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**Obituaries**

**Sara J. Adkins**

Sara Adkins, 102, of Heppner, died Wednesday, February 19, 1997, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

Mrs. Adkins funeral was held Saturday, March 1, 1997, in Heppner, with private committal service at the Silverton Cemetery, Silverton.

She was born February 15, 1895, at Blooming Rose, Missouri, to John and Emily Sullivan Canoy. She came to Heppner in 1924.

On May 13, 1946, she married Frank Adkins at Lewiston, Idaho. Mrs. Adkins enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

Survivors include half-sister, Ruby Wallis of Pleasant Plains, Illinois; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by son, Earl Crismon, in 1996.

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

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

**Vernon O. Waid**

Vernon Waid, 96, of Portland, formerly of Lexington and the Stanfield area, died Monday, February 24, 1997, at Providence Medical Center in Portland.

Graveside service was held Friday, February 28, 1997 at the Echo Cemetery.

He was born July 2, 1900, at Aurora, Missouri, to James W. and Thersey Waid. The family moved to Oregon in 1906 and homesteaded near Lexington.

In 1909, he came to Stanfield where he attended school, graduating from Stanfield High School. He farmed in the Stanfield area and in 1933, married Sue Shepherd.

In 1945, they moved to Portland where he was involved in the building trade.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a former member of hope Presbyterian Church in Stanfield.

His wife, Sue, died in 1983. Survivors include a son, James Waid of Portland, and one granddaughter.

Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

**Albert K. "Al" Wiley**

Graveside service was held for Albert K. "Al" Wiley, 69, Hermiston, on March 5, 1997, at the Haystack Cemetery at Spray. Mr. Wiley died February 28, 1997, at his home.

Mr. Wiley was born December 15, 1927, in Saskatchewan, Canada, to William and Mabel Doney Wiley. He was nine years old when his family moved to Warrenton, where he lived until the age of 16, when he joined the Merchant Marines.

He married Dixie Williams on September 5, 1953, in Kinzua.

He served in the U.S. Army before returning to Warrenton. He moved to Portland, working for Rose City Bus for seven years and then moved to the Buckin Roll Ranch on Buttercreek, where he lived for 12 years. He then moved to Pilot Rock, working as a grader operator before moving to Her-

miston in the late 1980s. He had worked for Circle C Farms up until the time of his death.

Mr. Wiley enjoyed fixing and repairing things, camping and the woods.

Mr. Wiley is survived by his wife, Dixie, Hermiston; son, Ronny Brisbois, Heppner; daughter, Randy Rae Britt, Echo; sisters, Marcella Lindsay, Warrenton, Marvel Brons, Portland, Martha Tripp, Deer Park, Washington; four grandchildren, Marty Britt, Shawn Massey, Libby Lewis and Nikki Jo Robertson; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Those who wish may make contributions to the Vange John Memorial Hospice at P.O. Box 306, Hermiston, OR. 97838. Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

**Otis R. Nida**

A graveside memorial service for Otis R. Nida will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 7, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Nida, 73, of Heppner, died Tuesday, February 25, 1997, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

He was born September 1, 1923, at Miller, Missouri, to George and Hattie Jones Nida. He grew up at Miller and attended school there.

In 1941, he moved to Hood River, where he worked in the fruit orchards for many years. He had been a resident of Heppner for the past year.

Survivors include sisters, Pearl Eutsler of Greenfield, Missouri, Hazel Ross of Saxcarie, Missouri, and Bonnie Fish of Miller, Missouri.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

**Marie Nickel**

Private graveside service for Florence Marie Nickel was held Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at High View Cemetery in Ione.

Mrs. Nickel, 65, of Ione, died Thursday, February 27, 1997, at her home.

She was born January 17, 1932, at Santa Barbara, California, to Levi and Mattie Goins Toppings.

On August 28, 1967, she married Charles G. Nickel at Fallon, Nevada, and on January 20, 1982, at the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mrs. Nickel had been a resident of Ione the past year and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She enjoyed arts and crafts and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Nickel of Ione; daughters, Caron Gordon of Valmy, Nevada, and Rebecca White of Ione; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; four stepdaughters, four stepsons; 10 step-grandchildren, and numerous step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Humane Society, P.O. Box 361, Hermiston, OR. 97838.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

**FAX**

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**NOTICE TO CITY WATER CUSTOMERS**  
Winter packing may now be removed from the water meter boxes. **Reminder:** the customer is liable for any damages to the meter and it is a violation to operate the meter stop that controls the flow of water to the meter unless there is a shut-off on the property side of the meter. Please contact City Hall if there is a problem with your water service.

David Winters  
Public Works Director  
Phone: 676-9618

**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.

**Nothing can exist without the earth**

To the Editor:

Across the land we hear the cries, "They are cutting our budget and we need more money." Your favorite projects and many essentials are feeling the pinch.

These problems are coming down on our heads because most of us have forgotten or don't know where money comes from. As a result, the industries that provide this money have been legislated and regulated right out of business.

All wealth originally comes from the earth. There is no other source. It comes when the farmer harvests his crops, when the rancher's cattle eat the grass and forb, when the logger cuts a tree, and when the miner and oil man recover minerals from the ground. Wealth can be increased by processing and manufacturing useful products from these basic resources. All others share this

original wealth by distributing these products or by providing services for one another.

If you would like to continue to have a job, the necessities of life and a government to provide the vital securities for your life, the basic industries must have access to use of the land.

It is a noble thought to set aside a few special and unique areas for future generations and our recreational pleasure, but we cannot set it all aside.

No life can exist unless we use the earth. Unless we reverse the trend of over-regulating our basic industries and the never-ending curtailment of use of our land, your money problems will get worse and the young people of the world will be the Endangered Species.

(s) Kenneth Anderson  
Mining Geologist-Engineer  
Baker City

**Elect Lisa Nelson**

To the Editor:

I am writing to urge the voters of Morrow County to elect Lisa Nelson to the Morrow County School Board. Lisa has lived in Morrow County for the last 21 years, 15 years of which she was the librarian at Heppner Elementary and Junior High before her retirement two years ago.

Lisa has a solid understanding of the problems that our school

district is facing with the advent of Measure 47. She will work hard to help our district get the best education for our dollar for the children of Morrow County.

Dwayne Carroll has done a fine job for many years; perhaps it is time for a change. Vote Lisa Nelson for Morrow County School Board.

Sincerely,  
(s) Karen Hutchinson-Talaski  
Irrigon

**HCC supports city levy**

To the Editor:

The Heppner Coordinating Council is very much in support of the city of Heppner's Levy Request. Ballot Measure 25-26 will help Heppner maintain critical city services.

Don't let the people in the Willamette Valley decide that we don't need city services. A "yes" vote will keep our police, park and public works at current levels and current tax rates. This is not a tax

increase, it is Heppner deciding what is best for Heppner, not Portland deciding what is best for Heppner.

Another thing to keep in mind is that at least 50 percent of the voters must cast ballots in order for this levy to pass, so vote "yes" to maintain local control of local services.

(s) Rollie Marshall  
HCC chairman  
Heppner

**No address, no taxes?**

To the Editor:

My grandparents came to Oregon in 1883 and were the first to settle north of Ione.

In 1996, the county government hired someone out of Idaho to set up an address system for the county.

I live on the place my grand-

parents settled. I called the Sheriff's office last week to find out what my address was and found out I do not have one.

Does this mean I do not have to pay county taxes?

(s) Wayne Rietmann  
? Ella Road  
Ione

**Septic system discussion set, March 13**

Gail Glick, Drinking Water Quality Educator for the Oregon State University Extension service will be leading a round-table discussion on "The Septic System-Nitrate Connection" on Thursday, March 13, at the Hermiston Agriculture Research and Experiment Center on Hermiston-Hinkle Road. The discussion will be in the conference room between 1-3 p.m.

Glick will be answering questions about septic system alterna-

tives; individual wells vs. community wells; how far apart a well, septic drainfield and livestock should be; and how many animals are too many for safe well water.

The round-table is open to all interested citizens and is free of charge. It will be especially helpful for members of planning boards and commissions, realtors, landscapers and rural residents, said an Extension news release. For questions about the program, contact Carol Michael at 676-9642 or Jeff McMorran at 567-8321.

March 6th:  
**OLD TIMER-PAST EXALTED RULER-WIDOWS' NIGHT.** Jean Ann Turner's famous BBQ chicken at 6 p.m. Lodge recognition and appreciation at 8 p.m.

March 7-8th:  
**Good food with reasonably priced dining-6-9 p.m.**

March 9th:  
**GREAT NEW SUNDAY BRUNCH DINING** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring the family. Special discounts for senior citizens and children. All You Can Consume: adults \$6.95, senior citizens \$5.50, children under 12 \$4.50. Numerous delicious and healthy buffet food items for your pleasure.

March 14-15:  
**St. Patrick's Celebration with KUMA Coffee Hour, brunch, dancing and socializing.**

March 29th:  
**Easter Egg Hunt-10 a.m.** Installation of officers at 4 p.m.; dining and dancing. Come say "hello" to new Exalted Ruler Roger and Andrea Mortimore, and "thanks" to Jay and Lori Straley.

**Heppner Elks 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main

**Historical Society has quarterly meeting**

By Delpha Jones

The quarterly meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society was held at Beecher's Cafe on Saturday, Feb. 22, with a noon lunch.

Present were Katherine Hoskins, Don and Donna Eppenbaugh, Ruth McCabe, Jean Nelson, Pat Wright, Harold and Edna Peck and Delpha Jones.

The business meeting was held following lunch. A report was heard concerning the cemetery project. Headstones have been knocked over and have fallen over. The project was tabled until more information is available.

Pat Wright gave a report on the landscaping of the fountain area near the rodeo grounds. Wilbur Jackson is chairman of this project. Trees and shrubs have been planted and weeds cleaned. Some of the trees are ornamental.

Don Eppenbaugh reported on the bicentennial meeting on the Lewis and Clark expedition. There will be 14 different locations for signs showing the trail. The project is planned to be finished in 2003.

He also reported that the old school building in Irrigon is being used as a city hall. Plans are being made for a display of books

and pictures of the area. Anyone who has something for this project may contact Donna Eppenbaugh.

The Rainbow Riding Club is making plans for a covered arena to be used by the handicapped and others.

It was announced that the Chronicles Committee has a new member, Doris Brosnan. Anyone who has stories and articles for the Chronicles should contact the committee now. The Chronicles will be ready for sale at the annual meeting in October.

An election of officers was held, with the following re-elected: Delpha Jones, chairman; Harold Peck, vice-chairman; and Ruth McCabe, secretary-treasurer.

It was announced that the Irrigon Watermelon Festival will be held July 26.

The annual bus trip in May is being planned for the Oregon Coast-to Newport (hopefully to see Keiko), the Loyalty Day Parade, the glass blower, the Smithsonian display in Portland, the casino in Lincoln City, and other interesting things. The group will travel by Mid-Columbia Bus. These are tentative plans and the completed plans will be announced soon.

The meeting adjourned and the group enjoyed visiting.

**Gutierrez earns second in contest**

Mandi Gutierrez, a senior at Heppner High School, received second place on the Blue Mountain District Public Speaking Contest recently.

Schools competing besides Heppner were Hermiston, Pendleton, Athena-Weston, MacLoughlin High, Condon and Stanfield.

Gutierrez also received second place in sectionals in public speaking. She competed against teams from Hermiston, Pendleton, Vale, Joseph, Enterprise, Jordan Valley, Ontario and Baker.

Gutierrez will be the alternate for the state contest.



Mandi Gutierrez

**Justice Court Report**

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Lisa Kay Smith, 28, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 83 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$137 fine;

Christopher Arthur Gulden, 36, Ukiah-truck speeding, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$94 fine.

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