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## G-T's Mailbag to help with letters to Santa

Since Santa is so busy around this time of year, the Gazette-Times is helping him out a little bit with his letters from boys and girls.

Kids are invited to write their letters to Santa in care of the newspaper:

SANTA  
c/o Gazette-Times  
P.O. Box 337  
147 West Willow  
Heppner, Ore. 97836

Letters for Santa's Mailbag received by Monday, Dec. 15, will appear in the Dec. 18 issue of the Gazette; letters received by Friday, Dec. 19 will appear in the Dec. 24 issue.

Be sure to sign your whole name (first and last) on your letter and send it or bring it in to the Gazette by Friday, Dec. 19, so that Santa will get it in time for Christmas.

If you can't write yet, maybe mom or dad or sister or brother will help you out. Remember that Santa will do his best to bring the things you ask for, but sometimes he just can't bring everything in his bag.



## Santa's Mailbag



Dear Santa,

My name is John  
Qualls. I am 3 1/4 years  
old.

I would like a  
rodeo set.

I love you

Merry Christmas

JOHN QUALLS

This is a  
monster



DEAR SANTA,  
I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH BECAUSE YOU  
BRING ME TOYS. I WANT THE LONE  
RANGER, GILLIGANS FLOATING ISLAND & A  
CARD GAME. OH SANTA WOULD YOU PLEASE  
BRING MY BABY BROTHER, PHILIP. A DOP  
BAG SO HE WILL DOP IT INSTEAD OF ME.

LOVE,

JIM MAY  
TELLECHEA (4)

## Births

**Benjamin Jeffery Turner** - A son, Benjamin Jeffery, was born to Jeff and Teresa Turner, Beaverton, on Nov. 28, 1980, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland. Benjamin weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stefani, Ione, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Turner, Eugene. Great-grandparents are Cecil Stefani, Ione, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Adams, Portland.

**Audra Nichole Bunch** - A daughter, Audra Nichole, was born to Traci and Michael Bunch, Heppner, on Dec. 6, 1980, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Audra weighed 7 lbs., 2 1/2 oz. Grandparents are Dr. J. W. and Cork Norene, and Al and Betty Bunch, Heppner. Great grandmother is Ruth Nutting, Heppner.

**Ryan Lee Pettyjohn** - A son, Ryan Lee, was born to Rick and Jeanneine Pettyjohn, Heppner, on Dec. 6, 1980, at Pendleton Community Hospital in Pendleton. Ryan weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. Grandparents are Seth and JoJean Forquer, and Ellis and Betty Pettyjohn, Heppner.

## Library

Monday through Thursday - 12:30 to 5 p.m.  
Thursday - 7 to 9 p.m.  
Saturday - 2 to 4 p.m.  
Story hour - Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

## Correction

In last week's issue of the Gazette-Times, Floyd "Hutch" Hutchins' name was spelled incorrectly. His name is Hutchins, not Hutchinson.

## Letters to the Editor

### Be a little kinder this Christmas

To the Editor:

Many times when we take time to write a letter it is to voice a concern, disagreement, or to complain about an issue. We also take so many things for granted.

If a business, or individual, or government service, such as schools, post office, police, fire department, hospital, neighborhood center goes up, we are quick to criticize. Hardly anybody ever says "thank you," for teaching our kids, getting our mail on time, keeping our city safe, our fire department going, helping to get the sick well, and helping people when they are without.

Does anyone say "Thank

you" to the store clerks for keeping the shelves stocked? Or do we only speak up when a delivery didn't come in on time? Should we be a little kinder this Christmas Season?

For all those people who make the town of Heppner and the community a good place to live, "THANK YOU." All the friendly people who have helped and shown concern for us in the two months we have lived here, and those who have helped with the needs of others, let's continue to work and make Heppner a good place to live.

Thank you,  
Floyd Wilks, pastor  
Nazarene Church

### Open hearts to earthquake victims

To the Editor:

Many teachers have been calling our office wondering if they or their students can do anything to help the relief operation for the Italian earthquake victims.

We have contacted the Italian counsel to find out exactly what is needed and what is the best procedure to insure speedy aid.

The most serious and immediate need is for money to buy medicines, vaccines, water purifiers, and generators. An account has been set up at the First National Bank of Oregon, and deposits may be made through any branch. Checks and money orders

should be made out to "Italian Earthquake Relief Fund."

We appreciate the offers by teachers and students to collect clothing, blankets, and food supplies. However, the counsel reports those needs are being taken care of more quickly through European donations. He emphasizes the critical need for funds to buy the medicine and equipment indicated above.

The Oregon Education Association urges all teachers and other interested citizens to open their hearts this holiday season to the victims of this terrible earthquake.

Sincerely,  
Leland Hall, President  
Oregon Education Association

## Obituary

### Raymond J. Huddleston

Raymond J. Huddleston, 72, of 4300 Green Meadow Drive, Meridian, Idaho, died Monday, Dec. 1, at his home. Services were conducted Thursday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. at Cloverdale Funeral Home, Boise, by Boise Masonic Lodge No. 2. Interment was in Terrace Lawn Memorial Gardens, Boise.

Mr. Huddleston was born Oct. 2, 1908, in Lonerock, Ore., to Ray and Alice May Weller Huddleston. He graduated from Grant High School in Portland in 1927. He attended the University of Oregon. In May 1929, he moved to Valdez, Alaska, where he worked for the Alaska Road Commission. He married Lorene Jeanette Turner on Feb. 9, 1938. He later worked for the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads and the Alaska Department of Highways, where he retired as Valdez district superintendent of maintenance in 1971. They

moved to Heppner in 1976, and to Meridian, Idaho, in 1977. He was a member of Valdez Masonic Lodge No. 168; Elks Lodge No. 1483, Cordova, Alaska; and Valdez Chapter No. 5, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Huddleston is survived by his wife, of Meridian; three daughters, Lorene Sloper of Salem, Alice Rae Bergdoll of Juneau, Alaska, and Sally Robertson, Boise, Idaho; a brother, William N. of Hermiston; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Fletcher, Ukiah, Ore., Mrs. Sadie Parrish, Heppner, and Mrs. Elinor DeBok of Pilot Rock; and five grandchildren.

Mountain States Tumor Institute, 151 E. Bannock St., Boise, 83702. Pallbearers were James Kasson, Henry Kvalvik, James and Marvin Robertson, Edgar Carlson and Walter Mantila.

### Thomas R Marlatt

Thomas R. Marlatt, 85, died in Heppner, Friday, Dec. 5. He was born in Heppner on Jan. 30, 1895, the son of Thomas and Melissa Hart Marlatt, and was a lifetime resident of the community. A veteran of World War I, he was a retired mill worker.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. at the Sweeney Mortuary Chapel, with Bishop Malcolm Skinner of the Hermiston Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cook sang "Beyond The Sunset" and "In

The Garden," accompanied by Nadine Toombs.

Concluding services and interment were at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Casket bearers were Steve and Jody Marlatt, Bill Wagner, Wesley Marlatt Jr., Morris McCarl, and Ray Papineau.

Mr. Marlatt is survived by his wife, Sally, Heppner; two sons, Wesley and Ralph, both of Heppner; a daughter, Frances, Red Bluff, Calif.; 16 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

### Clarice Otzenberger

Graveside services were held recently in Hermiston for Clarice Otzenberger, who passed away at Good Shepherd Hospital.

Mrs. Otzenberger had been a former Lexington resident for several years, moving to Stanfield about 22 years ago. She was born in Idaho Springs, Colo., June 19, 1915. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Holly Rebekah Lodge of Lexington.

Surviving are her husband,

Lloyd Stanfield; a daughter, Inez Frost, Hermiston; sisters, Pauline Korticus, Denver, Colo., Edith Moore, Scotts Bluff, Neb., and Maxine Eastwood, Seattle, Wash.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Oregon Fund of the Seventh-day Adventist Church or the cancer fund.

Attending the services from Lexington were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones and Annetta Klingler.

### Memorial scholarship fund set up for Boardman music teacher

The Eastern Oregon State College Foundation has established the Richard L. Bateman Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of the late EOOSC graduate who died September 8 of this year.

Bateman served as director

of the pep band and assistant director of bands while attending EOOSC. He was principal trombone in the Grande Ronde Symphony, Jazz Ensemble and Wind Ensemble. He was also a member of the EOOSC Summer Music Camp faculty for many years.

## What's your opinion?



Question of the week: "Are you spending more or less on Christmas presents this year?"

"I haven't thought much about it," said Ed Baker of Lexington. "I think pretty much the same as last year. I haven't bought as much, but I've spent pretty much the same."

### Programs set at Ione, Heppner

The Christmas program for Heppner grades five through 12 has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school gymnasium.

The band and chorus will be under the direction of Don Boyce and Kitty Coon.

No admission will be charged, however, donations will be accepted.

The Heppner Elementary School program for kindergarten through 4th grades will

be held on Friday, Dec. 19, at 1:30 p.m. at the grade school multi-purpose room.

The program will be directed by Kitty Coon and the elementary teachers.

No admission will be charged.

The Ione School program will be held Monday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

Songs will be led by Eddi Skow. The band will be under the direction of Gene Sartain. No admission will be charged.

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### Paul Taylor replaces Allen

The Morrow County Court last Wednesday appointed Paul Taylor, Lexington, to the county planning commission,

replacing Gene Allen.

Allen resigned from the commission about four weeks ago.

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