

Merle Boyce — featured PMH resident



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By MARY ANN CERULLO

(Editors note: This is one of a series of feature articles on residents of the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home that are published periodically in the Gazette-Times.)

Merle High Boyce has been a resident of the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home since August of last year. She was born February 15, 1902 in Condon.

At age three, Merle began playing the piano. "I never read music," she said. "I played totally by ear."

As a young girl, Merle played the piano, accompanied by

her father on the violin at all the local dances in Condon. "We had some wonderful times back then," Merle remembers. "Dances were different - people were different than today."

Until recently, Merle was playing the piano for the Condon senior citizens before she moved to Heppner. "They didn't want me to go," she said.

It was at a local Condon dance where young Merle met Wayne High, while she was playing the piano. But it wasn't until after WWI in 1918 that they married. Merle still recalls when Wayne returned home from the war with his Army buddy, Milton Boyce.

Wayne High, originally from Missouri, began as a railroad man. This sent Merle and Wayne High to Idaho.

After just a few years they returned to Condon and bought a homestead where Wayne began doing carpentry.

Wayne and Merle had four children, three girls and one boy, Bill, their son, continued in his father's footsteps and became a carpenter. Then, after 44 years of marriage, Wayne High died.

Milton Boyce, originally from New York, worked as a roadmaster for Gilliam County. "He built all the roads over there," Merle said proudly.

After dating for five years, Merle High married Milton Boyce on June 4, 1967. "Milt said that I kept getting away from him, but he waited for me," she recalled.

When Milton's health began to fail, he was admitted into the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home. And to be with him, Merle moved in also.

Since August, Merle was a roommate to Edna Turner who passed away recently.

The two ladies shared a love for making handicrafts. "I used to paint, crochet, and embroider," remembers Merle.

Mrs. Boyce's room is filled with her own art work, including a recently done painting, mixed in with some handmade crafts from Edna Turner.

"Edna and I got along so well... She was quite the person - always doing things."

But now the bed under the window is empty. "I miss her terribly," Merle said shakily. "I sure hope my next roommate is as nice and wonderful."

Correction

Melissa Privett, Heppner High School freshman, won 4th place at the art show held at Heppner Junior High School May 21.

She won 4th place honors with a charcoal drawing.

Michelle Stack was incorrectly listed as 4th place winner in last week's Gazette-Times.

Over The Tee Cup

The annual Ladies' Fun Day will be held Tuesday, June 9, at Willow Creek Country Club. Registration, coffee, and rolls will be the order at 8:30 a.m. and play will begin about 9. Bev Wilson, women's president, reminds members to bring a guest (more than one is great), she says and a salad for the luncheon. One dollar will be charged to cover prizes. Play will be a team format and an obstacle course for nine holes.

On Sunday, June 7, the

Condon, Kinzua Hills golfers visit WCCC

By LINDA SHAW

Golfers from Condon and Kinzua Hills visited Willow Creek Country Club Sunday, May 31. Forty-nine men and women participated in the annual event, and the weather cooperated with a beautiful day.

Rick Johnston, Elmer Palmer, and Dave Hanna were in charge of play; Susan Johnston and Muriel Palmer were in charge of the meal.

Heppner winners for men were: low gross - Don Lott, 2nd - John Edmundson, 3rd - Elmer Palmer; low net - Frank Anderson, 2nd - Charles Starks and Ron Bowman. Wavland Hyatt had long drive and John Edmundson, KP, Pat Edmundson had low gross

for women. Dorris Graves, low net, and Linda Shaw, long drive.

For Condon, Ernie Wall and James Burns shared low gross honors, with Claire Robertson finishing second. George Eaton and Dale Ashenfelter tied for low net, and Buzz Dyer was second. Ernie Wall had long drive and Bill Durham, KP, Dee Hollen had low gross for women. Bethel Burns had low net, and Ruth Sheldon, long drive.

Kinzua Hills men were led by Bill Chapman and Rollow Loomis had low net. Bill Chapman also had long drive and Lee Bailey, KP, Ann Chapman had low gross for the women. Georgia Loomis low net, and Jean Hammell, long drive.

Ione News

By DELLA HEIDEMAN

Howard and June Crowell of Ione are short one car this week due to an accident returning home from Heppner last Wednesday night. After watching their grandchildren in the dance recital in Heppner, the Crowells were traveling home when a deer jumped in front of the car. Howard said he tried to avoid hitting the animal, but it changed directions at the last second, and the crash was inevitable. June expressed thanks to those who stopped to help out in the crisis. Ruth and Helen Heideman, who had also been at the dance recital.

In the car at the time of the crash had been June and Howard and their daughter, Sharon, along with their daughter, Karen Kandle, and her three children, Heather, Michelle and Jeremy. None of the passengers of the car were injured, although they were shook up. The car had to be towed from the scene.

Al Winkelman of Ione had visitors for the weekend from Tacoma. They were his daughter, Debbie Carder, her two children, and his daughter, Robin Winkelman.

It was decided to postpone a decision about a new greens mower until after the golf season in hopes that better deals might be available then. The board also reminds golfers that dues should have been paid by June 1 and the membership committee will be checking for membership tags. Those who have paid dues but have not yet picked up their tags should contact Sharon Harrison, Dave Hanna, or Charles Starks. Please display them prominently on bag or cart.

summer.

The precipitation in Heppner was very good during April. The total was 2.69" as compared with a normal of 1.11" for 242 percent of average.

Forecasts of streamflow in the county are as follows:

Streamflow forecast low

Streamflow for the summer in Morrow County is forecast to be much below average, ranging from 50 to 67 percent of average, according to a water supply outlook as of May 1, supplied by the Soil and Water Conservation Service. Shortages this season will

occur for those diverting water directly from streams. As of April 29, there was no snow at Arbuckle Mountain or Madison Butte. The snow has melted so the water which was stored there will not be available for summer use. The area will be dependent on precipitation this spring and

STREAM	FORECAST		PERIOD	AVG. 1,000's acre-feet
	1000's acre-feet	percent Avg.		
Butter Creek nr.				
Pine City	2.1	60	May-July	3.5
Rhea Creek	1.0	55	May-July	1.9
Willow Creek	1.8	67	May-July	2.7
Rock Creek above Cayuse Canyon nr.				
Condon	1.2	50	May-July	2.5

These forecasts are based on the area receiving normal temperatures and rainfall during the next two months.

Engagements

Jansen — Wolff



Kathleen Wolff and Richard Jansen

Dr. Wallace H. Wolff, Heppner, would like to announce the engagement of his daughter, Kathleen Ann, to Richard Jansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Jansen, Lake Oswego.

Kathleen, a 1978 graduate of Heppner High School, is currently a junior at Oregon State University.

The future bridegroom is a 1977 graduate of Lake Ridge High School and is presently a senior at Oregon State.

No wedding date has been set.

Miller — Hedman



Dee Hedman and Bob Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman of Heppner announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dee, to Bob Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller of Hermiston.

A June 20 wedding is planned.

Maureen Healy captures All-around title

Maureen Healy, Heppner, competing for the BMCC Rodeo Team, captured the All-Around Girl title at the Northwest Intercollegiate Rodeo Finals held May 29 through 31 at the Pendleton Round-up grounds.

Janice Healy, also from Heppner, was runner-up All-Around Girl.

Region winners are Janice Healy - 1st, Barrels; Maureen Healy - 1st, Goats; Cindy

Doherty, Heppner - 1st, Breakaway; Maureen Healy - 2nd, Breakaway; and Ronnie Currin, Heppner - 1st, Steer Wrestling.

The entire BMCC Rodeo Team will compete at the National College Finals at Bozeman, Mont., June 15-20.

The US Tobacco Co. pays \$500 and \$250 to the schools of those winning first and second place All-Around winners earn \$750 for their schools.

Heppner News

Krynn Robinson, a student at Colorado State University, recently visited family and friends in this area. A friend, Carol Mulligan, from New York City, accompanied Krynn. Both girls have returned to Colorado where they have summer employment. Krynn is working for the Boulder County Extension Service in Longmont. She also is employed as public relations director at CSU in Ft. Collins during the summer and throughout the ensuing school year.

Visitors at the Sykes' home last Wednesday were April's aunt Camille Elliott and Dave Davis from Port Orchard, Wash.

Memorial weekend guests were David's sister and family, Vickie and Charlie Lewis and their little boy, Max. The Lewises and the Sykes spent Saturday night camping at Bull Prairie.

Larry Cerullo's parents arrived from Boston last Saturday, May 30 in Portland. Larry and Mary Ann Cerullo drove in to meet them and they all spent the weekend with Mary Ann's parents in Portland.

The senior Cerullos will be visiting Heppner through the weekend of June 13.

Visiting at the Don Robinson home over the Memorial Day weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Art Fick of Astoria, Ore.

V&G opens beer garden



Gay Harshman (far right) with crew of V & G

Like to relax outdoors on a warm summer eve, sipping your favorite brew and maybe playing a game of horseshoes with your friends?

Up until now you probably had to stay home to enjoy such an atmosphere. But thanks to Gay and Patty Harshman of V & G Tavern in Lexington, who recently finished work on their new outdoor beer garden, you can now go out and still enjoy those summer evenings.

Located next to their tavern in Lexington, the garden features a lawn, picnic tables, a barbecue deck and a horseshoe pit for recreation. All of it surrounded by a high fence for privacy.

The Harshmans plan a grand opening of the beer garden this Friday and Saturday nights. Barbecued steaks will be served starting at 5 p.m. for \$6.50 per person.



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