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**Obituaries**

**John B. Coleman**

John B. Coleman, 72, of Irrigon, died Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at his home.

At his request, no service was held. Disposition was by cremation.

John Coleman was born July 19, 1926, at Arch, New Mexico, to Henry and Ada Brown Coleman. He was raised in New Mexico and lived in several states before settling at Irrigon in 1980. He owned his own business for several years until his retirement.

Throughout his last illness, he was looked after and cared for by the mother of his children.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding, trapshooting, traveling, the outdoors and visiting with friends.

Survivors include his daughter, Karen Pierson of Beaverton; sons, Ned and Neal, both of Canyon City; brother, Steve of Ironside; sisters, Jean McDaniel of Andrews, Texas, Esther McLeod of Clyde, Texas, and Ressie Brown of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vange John Memorial Hospice through Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

**C. "Leo" Crabtree**

C. "Leo" Crabtree, 83, long-time Ione resident, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 1998, at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa, Idaho.

The funeral for Mr. Crabtree will be Friday, October 2, 1998 at 10 a.m. at St. Williams Catholic Church in Ione. Concluding service and burial will follow at High View Cemetery in Ione.

Mr. Crabtree was born Oct. 16, 1914, at Turner, to Job and Hattie Lindsey Crabtree. The family moved to Ione in 1917. He grew up in Ione and attended school there.

In 1935, he went to Salem to work.

On Dec. 31, 1936, he married Irene V. Sheelar at Salem. The couple lived in Salem until 1951 when they moved to Ione. Mr. Crabtree worked in the Ione area until his retirement in 1993.

He was an active member of the Ione Masonic Lodge for 51 years, the Royal Arch Masons, Heppner chapter, and the Baker City Valley Scottish Rites, and a member of Willows Grange.

Survivors include daughters, Carolyn Hall of Pendleton, and Sharon Gelinof of Nampa, Idaho; son, Ronald of Tacoma, Wash.; sister, Dot Halvorsen of Ione; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene, in 1996, and by sisters Babe Stender and Dimple Munkers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leo Crabtree Memorial Fund, c/o Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner Branch, P.O. Box 39, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Royal Mahlon "Stoney" Stoneman**

Funeral services for Royal Mahlon "Stoney" Stoneman, Portland, formerly of Lonerock and Longcreek, will be held Thursday, October 1, 1998, at 10 a.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Lonerock Cemetery at 3 p.m.

Mr. Stoneman, 71, died Friday, September 25, 1998, at the Portland Adventist Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center.

Mr. Stoneman was born November 15, 1926, at Lonerock to Mahlon Hutchinson and Audra Leathers Stoneman and

grew up in the Lonerock and Longcreek areas. He worked on several ranches breaking horses and then went into logging in Longcreek.

On August 22, 1954, he married Sally Balderson at Longcreek. They later divorced.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict as a Seaman on the USS Bremerton, a heavy cruiser. After the service he returned to logging for a time before working in construction. He broke his hip in an industrial accident, so he went to school and became an accountant for several years. He then went to work as a grinder/welder for Raygo Wagner metal fabricating in Portland until he retired.

His favorite activities always involved being in the woods.

Mr. Stoneman is survived by two daughters, Rebecca Muck, Portland, and Laurie Patterson, Las Vegas, NV; three sisters, Georgia Giersch of Umatilla, Aley Lamb of Irrigon and Yvonne Stubblefield of La Grande; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Curren and Alva Stoneman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, 3101 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97201.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in care of arrangements.

**James G. Thomson Jr.**

Funeral services for James G. Thomson Jr. will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, October 1, 1998 at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Concluding service and interment will be at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.



James Thomson Jr.

Mr. Thomson, 90, of Heppner, passed away Saturday, September 26, 1998 at Heppner.

James George Thomson Jr. was born September 9, 1908 in Heppner. His parents were James George and Agnes Mary (Swift) Curtis Thomson. He was the oldest of six children.

Jim lived his entire life in Heppner where his father owned a grocery store (started in 1898, the store began as a general mercantile store) located on Main Street. Jim entered the family business in 1926, when he was called home from college to help in the store after his father had fallen off a roof and broken his leg. In 1942, Jim, Jr. and his wife, Madge, purchased the inventory, operating the grocery store until 1978. When they closed the store in 1978, it was the culmination of nearly 80 years of continuous operation of the business by the Thomson family.

Jim was a well-liked merchant. He offered delivery service and was open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. until well after 7 p.m. in the evening for the convenience of his loyal custom-

ers. A phone call from a customer would bring him to the store-at any time-he served well.

In earlier years he was called Jimmy. His brothers and sisters enjoyed their childhood years traveling to the mountain cabin each summer, and Jim enjoyed fishing and exploring the mountains. He used to reminisce about a pet crow that he enjoyed feeding and having as a companion during part of this time.

Jim graduated from Heppner High School in the Class of 1926. While in high school, he played football and was an accomplished thespian. Following graduation, he traveled with three friends to the Orient aboard a freighter. Throughout his life Jim always enjoyed reading the newspapers and took a special interest in weather-Groundhog Day was special to him. People remember his quiet sense of humor.

In 1931, a pretty, young teacher arrived in Heppner to teach typing, shorthand and bookkeeping at Heppner High. Madge Bernice Coppock caught Jim's eye and they were married December 24, 1933 at the Thomson family home in Heppner. They were married for 63 years, until Madge's passing in January, 1997.

Jim was a member of the Elks and served as Exalted Ruler in 1934-35. In 1934, Jim and Madge journeyed to Lansing, Michigan to pick up a new Oldsmobile at the factory. They then toured much of the United States, visiting relatives in New York, and also Canada.

Jim is survived by his three children-Meredith Walters, Bernice Thomson, and Bruce Thomson. He is also survived by two of his sisters-Winifred Cox of Portland and Mary Gibb of Seattle, WA.; six grandchildren-Russell, Duane, Ammon and Aaron Walters, Stacey (Thomson) Teter, and Jeff Thomson; and four great-grandchildren-Zachary, Breanna and Nathan Walters, and Marshall Teter.

In addition to his wife Madge, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Rod Thomson and Curtis Thomson, and sister Louise Becket.

Contributions for those who wish may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836; the Morrow County Historical Society, Heppner; or the BPOE #358 local scholarship fund.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

**Harp soloist to present lecture & recital Oct. 2**

Camille Peterson, harp soloist with the Oregon East Symphony will present a lecture/recital at the Art Center in Pendleton on Friday, Oct. 2, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Peterson will also appear as the soloist in the Sunday, Oct. 4, concert for the Oregon East Symphony.

The Friday night lecture/recital is designed to audience members a chance to hear Peterson demonstrate the harp and ask questions in an informal setting.

The presentation is offered as part of the Outreach Project of the Oregon East Symphony.

Two free tickets to Sunday's concert will be awarded to a member of the audience in the Friday night program.

**New loan officers join GEODC**

Two new loan officers have joined the staff of Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC), a non-profit economic development corporation serving eight Oregon counties. Although both are new to eastern Oregon, they have long-standing ties to the Northwest.

Donald Engdahl brings 30 years experience in the banking industry to the position of senior loan officer. Born and raised in Spokane, WA, he attended the University of Idaho. Engdahl began his banking career in Southern California and has spent the last 15 years with independent banks engaged in lending to small businesses.

"For me, the personal relationship with the borrower is the heart of banking. Economic development is new to me. I'm excited about being able to build relationships with business people and being able to help them when conventional financing cannot," said Engdahl.

Loan officer and economic development specialist Lisa Breckenridge brings four years experience in community-economic development in rural New Mexico and inner-city Seattle to GEODC. Most recently, she graduated with an MBA from the University of Washington.

"I want to help rural communities create wealth and control their own destinies," she said. "I grew up in timber dependent communities in Washington. Working for GEODC is a great opportunity to serve similar communities here."

GEODC Executive Director Joni Woodwell believes that the new staff will help GEODC

**Resume class offered by BMCC**

"Is Your Resume A Dinosaur," resume writing class is offered at four different Skill Centers sites this fall.

These free resume writing classes are sponsored by Eastern Oregon Skills Centers, an affiliate of Blue Mountain Community College.

The workshops are designed to offer individual assistance to participants. Because of the one-on-one instruction the classes are limited in size. Participants should bring their work history and/or their volunteer work history to class.

Preregistration is required; registration ends the day before a given workshop. Course dates and locations are as follows:

- in Irrigon (to register, call 481-2099) Tuesday, Oct. 20, Irrigon Skill Center, 240 West South Main, 1:30-4 p.m.;
- in Boardman (to register, call 481-2099) Friday, Nov. 13, Boardman Skill Center, 114 Boardman Ave., 9:30 a.m.-noon.

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**Munkers wins trip**

Fall is here and canning season is just about over. It is time to open the jars and start eating your delicious canned fruits, vegetables, jams and jellies.

Are you planning to make jerky from your elk and venison? All persons entering the canning and foods departments are eligible to win a weekend at the Oregon Coast. Martha Munkers received the trip this year by entering the most exhibits in the two departments.

"So, start saving one item of everything you have canned and then next year do a lot of baking to enter in the fair and maybe you will be the lucky winner of the trip to the Oregon Coast," said a spokesperson from the Morrow County Fair.

**Hardman Community Center  
ALL YOU CAN EAT  
Oyster Feed / Salmon Bake  
Ham Dinner - Pie and Cake  
October 3, 1998  
Dinner 4:30-8:30 p.m.  
Cooks - Bob Allen and Vince Alleman & crew  
Adults \$12.00 - Children \$4.50 - Preschool free  
SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT  
BMCC Foundation Presents: "ABSOLUTELY NOBODY"  
Coffee - Seating - Visiting  
At Hardman Community Center - Hardman, Oregon**


**^ Strong Ag Background  
^ Long-time County Resident  
^ Experienced in public budget development  
in the General Election on November 3rd**

**VOTE For  
Leann A. Rea**

Morrow County Commissioner Candidate

For questions or concerns call (541) 481-5922 or 1-800-221-4371-02

Paid for by Leann A. Rea, 79269 Rippee Rd., Boardman, OR 97818



**October 1st - Thursday**  
NE DDGER-Bruce Rynearson Visitation. Buffet Dinner at 6 p.m. Bingo to follow for those interested. Initiation at 8 p.m.

**October 2nd - Friday**  
Hunter's Breakfast from 4-8 p.m. \$6.50 Buffet--All You Can Eat. Elks Ladies' Bake Sale from 4:00-'til it's all gone.

**October 3rd - Saturday**  
Hunter's Breakfast from 4-9 a.m. \$6.50 Buffet--All You Can Eat.


**October 16th - Friday**  
Retirement Party for Glen Ward after 40 YEARS of being Secretary!!! Social Hour 6-7 p.m. No Host Buffet Dinner at 7 p.m. RSVP 676-9181, 676-5303 or 676-9164.

*Regular dining on Fridays and Saturdays*

**HEPPNER ELKS 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

**JOHN F. MOLLAHAN**

*There are issues concerning the county that I will strive to solve.  
I will be there for the people and their county.  
I have the ability, knowledge, insight and innovation to serve as your County Judge and commissioner.*



- I will work for county unity and progress
- I support efforts to reduce juvenile crime
- I have a belief that good government is based on having consensus on the issues
- I take the future of Morrow County seriously and believe in maintaining Morrow County as a great place to live

**ELECT JOHN L. MOLLAHAN  
MORROW COUNTY JUDGE**

Paid for by Friends of John Mollahan Committee, P.O. Box 306, Lexington, OR 97839

**Notice**

**BURNING BAN LIFTED**

**The burning ban for the City of Heppner will no longer be in effect beginning Friday, Sept. 25, 1998.**

A 5-day burning permit is required for all open (out of container) fires and may be purchased for \$1.00 at Heppner City Hall, 188 NW Willow Street.

Rusty Estes, Fire Chief