

Trego man's body found after 3 years

Authorities say they are satisfied that skeletal remains discovered last year near the Flathead-Lincoln county line were of a Trego man who disappeared in 1983.

Lincoln County Coroner Mel Vial said an investigation by county sheriff's deputies indicates the remains were Kevin Zace, who had been missing since June 14, 1983.

Vial said he officially pronounced Zace dead this week, after conferring with the county attorney's office. The death has been ruled a suicide.

Hunters found the remains, still draped in tatters of clothing with a rifle nearby, on Nov. 3, 1986. The discovery was made near the Basin Creek Road, about 15 miles west of Olney and 2½ miles from the north portal of the seven-mile-long Burlington Northern tunnel.

According to a report Vial received from the sheriff's department on Monday, the clothing and rifle belonged to Zace.

The rifle contained an empty cartridge. Because of that, because Zace was distraught when last seen, and because there was no evidence of foul play, authorities are treating the death as a suicide, Vial said.

A Missoula pathologist determined that the bones belonged to a male of about Zace's age and size.

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3 June 1983 Victor Zander, 70

WHITEFISH — Victor Henry Zander, 70, Whitefish, died at his home Friday evening.

He was born June 2, 1913, near Culbertson, Neb., to George Zander and Katharina Druecker Zander. He attended school in Perry and at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Parochial School. He farmed at his birthplace until 1942, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Caribbean and Pacific theaters until his discharge in October 1945.

In 1943 he married Marjorie Hill in Lincoln, Neb. After leaving the Navy, the couple lived for several months in Detroit before returning to Culbertson to farm. In 1959 the Zanders moved to Montana and farmed east of Whitefish.

He was later employed as a lift operator at The Big Mountain and for several years worked for the Whitefish Lake Golf Course. He was a lifelong

member of the Lutheran church.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; three daughters: Vicki Bishop of Stony Plain, Alberta, Ruth Harrison of Marion, and Thea of Whitefish; two sons: Karl of Oristano, Italy and Kelly of Minneapolis; three brothers: August of Oberlin, Kansas, Albert of Hillsboro, Ore., and Walter of Dodge City, Kansas; a sister, Edna, of Portland, Ore.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish at 2 p.m. Tuesday under the auspices of Grace Lutheran Church of Hillsboro, Ore., where he had been a member for 9 years. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Ziemke, infant

Private graveside services and burial for the infant daughter of the Rev. Steve and Barbara Ziemke, born Oct. 17, were held in Glacier Memorial Gardens Wednesday.

Besides her parents, she is survived by her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Britt Monaghan, Wautoma, Wis.; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ziemke, Milwaukee; and several other relatives.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

5 Jan 1983 Johanna Zick

COLUMBIA FALLS — Johanna Zick, 84, a resident of the Flathead County Nursing Home, died Wednesday in Kalispell.

She was born June 26, 1898, in Medford, Wis., to Frank and Anna Bench. She grew up in Wisconsin and moved from Wolf Point to Columbia Falls in 1946. She worked for the Izaak Walton Inn at Essex and Todd's Cafe in Columbia Falls for many years.

Survivors include a son, Merl, in Massachusetts; a daughter, Evelyn Johnson, in Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Fred McNeil, San Gabriel, Calif., and Alice Penrose, in Ohio; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Howard Hunter of the United Methodist Church officiating. Friends may meet at the cemetery.

Visitation will be at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Monday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Harold J. Zwang, 82

7 May 1983

LIBBY — Harold J. Zwang, 82, died Saturday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born July 23, 1900, at Republic, Wash., the son of Ivan and Ella Zwang. He was raised in Republic where he attended grade school and high school.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War I and after his honorable discharge in 1918, he attended Washington State University and the University of Washington. He worked as an engineer at Okanogan, Wash., and later operated a business with his father in Republic for several years.

He married Jeanette Fortin on July 1, 1924, at Republic.

He became an administrative officer on the Colville National Forest and in 1945 transferred to the Kootenai National Forest in Libby where he served as administrative officer for 23 years until he retired in 1968.

He was a member of the Libby Lions Club, the American Legion and the Elks Club.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette, Libby; two sons, Willard, Libby, and Larry, Seattle; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Patrick McAleney as celebrant. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home.

Wilhelm F. Zeeck, 94

12 Feb. 1983

Wilhelm F. Zeeck, 94, formerly of Somers, died Feb. 12 in Burlingame, Calif.

He was born May 21, 1888, in Silmenitz, Rugen Island, Germany, a son of Friederike and Malte Zeeck.

He married Erna Burwitz Oct. 10, 1913. She died Feb. 18, 1933. He was also preceded in death by a son, serving in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He married Christina Tetrault Aug. 30, 1934.

Mr. Zeeck moved to Somers in October 1924 and worked for the Somers Lumber Co. and the Great Northern Railroad until his retirement in 1953.

He moved to Burlingame, Calif., in 1971 to live with his daughter and son-in-law.

He is survived by his daughter, Elfrieda Jordan, Burlingame, Calif.; three grandchildren, William Jordan, Orinda, Calif., Richard Jordan, Los Altos, Calif., and Barbara Hilary, Santa Clara, Calif.; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. E.H. Martens officiating. Burial will be in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church in lieu of flowers.

26 Jan 1983

George Henry Ziebell, 65

George Henry Ziebell, 65, Bigfork, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Wednesday morning. He was born June 29, 1917, in Oshkosh, Wis., a son of William and Mary Ziebell.

Ziebell received his

education in Oshkosh, graduating from high school and attending the university there. On July 4, 1940, he married Margaret Stinson in Oshkosh.

Ziebell was a mechanic and set-up man for the Rockwell International of Oshkosh until his retirement. He also engaged in upholstery work. About eight years ago he moved to Montana. He lived at Neihart (Cascade County)

for five years before moving to Bigfork. Ziebell was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret at home; two sons, Bruce and Tony Ziebell, both of Waukesha, Wis.; and two granddaughters.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in the St. Catherine's Catholic Church of Bigfork with the Rev. William Morley as

celebrant. Burial will be in Lonepine Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.