

Obituaries

Glenn A. Irby

Glenn A. Irby, 79, of Heppner, died Saturday, September 12, 1998, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Graveside services were Wednesday, September 16, 1998 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Glenn A. Irby was born May 7, 1919, at Girdner, Missouri, to William and Maggie Brown Irby. He went to grade school at Girdner and attended high school at Ava, Missouri.

He married Helen Marie Thompson in 1937. The couple had one daughter, Mary Phyllis Irby. They later divorced.

He was inducted into the Civilian Conservation Corps camp at St. Louis, Missouri and worked on reservoirs and roads at Salt Lake, Milton and Beaverton, all in Utah.

He returned to Ava and in 1941, married Gladys Lawson. They had two sons, Billy Ray Irby and Robert Dean Irby. They later divorced.

Mr. Irby served with the U.S. Army in the Philippines during World War II.

In 1942, he moved to Hermiston, where he worked at the Hinkle Railroad Yard. He later moved to Heppner where he worked on area ranches, then as a parts man at Fullerton Chevrolet.

On June 5, 1956, he married Elvira McDonald, at Pendleton. The couple lived at Heppner where Mr. Irby worked for the Morrow County Road Department, retiring in 1983.

Mr. Irby enjoyed fishing and camping.

Survivors include his wife, Elvira Irby, at the home; daughter, Mary Phyllis di Sibio, of Oakland, California; sons, Bill and Bob, both of Hermiston; stepdaughter, Patsy Kwaliek, in Alaska; stepson, Monte McDonald, in Oregon; six grandchildren and six step-grandchildren. Two sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

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

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Willie E. Gibbs

Willie Eugene Gibbs, 62, of John Day, died Sunday, September 6, 1998, at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend.

Memorial services were Thursday, September 10, 1998 at the Grant County Fairgrounds grounds.

Willie Eugene Gibbs was born February 10, 1936, at Youngs, Oregon, to V.E. "Dick" and Ethal Gibbs. The family moved to Powers in 1951 and he graduated from high school there in 1954.

On April 9, 1956, he married Judy Dobson. They moved to John Day in 1969.

Mr. Gibbs was employed as a truck driver. In his lifetime he had worked in the logging industry and in road construction.

He enjoyed bowling and reading, was an avid rodeo fan, and an active USTRC team roper.

Survivors include his mother, a sister and brother, his wife of 42 years, Judy; his children, Brad Gibbs and David Gibbs, both of John Day, and Marvin Gibbs of Wallawa; a daughter, Shawn Kempas of Lexington; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, his grandparents and a sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Charles Medical Center through U.S. Bank, Grant County Branch, 129 N. Canyon Boulevard, John Day, OR. 97845.

Driskill Memorial Chapel, John Day, was in charge of arrangements.

Inna Woodard

Inna Pectol Woodard, 78, of Boardman, died Wednesday, September 3, 1998, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Hermiston.

The funeral was Thursday, September 10, 1998 at the Boardman Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Ward Chapel. Graveside service was September 10, 1998 at Bess Hampton Memorial

Gardens in Othello, Washington.

Inna Pectol was born January 28, 1920, at Upalco, Utah, to Jesse L. and Minnie A. Carrell Pectol.

On July 6, 1937, she married Clarence W. Woodard at Vernal, Utah. Their marriage was sealed on June 30, 1948, at the Salt Lake City Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Temple.

The couple developed farms in Pleasant Valley, Utah; Eltopia, Washington and Myton and Ibabah, Utah. In 1991, they moved to Boardman to be near their two daughters.

Mrs. Woodard enjoyed dancing, uplifting literature, nature and serving others.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as teacher, counselor and president of the Primary, Young Woman's and Relief Society organizations of the church.

Survivors include daughters, Betty Smith of Cheney, Washington; and LaRae Poe of Boardman; sisters, Lillian Mecham of Klamath Falls, Zada Nelson of Salt Lake City, Utah and Lavena Howard of Fields Landing, California; a brother, Fon Pectol of Roosevelt, Utah; 13 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, her parents, sisters, Virga and Zella, brothers, Phillip and Alvin, and great-grandsons, Michael and Fletcher.

Stevens Funeral Home, P.O. Box 315, Othello, Washington, was in charge of arrangements.

Laverne Zeeb

Word has been received of the death of former Heppner and Pendleton resident Laverne Brown Zeeb, 69, of Tacoma, Washington, on Tuesday, August 25, 1998, at her home.

Audree Laverne Brown was born February 22, 1929, at Oxnard, California, to Jesse and Mattie Marie C. Brown. She attended St. Joseph Academy in Pendleton between 1943 and 1947. She was a member of St. Joseph's Glee Club and achieved a number one class rating her junior and senior years. She graduated in 1947.

She married Ted White of Pendleton. The couple lived at Heppner and later divorced. She moved to Southern California where she remarried and raised her family, eventually moving to Tacoma to care for her mother and stepfather.

She was an artist who sold many oil paintings throughout the western states. Other paintings done by her grace the walls of family members' homes.

Survivors include daughters, Tedde Laverne Holcomb of Pilot Rock, Annette Marie Eads of Lancaster, California; Cynthia Lee Sligar of Vancouver, Washington, Angela Mae Edwards of Palmdale, California; sons, Clinton Mitchell Zeeb of Puyallup, Wash-

ington and Brandon Courtney Zeeb of Port Angeles, Washington; her stepfather, J.C. "Jack" Slocum of Tacoma, formerly of Heppner; her former husband, Larry Zeeb of Port Angeles; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mattie Marie Slocum.

Funeral services were held at Willamette National Cemetery on Sept. 8.

John Harvey McRoberts, 79, a Lexington area native, of McMinnville, died Friday, Sept. 4, 1998, at McMinnville.

Graveside services were held at Willamette National Cemetery on Sept. 8.

John Harvey McRoberts was born Aug. 1, 1919, on his great-uncle Tom McDandels' wheat ranch out of Lexington, to Harv and Stella McDandels McRoberts.

He later moved to Idaho with family where he grew up and attended school, returning to Heppner when he was 17.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II, earning a Purple Heart and a Distinguished Service Cross.

In 1945, he married Jeanne Leathers. She died in 1970.

In 1971, Mr. McRoberts married Marjorie Wheeler.

In 1946, Mr. McRoberts went to work in sales and service for Industrial Air Supply, which later became Liquid Air Corporation. He was employed by Liquid Air until his retirement in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie, of McMinnville; sons, Jay McRoberts of Central Point, Kerry McRoberts of Corvallis, and Richard Wheeler of Portland; daughters, Carol Fossen of Jacksonville, Marilyn Wheeler of San Francisco, Suzanne Thrasher of Portland, and Sally Wheeler of Bozeman, Mont.; brothers, Lee McRoberts of Portland, Arlo McRoberts of Palm Desert, Calif., and Ellis McRoberts and Oliver Devin, both of Heppner; sisters, Alice Wagner of Heppner, Caroline Goodwin of Portland, and Frances Wright of Twin Falls, Idaho; and 13 grandchildren.

Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home of Portland was in charge of arrangements.

Irrigon student earns OSU scholarship

Nearly \$80,000 in scholarships will be awarded to Oregon State University College of Science students for the 1998-99 academic year, which begins Monday, Sept. 28.

Local scholarship recipients include Justin Carson, Irrigon, a sophomore in pre-therapy, \$500 Jesse Hanson Scholarship.

Road report

The U.S. Dept. of Transportation lists its planned construction activities on Willow Creek Road for the week of Monday, Sept. 14:

Tidewater plans to continue working on the cut slopes above Smith Ditch and building the subgrade with some of the material from these cut slopes. They are hauling waste material to the waste sites established on the FS 5350 road and to private property near the end of the project. They are utilizing excavators and cat wagons to move the waste material. Drivers on FS 5350 road are asked to please observe the flaggers and remember that they are there to help you and the operators of the equipment.

They have a culvert crew continuing to place culverts throughout the project. Emergency access through the project will be maintained throughout the construction season. They also continued to drill in preparation of doing some rock blasting near the first of the work week. Be aware that there will be some blasting prior to 1 p.m., but the exact date and time has not been finalized.

Willow Creek Road (Coal Mine Grade) is closed to through traffic from Cutsforth Park to the intersection of FS roads 5350 and 53. This intersection will remain open, to the logging contractor only, for the removal of timber sale material. The FS 21 Road, Penland Lake Road intersection will remain open during construction activities, controlled with flaggers.

Willow Creek Road remains open, to local traffic only, to Cutsforth Park. The park will remain open through the construction season.

The Willow Creek road closure will continue through Oct. 9, 1998. The detour route through the Shaw Creek Road to the four corners to Penland Lake and Ukiah is open for all traffic. Additional temporary signs have been placed for Penland Lake access.

Please watch for logging truck traffic and observe the warning signs, including the speed limit, on the detour route and observe the barricaded road closures are for the traveling public's safety.

Federal Highways asks the traveling public for their patience, consideration and cooperation during this construction season and hopes that the work will be completed with a minimum of delays.

For more information, contact Robert G. Toops, project engineer, at 676-5904 in Heppner.

Road report

Booster Club steak feed/auction Oct. 17

The Heppner High School Booster Club will hold its steak feed and auction October 17 at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

The Booster Club invites everyone to come and enjoy a fun filled evening. "Bring all of your friends and pheasant hunting parties," said a Booster Club spokesperson.

The annual event will feature a variety of auction items, silent auction items and raffle items. A few of the many items available will be: a Winchester model 700.270 caliber rifle donated by Gentry Allstott construction and Coast to Coast hardware, a Black Hills gold ring donated by Peterson's Jewelry, a fishing trip donated by Steve Rhea, bird hunting weekends and airplane flights.

The dinner will start at 6 p.m. with the auction to follow at 8 p.m. The cost of dinner will be \$7.50. Tickets will be available at the Shoe Box and at the door.

Anyone interested in donating to the Booster Club auction may phone Greg and Erika Grant, 676-5257, Cyde and Rusty Estes, 676- 5808, Chuck and Sherry Matteson 676-5250, or John and Sonja McCabe 676-5231.

Proceeds from the auction over the past several years have gone towards purchase of various items or sponsorship of activities for Heppner Junior-Senior High School as follows:

- Football: press box, coaching headsets, carpet for the bleachers and a new blocking sled;
- Basketball: video training library, coaching aid equipment, goal lights and panel and other equipment;
- Baseball: baseball field, bleachers, sprinklers, ad boards and equipment;
- Softball: equipment and new infield dirt;
- Volleyball: equipment;
- Scholarships: four annually;
- Cheerleaders: mascot costume and uniforms;
- Pep band: shirts;
- Sports and academic awards: refreshments and certificates;
- Miscellaneous items and activities: youth football sponsorship; Eighth Grade Celebration; HHS homecoming; FFA convention sponsorship; play books, pencil sharpeners, student assignment books, gym window covers, gymnastic equipment; special achievement dinners; trophy engraving; loans to organizations.

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Thank You Heppner!

The Heppner Booster Club would like to thank everyone for their support over the last several years. Your generous contributions have allowed us to purchase or sponsor the following items:

- Football; the press box, coaching headsets, carpet for the bleachers and a new blocking sled.
- Youth Football sponsorship
- Cheerleader mascot & uniforms
- Pep-Band Shirts
- Basketball; a video training library, coaching aid equipment, goal lights and panel and other equipment.
- Sports & Academic awards; refreshments & certificates
- Baseball; The baseball field, bleachers, sprinklers, ad boards and equipment.
- 8th Grade Celebration
- HHS Homecoming
- FFA Convention sponsorship
- Play books
- Pencil dispensers
- Student assignment books
- Gym window covers
- Gymnastic equipment
- Special achievement dinners
- Trophy engraving
- Loans to Organizations
- Softball; equipment and new infield dirt.
- Volleyball; equipment
- 4 Scholarships annually

We would also like to extend a special thank you to all past Booster Club members for your years of dedication and service.

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