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Letter home from Bosnia

(Editor's note: The following letter from Bosnia was written by Morrow County District Attorney Earl R. Woods, who is serving in Bosnia with his National Guard unit.)

Would you believe that I am down to 204 days in this garden of Eden? Yes 203 and a wake-up!

I've been giving some thought to this mess over here and thought I'd memorialize it.

Overseeing the often tense return of Bosnian refugees to their former homelands is a job that by default has fallen to SFOR (American, British, French, Russian, etc.) forces and one that they probably need some help to handle.

Refugees that fled the horror of war three years ago and ended up in Croatia, Austria and Germany have a problem. They arrived in these countries as refugees and were issued temporary visas which will expire April 1, 1997. Croatia, Austria and Germany have helped these refugees since they departed Bosnia-Herzegovina but are taking the position that three years is enough and are now refusing to extend the refugees' visas. "Go back to Bosnia" is the message that rings throughout Western Europe.

In an effort to assist these refugees, international organizations and the SFOR military leaders have stepped in and have tried to broker a deal that would allow 400 Muslim families to rebuild their homes on sites that they occupied prior to the war. These sites are located within the area reserved for the Federation and both sides (Bosnian Serb and Bosnian Muslim) agreed to that at the political level. Unfortunately no one talked to the Serbian people of Gajevi. When the Muslims arrived in the area and completed reconstruction of their temporary homes, 150 Serbs stormed the area armed with sticks and clubs, routing the Muslims and then destroying their temporary housing. SFOR troops called the Serbian police who ignored them. Similarly, when the Muslims attempted to build on sites they had occupied in Mostar prior to the war, Croats attacked them with guns, killing one and wounding 23. The Croats then proceeded to blow up the buildings that the Muslims were constructing. Again SFOR forces called the police who did nothing.

Understand that the SFOR is a stabilization force and under the rules of engagement cannot interdict themselves into civilian problems. We are a military force that can oppose other military forces but not civilians. We are a military that is trained and equipped to fight organized military forces and American forces do that better than any military force in the world. However, the problems that we face now are problems that would be better handled by an international police force that works, since it is very apparent that local police are partisan and lack the ability and the interest to cope with what is an escalating problem. This is the challenge that NATO and the international community face in months to come. Let me know what you think.

Regards from "The Box". See you in the world in about 204.
(s) LTC Earl R. Woods, Jr., 540-48-8029, Operation Joint Guard, Slavonki Brod, Croatia

Obituaries

Stacey R. Lovgren

Memorial services for Stacy R. Lovgren were held at 1 p.m. Monday at eh Heppner Elks Lodge.

Mr. Lovgren, 61, of Heppner, died Wednesday, March 12, 1997, near his home on Rhea Creek.

He was born Feb. 6, 1936, at Heppner, to Alfred and Roxie Wick Lovgren. A lifelong area resident, he started grade school at Hardman and completed school at Heppner where he graduated from Heppner High School in 1954.

In 1958, he entered the U.S. Army, serving until 1960.

He was employed at Kinzua for a time before going into heavy construction in 1967. He worked heavy construction for nearly 30 years.

On June 10, 1977, he married Darlene Haywood Quigley at Reno, Nev. He enjoyed hunting, trapshooting and traveling.

He was a 40-year member of Heppner BPOE 358, the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, Operating Engineers Local Union 701 and the Morrow County Gun Club.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene, of Heppner; daughters, Connie Aragon of Cloudfroft, N.M., Ronda Helfrecht of Pendleton Rita Lovgren of Heppner and LeAnn Wichman of Forest Grove; son, Pat Lovgren of Heppner; father, Alfred Lovgren of Heppner; and 15 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, Roxie, in 1994.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Murlin E. Stone

Memorial service was held Monday for Murlin E. Stone at the Heppner Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Stone, 60, of Hardman, died Thursday, March 20, 1997, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

He was born Nov. 17, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

He was born Nov. 17, 1936, at Heppner, to Eugene and Adine Smith Stone. He attended Heppner schools.

he worked for a number of area ranchers and also raised horses.

Survivors include his mother, Adine Stone, of Heppner; sisters, Elaine Bridger and Deana Butler, both of Prosser, Wash., and Jeanette Killhorn of Yakima; brothers, Joe Lee Stone of Pendleton and Kenneth Stone of Wateka, Ill. He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Stone, in 1984.

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

Contributions for a headstone may be made at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Death Notices

Ruth E. Bergstrom

Graveside service will be held for Ruth E. Bergstrom at 2p.m. Thursday, March 27 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Bergstrom died at Heppner Tuesday, March 25 at the age of 89.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Dail A. Turner

Funeral services will be held for Dail A. Turner 1p.m. Saturday, March 29 at the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

Concluding service and interment will be at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Turner died at Heppner Tuesday, March 25 at the age of 63.

Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health, P.O. Box 9, Heppner.

Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

In the Service

Marine Pvt. Ruben Torres, son of Enrique and Catalina Torres of Boardman, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. He successfully completed 11 weeks of training "designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally" said a military news release.

Torres is a 1992 graduate of Riverside High School.

Marine Pvt. Keven Graff, son of Steve Graff of Irrigon also recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, successfully completing the 11-week training program.

He is a 1995 graduate of Riverside High School.

Conferences set at Heppner H.S.

Heppner High School parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, April 3, from 5-9 p.m. and Friday, April 4, from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

Parents may pick up report cards in the high school office.

Teams compete in roping events

One hundred-seventy teams competed in three ropings during the St. Paddy's Team Roping held in Heppner over the St. Patrick's weekend.

The teams of Justin Matteson and Brian Knowles, Karla Rogers and Todd Kline and Rick Getner and Wally Rogers took first in the ropings.

Complete results are as follows:

#5 Roping-first, Justin Matteson and Brian Knowles; second, Emmett Evans and Brian Knowles; third, Jay Papineau and Emmett Evans;

and fourth, Cy Roseburg and Todd Kline.

#7 Roping-first, Karla Rogers and Todd Kline; second, Bob Steagall and Todd Kline; third, Celia Moyer and John Moyer; fourth, Jim Bosworth and Emmett Evans; fifth, Rick Getner and Emmett Evans; and sixth, Seth Thompson and Justin Matteson.

#9 Roping-first, Rick Getner and Wally Rogers; second, Larry Patterson and Gene Thomas; and third, Wayne Smith and Todd Kline.

Raffle winner announced

The winner of the Soroptimist International of Heppner St. Pat's basket raffle was Kathryn Kettel of Heppner.

Proceeds from the raffle will help pay for mammograms for area women who cannot afford them, said a Soroptimist spokesperson.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

There were 75 present for the senior meal March 19 and seven meals were home delivered. Irene Schroeder won the free meal ticket. Members of the Christian Missionary Fellowship served. Blood pressures were taken before the meal and the Nutrition Site Committee met after.

The menu for the dinner April 2 will be pork noodles, tossed salad, applesauce, rolls and brownies. Members of the Seventh-day Adventist and Nazarene churches will serve. Thursday evening the lone girls' choir sang for the seniors. Those few who came to hear them had a real treat. They are a very talented group. Refreshments were provided by the apartment tenants.

One table of pinocle was in play Friday afternoon. There was no movie Sunday evening.

The St. Patrick's Senior Center bus was being used for a Historical Society tour, so the Boardman Senior bus and driver picked up the group from Heppner for the trip to the RSVP dinner in Pendleton Saturday. The dinner was delicious and the group of fiddlers and guitarists who entertained were outstanding. Irene Anhorn and Eva Griffith were presented certificates and pins for 15 years of RSVP service.

Dates to remember: Monday and Friday, tax service from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m., or stop by the senior enter office or call 676-9030 to make appointment; Tuesday and Thursday, exercise, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, hearing aid service, 10 a.m., blood pressures taken, 11 a.m., senior dinner, noon, Nutrition Site Committee meeting, 1 p.m.; Friday, cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday, movie.

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Anda Kay Zastrow named top producer

The Bank of Eastern Oregon (BEO) has announced that Anda Kay Zastrow, financial specialist with BEO Financial Services, has received a special award from Western Southern Life Assurance Company.

Zastrow has been named a top producer of 1996 for her sales of annuity products.

Western Southern has superior ratings from A.M. Best, Duff and Phelps and Standard & Poor's for claims paying ability.

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products, annuities can be an excellent retirement plan alternative, used for IRAs, SEPs, pension rollovers and other retirement needs," said a spokesperson. "They are not bank products nor guaranteed by the bank, but are sold through non-affiliated licensed insurance companies and involve risk."

For a free consultation with Zastrow on annuities, call the Bank of Eastern Oregon. She is at the Heppner branch on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Groups exploring Memorial dinner

A group of service organizations and churches in the area have been exploring the possibility of reviving the traditional community Memorial Day dinner at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner, which was enjoyed for many years. The dinner began as a potluck and was later hosted by pioneer families.

At a meeting March 17 at the Heppner Senior Center with representatives from the Heppner Garden Club, Extension, Soroptimist International, the First Christian Church and St.

Patrick's Altar Society. The group tentatively discussed reviving the dinner on May 26 as a return to the original potluck menu with the host groups providing only bread and beverages.

The group expressed hope for wider participation and are inviting any interested organizations or individuals to meet at the St. Patrick's Senior Center on Thursday, April 3, at 5 p.m. to join in further preparation in rounding out plans for the traditional community event.

For more information call 676-9677 or 676-9435.

Line dance classes scheduled

Blue Mountain Community College has scheduled Basic Country Western Line Dance and Couples Country Western Dance classes to begin Saturday, April 5 at the Heppner High School cafeteria for a seven week run.

Line Dancing will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Several of the popular dance steps will be taught with limited steps for the beginner. Tuition is \$30 per student or \$10 for age 60 and over.

Couples Country Western

Dance is set for 4 to 4:30 p.m. Learn dances written for couples that include 10-step, Texas Waltz, Cowboy Traveling Cha-Cha, Horseshoe Shuffle as well as the basic two-step. Tuition is \$25 per person or \$10 for age 60 and over.

April Dyntera of Pilot Rock will instruct the class. For more information or to pre-register for the class, contact Anne Morter, BMCC Morrow County coordinator at 422-7040. Preregistration is requested.

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