

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### **Thank You!**

I guess a lot of you really want to see the Newsletter continue because some of you never fail to donate to the cause. Again, thanks to **Jack and Joan Trueblood, Walt Browne and Ray Greene** for their generous donations. It is very much appreciated and helps a lot during these hard economic times.

### **Correction:**

Just wanted to apologize to **Gary and Michele Will** for giving them a new name in the last newsletter. (*Hey, I "ain't" perfect!*) Anyway, their new website is: [www.somethingwild.net](http://www.somethingwild.net) and you can order their antler accessories from this website.



## Retiree Updates

### New Retirees

Welcome to the following new retirees to be: **Gayle Valentine**, IDFG Funding Coordinator and Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation Executive Director, is retiring June 26 after 11 years with IDFG. Her last day of work will be April 30. **Doug Fisher**, Sr. Financial Specialist for the Administration Bureau will retire May 19 after 8 years of service. And **Bill Hutchinson**, Executive Assistant, will retire June 25 after 36 years with IDFG; and **Jim Moore**, Recreation Site Maintenance Foreman (Upper Snake Region) will retire April 17 after 22 ½ years.

### Retiree News

If you will recall from previous newsletters, **Milt and Beverly Williams'** son, Geoff is a plastic surgeon who travels to third world countries at his own expense to perform surgeries for those who cannot afford to pay. Geoff was recently in the Philippines. He recruited a team of doctors and nurses for this mission in two cities of the Philippines. Milt said that Geoff has been going there with his team for three years. After a visit home in February, he was off to Viet Nam. Geoff says he is as comfortable in Viet Nam as anywhere; people and the government are very friendly. He also feels safe in Pakistan (so far).

Beverly, Geoff's mother, went with him last October to Pakistan and then China and had a wonderful experience. She has circumvented the Globe now. She says the stories that are told about these countries really don't reflect what we all hear and see about them.

It was good to hear from **Virginia Atwood** from up North. She says, "This is just a note to let you

know how I enjoy your little messages about my Southern Idaho friends and 'workmates.'"

"My kids tried placing me in an 'assisted living' home, because, since they do not live here in Coeur d'Alene, they figured I would be better off, but I was able to persuade them to let me live in my own home, but still have some assisted living 'insurance,' so someone is sort of watching over me. I do not drive anymore. That has been a big 'change' for me, but I will be 90 years old in May, so I guess you just have to 'give up' some things to have other pleasures. However, my home is just one block from a large grocery store, and just about seven blocks from the 'downtown' area, so until my legs give out on me, I am hoping to stay here.

"I still am active in my church, the Eagles Lodge auxiliary, and a weight watchers group (which I don't need any more) but when I was 'fat' I joined this group, and now I have lost a lot of weight, but made so many good friends, I stay with them.

"Tell everyone 'Hi' for me. I do enjoy hearing about them."

Seems like **Dick Orcutt and Bill Platts** had lots of fun this quail season (as you will see from their following report):

"Bill and I hunted quail yesterday (Jan. 31) as the last day of the hunting season approached much too quickly . . . how time flies. We had a great day and hunted in the snow near Bruneau. As expected, Bill carried enough fire power for six hunters and set the country side ablaze. At first, all we could find were lots of quail tracks but no live quail until we decided to split up and approach a sage-

covered draw from two directions. I got closer and began to raise quail and collected a triple when they first started to jump.

"As luck would have it (for Bill), at least 200 more quail jumped up as I was reloading and they flew right into Bill and Walker. All these quail landed around the two of them and only an eye witness can believe the carnage that followed. A tremendous roar of gun fire erupted with snow billowing into the air and Walker running uncontrollably not knowing if he should point or retrieve. The gun fire continued as I raced over to give Bill a hand collecting birds and counting. I was interrupted when both Walker and Chloe went on point and more birds flushed.

"As I reloaded and collected birds that both dogs were bringing back, I noticed Bill loading another box of shells from his vest to his shotgun. I didn't realize shotguns could hold that much ammo. I had to call "time out" only to be drowned out by more gun fire and barking dogs. Finally the chaos subsided and we counted 17 birds. Bill mumbled, 'I knew we weren't limited yet.' We made a short walk and collected our last three. What a day to end the season!

"I truly enjoyed this season like no other with all the great times Bill and I had hunting together. We killed a lot of birds and put the ammo manufacturing industry back in business. I salute you, Bill, for a great season we just finished and the next one only seven months away. We have time to buy more shells. *Dick*"

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**Here is Bill's reply:** "Dick, you covered our last day of the hunting season quite well, but you left out a couple things besides all the hot chicken noodle soup we gulped down. You taught me how to still hit quail with glasses completely fogged up and a lot of swearing going on. And, if you have a big enough gun, strong enough arms to lift it, and long enough shells to hold lots of lead, you can still drop quail that have flown clear out-of-site for my 'old' eyes. Please, God, don't let us winter-kill so there will be at least one more harvest season ahead of us. *Bill Platts*"

**Pat and Sandy Cudmore** have been going through some bad times these past few months. "Sandy had surgery on her good foot as she has worn it out over all these years of walking crooked. She now has no feet that work and can't put any weight on it until June 15th. We are 20 days into this and I am exhausted. I have to pick her up and move her to the couch, potty room, bed, shower, and do all the cooking, dishes, laundry, errands. Wow, do I need her back. (See, Pat, all these years you thought Sandy was having a good time doing all the work it takes to keep a household going!! JF)

"I am having hiatal hernia issue right now so when I bend over or lean down I throw up. Especially in the morning. I have turned the inside of my stomach bright red from the acid coming up into my throat. We have done a cancer test of the gall bladder, small intestine, and a digestive test where I ate a radioactive egg. They think it is just the valve in my throat and nothing else which is good. I am feeling very good except my fused back and new hernia surgeries are getting very sore from

picking momma up all the time. Oh, well, only 70 more days to go with her having no feet!!!!!!!"

And **Corinne Barlow** went through another surgery to place a stent in one of her neck arteries (March 1) but she is doing well. She said, "I was disappointed though. I woke up from surgery, looked in the mirror and my double chin was still there!" *Always a joker, huh, Corinne!*

**Barbara Alverson** just spent almost a week in the hospital with some health issues. She is back home now slowly recovering.

Former Commissioner **Don Clower** has been recovering from prostate surgery (January 13). He is now cancer free and is back to his 3-mile walks and getting ready for turkey season.

Received an e-mail from **Bill Goodnight** in answer to the March Retiree luncheon notice. He was in Denver visiting his 95-year-old mother who had suffered a mild stroke. We hope she has recovered by now, Bill.

There is one bit of good news for a change: **Lloyd Oldenburg** is back to being his "OLD" self again.

**Herb and Darlene Pollard** missed the March Retirees Luncheon but "we are having a reunion of sorts here at Echo Bay on Lake Mead. Darlene and I camped next to **Kent Ball** and **Tom and Leslie Levendofske**. **Bob Moore** and **Don Wright** are staying across the road at the RV Park. Weather has been cool and windy - 40 mph winds yesterday and 10-12 degrees below normal, but 55 degrees is still better than 20 degrees and the sun is shining today."

Also, **Kent Ball** reported running into **Herb and Darlene Pollard** at the Bluegrass Festival down there. He reported that he met with **Tom and Leslie Levendofske** and "we plan to play music for the park and fish. We all play guitars . . . and play at the senior center and the park at Challis and also for parties. Tom calls us the 'Country Classics.' Herb is taking up the guitar more seriously now. He started playing a little a long time ago. He was along on my first float trip down the Middle Fork in July 1975. **Stacy (Gebhards)** was on the trip also. Herb had a 'disposable' guitar that he brought along. **Greg Mauser** was also on that trip and played a little guitar, too. We spent the nights playing and singing by the campfire every night on that trip. Fond Memories!"

**Jack and Karen Fisher** spent a week or so on the road in late March. They drove 2,100 miles in Idaho, Utah, Arizona and Nevada and "saw some things we had seen before and a lot more things we had never seen.. Good weather all the way and for the most part good roads."

Last month, **Roger Williams** asked me if I had a correct phone number for **John Beecham** because he was having trouble making contact with John. So, I e-mailed John to let him know Roger was trying to reach him and to please give him a call. And, he was kind enough to fill me in on what/where he has been.

"I am staying really busy chasing bears around the world. I leave in mid-April to trap bears in Greece for three weeks, then I'm off to Turkey for a training session for Ministry of Environ-

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ment biologists, then to Tbilisi, Georgia to present a couple of papers on human-bear conflicts and then to Romania to do more training on bear trapping. I'm back here in early June to trap bears for the (IDFG) Department and then head off to Spain in mid-July for three weeks to visit a friend involved with bear work there and then back to Turkey until September 2 to trap bears for the Ministry. Retirement has never been so much fun and so busy." (*Wow! Next time around, I'm going to be a bear biologist, maybe! JF*)

**In Memoriam**

**Ralph V. Pehrson**

Funeral services for *Ralph Verl Pehrson* were held April 10, 2010 at the Rose Hill Ward LDS Chapel in Boise. Burial with military honors was held April 12, at the Idaho Veterans Cemetery.

Ralph Verl Pehrson, 79, passed away peacefully, of prostate cancer, April 6, 2010 in Boise, Idaho. Ralph was born October 27, 1930 in Pocatello to Nels and Caroline (Tillotson) Pehrson. He was a Pocatello High School graduate in 1948 and he received his BS degree in Biological Sciences from Idaho State University in 1952. After college, Ralph joined the Army and worked in aerial photo interpretation and intelligence in Korea.

He married Edith Fern Dean in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple, August 11, 1955.

Ralph served Idaho for over 32 years in various capacities with the Idaho Fish and Game Department in Bancroft, Grace, Soda Springs, Salmon and Boise. He worked tirelessly to improve the

mountain goat populations in the northwest region and was a passionate hunter and fisherman. He was a noted measurer for Boone and Crockett.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Edith; children, Karyn (John) Frederickson (Orem, UT), Alan (Pam) Pehrson (Camano Island, WA), Leanne (Chris) Spencer (Sacramento, CA), and Kendra (Ben) Simpson (Benson, AZ). He has 18 grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Darlene Gibbs; brother, Grant Pehrson, and granddaughter, Rachael Lauren Spencer.

The family gives special thanks to the team of care givers at the VA Community Living Center Hospice.

**Gereon Neil Whipple**

*Gereon Neil Whipple*, 71, passed away on February 23, 2010. He was born March 17, 1938 in McEwensville, PA to Graydon and Sarah Kaufman Whipple; Mr. Whipple was a five-year resident of Las Vegas, NV. On June 19, 1960, he married Margaret Brecht in St. John's Lutheran Church, Northumberland, PA.

Mr. Whipple was a 20-year Armed Forces veteran, serving in the Navy and the Air Force. After his retirement he worked for the North Dakota Flour Mill in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Upon moving to Idaho, he worked for the State of Idaho Fish and Game, and for Health and Welfare in its Wheels on Meals program. He was a life-long member of AF&AM. He loved to fish, hunt and attend auctions.

In addition to his wife Margaret, he is survived by his daughter, Ramona Lobato (George) of Las

Vegas, NV; son, Jason Whipple (Linda) of Boise, ID; grandchildren, Lino (Nicole Williams) Whipple, Kevin and Dan McAuliffe, and two great-granddaughters, Alexia Whipple, in New Jersey, and Shayne McAuliffe in Idaho. Mr. Whipple is also survived by his sisters, Lera Tressler and Helen (Dick) Dunkleberger), and his brothers, Clarence and Grant, all of Pennsylvania. A celebration of his life was held on April 11, 2010, at Nellis Baptist Church, Las Vegas, NV.

**Paul M. Flinn**

Services were held at the Free Methodist Church in Bonners Ferry for *Paul Morton Flinn*, 96, who passed away January 23, 2010. Upon graduation from school, he started work at the Lapwai Game Bird Farm for the Idaho Fish and Game Department. From graduation to 1942, he worked at the Lapwai and Jerome, Idaho, game bird farms where he became superintendent.

In 1942, Paul resigned from the Fish and Game Department to enter into defense work in the Portland, Oregon area. He returned to Idaho in late 1942 and again went to work for IDFG and was assigned law enforcement duties in the Lewiston district. He was transferred to Kooskia as a conservation officer which gave him patrol duties for the Lochsa and Selway rivers and the Middle and South Forks of the Clearwater River until 1947.

In October 1947, Paul transferred to Boundary County as a law enforcement officer. Until resigning in 1961, he was the only wildlife official in the county and responsible for all fish and game matters. Other than wildlife matters, he was a member of

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various lodges and organizations. He was a principal figure in assembling a sportsmen's wildlife exhibit rated among the best in the Northwest.

He briefly headquartered in Bonners Ferry, but for the most part he resided at the McArthur Waterfowl Refuge where he served in a dual capacity as refuge manager and conservation officer. As refuge manager, he started a resident flock of Canada geese with seven birds. Along with waterfowl management, he initiated the stocking of eastern brook and rainbow trout to refuge waters, which resulted in a major sports fishery.

Beginning in 1953 and throughout his life, Paul wrote wildlife and historical columns for the Bonners Ferry Herald. He was the first to record and film caribou in the Selkirk Mountains of Idaho. From 1954 through the winter of 1961, he spent many hours in the

company of citizen associates on snowshoes in 12 feet of snow and temperatures of 40 degrees below zero on research in the high country.

In July 1961, Paul retired from the Fish and Game Department with a total of 30 years. For the next number of years he worked for the city of Bonners Ferry in the electrical department as a hydro-power plant operator. With more than 35 years in the public service, Paul retired and followed hobbies he had long cherished. Among these was the rearing of game birds, mostly ornamental pheasants and pigeons. In 1974, he released five Merriam's turkeys of wild stock and from these came the flocks of wild turkeys in and around Boundary County.

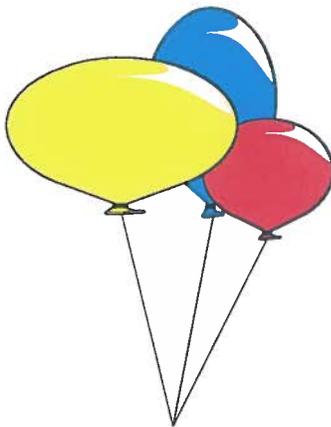
In June 1982, Paul was taken into the Kootenai Indian Tribe of Idaho as an honorary member. His long-time standing friendship with the Kootenai people was rewarded by a ceremony attended

by Kootenais from Canada, Montana and Idaho.

Paul continued to write throughout the remainder of this life. The "Old Timer's Column" was written on an old Royal typewriter. If he heard of a family having a reunion in the county, he made special effort to put it in his column articles about the ancestors of that family. Two of his greatest enjoyments were history and game birds. In later years, you could find him at a local coffee shop discussing local affairs as well as history. The most important thing in his life was his family.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; his parents; and two brothers. He is survived by 2 daughters, 2 sons, 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families!



***Happy Birthday!***

**Linn French (HQ), April 1**

**Corinne Barlow, May 7**

**Eric Stansbury (HQ), May 23**

**Jack Trueblood, June 18**

***Belated Happy Anniversary!***

**Tony and Ruby Tolsma, March 7, 2010**