

Ranchers' donations feed area students

By Carl Sampson
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Cattle graze west of John Day. Area ranchers donate cattle to schools through Ranchers Feeding Kids, a program that helps the school district save money on beef and promotes local agriculture.

Whenever the 600 students in Grant School District 3 have beef for lunch they hear a morning announcement that the meat was provided by local ranchers.

The beef is donated as part of Ranchers Feeding Kids, a program begun about six years ago with the help of former Oregon State University extension agent Gary Delaney.

Under the program, a rancher contacts District Superintendent Curt Shelley to donate a healthy animal. Shelley, himself a third-generation rancher, then arranges for the brand inspection and even picks up and transports the animals to be processed at a USDA-inspected plant in Prineville or Nampa, Idaho.

"It increases the students' knowledge of where their food comes from, and promotes the

local stockgrowers and buying local," said Shelley. "Our kindergartners know where their food comes from. ... I think there's a huge educational value."

The cut-and-wrap is paid for either by the local stockgrowers association or a grant from the Farmers Ending Hunger non-profit organization.

The rancher gets a tax deduction, the students get lunch

and a lesson about where their food comes from and the school district saves money.

It's a "win-win for everybody," Shelley said. In the past three years alone, he estimated the ranchers' donations have saved the district more than \$30,000.

"We have not bought hamburger the last three years," he said. He estimated the district has received 12,000 to 15,000

pounds of hamburger in that time.

Ranchers have donated about 20 animals in the past three years, Shelley said. The ranchers are Mat and Jennifer Carter, Justin and Jenny Jacobs, Ben and Chandra Holliday, Willis and Melanie Kimball, Gail and Shirley Enright and Ed Heiple.

"The last three years it's been a great thing for our district," Shelley said.

Students at Humbolt, Seneca and Grant Union Junior-Senior High School all benefit from the beef donations, he said.

"The kids, staff, administration and school board all appreciate the local stockgrowers," Shelley said. "I would argue it's one of the great things about living in Grant County."

Ranchers who want to donate cattle to the district can contact Shelley at 541-575-1280.

OBITUARIES

Henry 'Butch' Goslin

Henry "Butch" Goslin passed away Wednesday, Oct. 11, at his home surrounded by his loved ones. A memorial poker party is scheduled in his honor on Nov. 4 in Prairie City. It will be held where he was known for spending his time, the shop, at 642 N. Johnson St., Prairie City. There will be a potluck dinner beginning at 4 p.m.; bring a dish to share. Playing cards and sharing stories will begin at about 6 p.m., and the night will end Butch Goslin style. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Angel Wings Network, which provides assistance to cancer patients and their families, through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To leave a condolence for the family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Geraldine May 'Geri' Pasko
May 17, 1920 - Oct. 11, 2017

Geraldine May "Geri" (Gourley) Pasko, 97, of John Day passed away Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Valley View Assisted Living in John Day. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 22 at Valley View Assisted Living.

Pasko was born May 17, 1920, to Horace B. Gourley and Bessie May (Crockett) Gourley in Portland. She graduated from Franklin High School in Portland. She married Richard Edey Pasko in Portland on Sept. 17, 1939.

She was a housewife and worked as a maid for motels, wait person for restaurants and apartment manager for CTL Apartment Management, retiring in 1985 after 12 years of service. While working for CTL Apartment Management, she earned many bonuses, awards and trips for her hard work and good management.

She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, gardening and piano. She was a member of the Moose Lodge and National Genealogical Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Edey Pasko.

She is survived by her son Richard E. Pasko of Raymond, Washington; son David L. Pasko of John Day; daughter Betty K. Starr of Mt. Vernon; and foster daughter Nancy Elliot of John Day.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

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County agrees to save Keerins Hall pavilion

Resident requests recreational pot

By Richard Hanners
Blue Mountain Eagle



Eagle file photo

Grant County Judge Scott Myers and Grant County Commissioner Boyd Britton, left, participate in a Grant County Court meeting in this file photo.

The Grant County Court approved a new roof for the Keerins Hall pavilion at the Grant County Fairgrounds during their Oct. 11 meeting.

County Judge Scott Myers and Commissioners Boyd Britton and Jim Hamsher agreed that the older building was structurally sound but needed a new roof, siding and windows.

Fairgrounds Manager Mindy Winegar said the leaking roof couldn't wait for a grant and asked for advice. She noted that the Oregon State University Extension Service had been interested in moving into Keerins Hall if it was remodeled.

Hamsher said he had looked over Keerins Hall. Tearing down the building and replacing it would not be cheaper than remodeling, and parking space could be lost to zoning setbacks required of a

new building. Myers noted that the building was insured for \$1.6 million.

"The building is structurally sound but aesthetically needs fixing," he said. "The building will easily outlast a 30-year roof."

The court also agreed to spend \$1,000 on a replacement wood stove from Mosier's Home Furnishings for a rental house at the fairgrounds.

In other county court news, Haley Olson from Rocky Mountain Dispensary spoke to the court about tax revenue the county could earn

through sales of recreational marijuana.

Currently, the business is licensed to sell medical marijuana. Olson asked the court to consider lifting the county's prohibitive restrictions on sales of recreational marijuana, but the court members indicated an initiative to change the law would have to come from the citizens, Myers told the Eagle.

The court unanimously re-appointed three members to the Board of Property Tax Appeals through June 2018 — Myers as chairman and Clair Kehrberg and Robert Quinton. Myers noted that the

board handles about two or three appeals per year.

The court also unanimously approved a budget resolution providing \$2,500 in contingency funds for Justice Court, a \$468 per month agreement for nursing services at the jail that Britton called a "smoking deal" and spending \$432 to upgrade wireless access in the district attorney's office.

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BIRTHS VIGIL



Henry Christopher James Vigil was born at 6:13 a.m. Oct. 1, weighing 6 pounds, five ounces, and measuring 18.5 inches long. Parents are Sarah Myers and Johnathan

Vigil of Missouri. Grandparents are Janet and Steve Myers of Missouri. Great-grandparents are Max and Betty Breeding of Monument.

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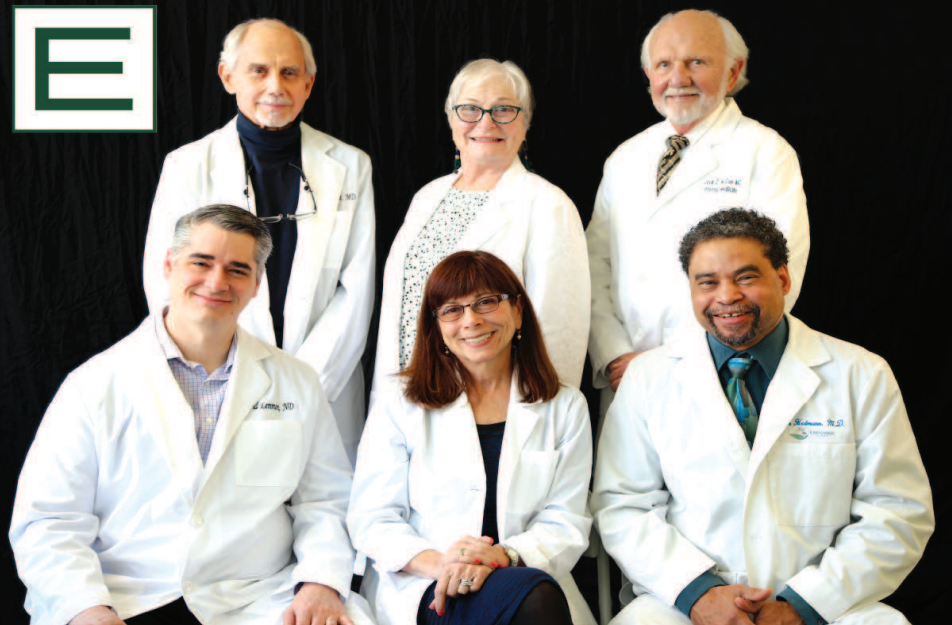
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