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Sall Marlatt (l) and Helen Jeffreys collect Christmas gifts collected at the Courthouse for the Neighborhood Center's Christmas gift baskets.

Punch Card Winners drawn

This week's winners of \$25 gift certificates in the Christmas punch are: Larry Lindsay to Coast to Coast; Christal Shank at Peterson's; Ann Wilson, Gardners; Randy Moon to Willow Lanes Cafe; Roy Martin to Green Feed, and Judy Buschke to Shoe Box. Don't forget this is the last week to get your punch card at participating businesses and enter between now and Christmas. All entries will be eligible not only for the weekly \$25 certificates, but also for the grand prize drawing for \$750 in gift certificates to be given away on Dec. 26.

Shoppers can pick up their punch cards and have their cards punched at these businesses: MCGG, Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders, Green Feed, Lott's Electric, Murrays/ Country Rose, Gardner's Men's Wear, Peterson's Jewelry, Shoe Box, Coast to Coast, Les Schwab, Court Street Market, Yaw's Restaurant, Central Market, Willow Lanes and Willow Lanes Cafe.

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Obituaries

George Williamson Izzett

A memorial service was held December 7, 1996, in Healdsburg, California for George Williamson Izzett, who died November 28, 1996 of cancer at the age of 65.

Mr. Izzett was born August 6, 1931, in Venice, California. He married Margaret Boggs in 1953. He was a teacher and minister. He lived in the Portland area from 1972 to 1993. He also lived in the Heppner area in the mid-1980s and the early 1990s, where he was the priest at All Saints' Episcopal Church. He belonged to St. Raphael's Episcopal Church in Oakhurst, California, where he was vicar.

Survivors include his wife, of Fresno, California; sons, Ronald of Gilbert, Arizona, Robert of Beaverton, Bruce of Tokyo and George of Portland; daughter, Heather Oliver of Chandler, Arizona; sister Mary Connor of Santa Rosa, California; brother Alistair of Elgin; and 10 grandchildren.

Disposition was by cremation. The family suggests remembrances to St. Raphael's Benevolent Fund, 43140 Highway 41, Oakhurst, California 93644.

Thomas I. Wilson

Word has been received that Thomas I. Wilson, a past long-time resident of Heppner, passed away Saturday, December 14, 1996, at his home in Sandpoint, Idaho.

Mr. Wilson was a soil conservationist for the Heppner area from 1940-1959, except for the years during World War II.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Irene of Sandpoint, Idaho; sisters, Permelia Vilet of Catskill, New York, Marie Herbert of Robbinsville, New Jersey, Johanne Wood of Heppner; and several nieces and nephews. Two brothers, Carl and Herbert, preceded him in death.

Edith M. Case

Graveside services for Edith M. Case will be 1 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 1996, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Case, 77, of Heppner, died Thursday, December 12, 1996, at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

She was born July 6, 1919, at Salem, to Pete and Linnie Johnson Parsegian. She grew up at Independence, and attended schools there.

On September 27, 1939, she married Norman K. Case at Dallas. They moved to Heppner in 1946.

Mrs. Case had been employed as a nurses' aide for over 25 years.

Survivors include sons, Gene of Heppner, and Michael of Pendleton; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman, in 1987, and daughter, Shirley Burkenbine, in 1990.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR. 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

Irene V. Crabtree

The funeral for Irene V. Crabtree was Tuesday, December 17, 1996 at the Lone United Church of Christ, with concluding services and burial at High View Cemetery at Lone.

Mrs. Crabtree, 79, of Lone, died Sunday, December 15, 1996, at Hermiston Terrace Assisted Living Residence.

She was born August 1, 1917, at Strome, Alberta, Canada, to Lawrence and Blanche Frederick Sheelar. She moved to Salem with her family when she was three. She grew up at Salem and attended schools there.

On December 31, 1936, she married Chauncey Leo Crabtree at Salem. They moved to Lone in 1952.

Survivors include her husband, Leo, at home; daughters, Carolyn Hall of Pendleton and Sharon Gelinis of Nampa, Idaho; son, Ronald of Tacoma, Washington; brothers, Elmer Sheelar of Palm Desert, California, Donald Sheelar of Salem, and Larry Sheelar of Gig Harbor, Washington; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to a special memorial fund at the Heppner or Lone branches of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Marvin W. Hurd

Memorial services for Marvin Walter Hurd were Wednesday, December 18, 1996 at the Boardman Christian Center. Disposition was by cremation.

Mr. Hurd, 84, of Irrigon, died Monday, December 16, 1996, at his home.

He was born October 17, 1912, at Hallock, Minnesota, to James and Lilly Lindstrom Hurd. He grew up in Minnesota and in 1939 moved to Spokane and then to Milton-Freewater.

He served with the US Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was employed as a mechanic at the Chevy garage in Milton-Freewater and later moved to Stanfield, working at Hermiston. He worked at lumber companies in Eugene, Mapleton, Roseburg, Springfield, Prineville and Cresswell, before his retirement in 1977 at Cresswell. He moved to Dallesport in the mid-1980s and to Irrigon in 1991.

Survivors include sons, Donald of Irrigon and Gary of Battleground, Washington; daughter, Marilyn Hoffman-Arnold of Salem; five grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Josephine M. Hurd.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Births

Esteban Ochoa Claudio and Luis Ochoa Claudio-twin sons Esteban and Luis were born to Maria Ochoa and Felipe Velasco of Boardman on December 5, 1996 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. Estaban weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz; Luis weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

Emergency Management echoes concerns

To the Editor:

Morrow County Emergency Management (MCEM) shares the concerns about traffic warning boards Ms. Lori Straley mentioned in her letter to the Heppner Gazette-Times of 12/4/96.

The Oregon State Police (OSP) Office of Emergency Management installed eight traffic warning boards last year as part of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Alert and Notification System. They are all within about 25 miles of the Umatilla Chemical Depot. The boards are part of an early warning system to keep motorists from driving toward the Umatilla Chemical Depot (and possible chemical contamination) in the unlikely event of an accident involving the chemical munitions stored there. The state owns this system, but the county, being statutorily responsible for the safety of its citizens, can operate the boards.

All eight of the warning boards can be activated by the Morrow County Emergency Management via radio signal. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) can utilize five of these signs, for situations such as bad weather or traffic accidents, via a telephone modem. Of the remaining three signs, all are in areas

which lack telephone service; thus ODOT has no modem access to them. After they became operational last year, the boards on I-84 were used by ODOT to warn motorists of icy road conditions, and during the floods last February, they warned motorists that I-84 west of The Dalles was closed due to landslides.

Unfortunately, the warning board system broke down and wasn't fixed until this month. We have been told that the system now works. I echo your concerns and I support efforts to use the signs more often (for bad weather or traffic accidents). To encourage heavier use of the signs, I am forwarding a copy of Ms. Straley's letter to the editor and this letter to the ODOT offices in Heppner, La Grande and Pendleton, as well as to the OSP in Pendleton.

If you have more questions about the traffic warning boards, please call either myself at 676-5161 or Geoff Tyree, our public information officer, at (541) 922-4437. If you would like to contact the state agency in charge of these boards, call Tom Worden (OSP Office of Emergency Management) at (541) 276-2209.

Sincerely,
(s) Casey F. Beard
Director, MCEM
Heppner

Yaw's Restaurant & Lounge

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