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**Soroptimist Club donates
to scholarship fund**



Photo by Allison Sykes

Ginger Keithley, president of the Willow Valley Service Club, presents a check for \$665 to Bob Kahl, treasurer of the Morrow County Scholarship Trust. Keithley presented the donation as a closing gift on behalf of the former Soroptimist International Club of Heppner. The Willow Valley Service Club was formed as members of the Soroptimist Club elected to disband.

Style show again a feature at fair

The "Twice Around Style Show" was such a success the first time, organizers are going to try it again.

This year at the Morrow County Fair models will be modeling clothing from area Thrift shops, Goodwill stores and Salvatop Army to show the public how stylish wardrobes can be when purchasing "twice around" clothes and accessories.

When purchasing "twice around" clothing, you aren't only saving yourself money, but you

are also helping out families and other nations who are in great need, said a style show organizer.

The local Neighborhood Center takes money from donated items that are sold and distributes food baskets, emergency money to pay for utilities or other necessities for qualifying families who need assistance. The Salvation Army is known all over for their great assistance to not only the American people in need but also people of other nations.

"So please come and join us for this great cause and get yourself some like new, "twice around" clothes for a fraction of the cost you would spend in stores," said organizers.

They are also looking for males and females of all ages, shapes and sizes to model. Anyone interested in modeling for this special show, should contact Lizz Green at 676-9832 weekdays and evenings. The models who are chosen will be custom fitted and accessorized with several modern outfits be modeled at this year's fair.

Local grad

Becky Wagenblast, Lexington, graduated from Eastern Oregon University on June 12 with an English literature degree. The honors grad is the daughter of Steve and Vicki Wagenblast of Lexington.

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.

Return to old Ione Fourth celebration

To the Editor:

For the past decade, our family has had a reunion in Ione on the 4th of July. It was great "family-oriented, wholesome, small-town" fun. The volleyball, basketball and tennis tournaments were a way for the family (old and young alike) to compete together. The "yard sale" in the park provided many treasures and the atmosphere was friendly and re-

laxed. It appeared as though most people knew each other.

The past two years have been very disappointing. The music and "flavor" are now like many larger cities in the Northwest and can be attended in many locations. In my opinion, there was only one unique 4th of July celebration and that was in Ione. Please return to it.

(s) Kay West
Milton-Freewater

**Don't waste energy on squabbling;
support health district**

To the Editor:

It was three years ago at an Oregon Rural Health Conference that we were told that rural hospitals could not survive financially without utilizing new procedures and technologies to provide more revenue.

The statement that we need more patients is correct as far as it goes, but obviously we need more physicians to attract them. While the Drs. Berretta were in Heppner they supported the entire district. We used black ink on our financial statements, not red. We owe many thanks to them.

Physicians going to medical school not too many years ago were not trained to be in a group practice requiring team playing. Our district has suffered badly from our doctors not having the type of training given today. We are not an HMO in an urban area, but we still face the same restrictions on scheduling and expenses to stay financially viable, and we need cooperation. We would be closed down now if we had not secured the expertise of Sheila Dahlman and Mike Bell.

I am told the district collects \$0.52 on \$1.00 billed. This is due to poor reimbursement rates on government programs, such as Medicaid and Medicare. Excessive control by insurance companies adds to the problem. Government mandates on how patients can be treated plus their mandated billing procedures produces more headaches.

The Morrow Co. Health District did not get into this financial pinch because of idiot board members or bias against any one area, as some people

like to imply. We got there because we lacked physicians, did not upgrade soon enough, lacked an adequate administrator and have been terribly burdened by a self-defeating political situation where we failed to realize we are all in this together in Morrow Co.

The mission statement of the health district is to provide health services to all areas of the entire county. This requires the cooperation of all, which we have not had in the past. I believe Irrigon deserves a full time physician. As soon as possible Boardman needs an urgent care center. The diverse populations of North Morrow need to be served now. Pioneer Memorial Hospital needs to be upgraded to become financially viable again. It is true upgrading the nursing home and administration office needs to be done, but they are not income producers. We urgently need to upgrade our emergency room area to attract rotating specialists, as well as to keep the services of skilled physicians here.

We can do all this only if we have the realization on the part of the people of Morrow County that it badly needs to be done. We do not have excessive long-term debt. We need to make an investment in our future. The people here rely on their health care services. The first hour following an accident or heart attack is critical to survival.

Now is not the time to waste energy on criticisms and political squabbling. Morrow County Health District needs your support. We have a great place to live. Let's preserve it.
(s) Meg Murray
Ione

Horse clinic slated

A Buckaroos Ranch Horse Clinic will be held on Saturday, July 24, at 1:30 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

For more information call Dick or Karen Temple at 989-8181.

A family play day and barbecue will be held at the fairgrounds on Sunday, July 25. This is a fun time with games and team penning. The play day will start at 1 p.m. and end with a potluck. Those planning to

attend should bring meat for the grill, a salad or dessert, table service and drinks.

For more information call Kristy Crowell at 422-7564

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Obituaries

Gladys B. Stroud

Former Irrigon resident Gladys B. Stroud, 86, of Gresham, died Tuesday, July 13, 1999, at the Gresham Care Center.

The funeral was held at the Gresham Funeral Chapel Saturday, July 17. Private family committal service was at the Chimes Memorial Gardens in Clackamas.

Mrs. Stroud was born January 30, 1913, at Forsyth, Missouri, to Ernest and Nora Lewis. She grew up at Joplin, Missouri and came to Gresham in 1942.

She worked in the shipyards as a welder during World War II and after the war, she went to work at the Veterans Hospital in Portland, working there from 1950-1952 as a cook.

While at Gresham, she was a member of the Dorcas Society at Rockwood Seventh-day Adventist Church. During that time, she also met Elbert W. "Eb" Stroud, whom she married at Portland on November 8, 1952.

Following their marriage, the couple moved to Portland where Mrs. Stroud began a long career as a homemaker. They moved to Irrigon in 1983 and lived there for 13 years. Mrs. Stroud continued her active involvement in the Dorcas Society, now known as "Community Service" with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Irrigon. They returned to Gresham in 1995.

Mrs. Stroud enjoyed making quilts and doing crafts. She also enjoyed cooking and taking drives.

Survivors include her husband, Elbert W. "Eb" Stroud of Gresham; her children, Charles H. Beezley of Irrigon, Treva Kister of Gresham, and S. Ray Beezley of Umatilla; stepdaughters, Joyce Gago of Portland, and Jeanne Kline of Woodville; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Joy DeBrie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Gresham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Talent show
planned at fair**

A talent show is planned for this year's Morrow County Fair.

Cash prizes will be awarded as follows in three categories: -12 years and under-\$30, first prize; \$20, second; and \$10, third;

-13-17 years-\$75 first prize; \$50, second; and \$25, third;

-18 years and over-\$100 first prize, \$75, second; and \$50, third.

David J. Rietmann

The Rev. David J. Rietmann, 74, died Wednesday, July 14, 1999, from complications due to Alzheimer's Disease.

A memorial Eucharist was held Monday, July 19, 1999 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kennewick, WA. The Rev. Julian Jones and the Rev. Dr. J. Peter Kalunian officiated. Inurnment will be at St. Paul's Columbarium at a later date.

He was born in Ione on July 6, 1925, the second son of Edward and Ruth Minnie Rietmann. He grew up on the family ranch in Eastern Oregon and graduated from Arlington High School in 1943.

He then served as a Naval Radio Airman until discharged in November 1945.

He graduated from the University of Oregon in June 1949, and, on graduation day, married Ruth Anne George.

He owned and operated retail shoe stores in Hermiston, Spokane and each of the Tri-Cities. He was also very active at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and was ordained Deacon in 1980.

He will be remembered by many for his devotion to Sunday services for the residents of Kennewick Life Care Center. He enjoyed golf, his family and working in the yard.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; daughters, Kearney Rietmann and her husband Bill Groat of Half Moon Bay, CA., and Kristen Hulvey and her husband Russ Hulvey of Richland, WA.; son, the Rev. Paul Rietmann and his wife Elisabeth of Federal Way, WA.; four grandchildren, Mary Ann Rietmann, Claire Elaine Rietmann-Groat, Kirk Hulvey and Kyle Hulvey; brother, Van Edward Rietmann and family of Condon; and long-time friend and business partner, Tony Bogdanovich.

Memorial contributions may be made in David's name to St. Paul's Memorial Fund.

Swim team

meeting slated

A swim team meeting has been planned for Wednesday, July 28, from 5-6 p.m. at the Willow Creek Waterpark in Heppner. All interested school-age children six years and up and their parents are invited to attend.

The swim team committee will be formed at the meeting, so it is important that those interested are in attendance, said WCWP manager Bobbette Lovgren.

Children should bring swim suits to the meeting.

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Kathryn Cutsforth & Edward Fullmer
Wedding-Saturday, August 28th

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Wedding-Saturday, September 4th

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Wedding-Saturday, September 11th

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