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Letters to the Editor

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Time to actively support

Ione-Boardman road

To the editor;
In last week's Gazette-Times there was a report that there is opposition to a road between Ione and Boardman. It did not give the impression that this was all insignificant opposition. I hope it is.

There has been much effort made over the years to achieve right of ways, political support

and financing.
Now that it looks like the project may be possible it's time to actively support the road.

We need to promote growth in our area, instead of moving everything to the big city with its high rises, subways and traffic jams.

(s)Don Peterson
Ione

Consolidation would lose

money for district

To the Editor:

There was an article published in the Open Forum section of the Opinion page of the Oct. 18, 1999, edition of the East Oregonian. This is a response to that letter which was addressed to the Morrow County School Board concerning school consolidation.

The overall thrust of the letter seemed to be that economic solutions and efficiencies would automatically accrue within the Morrow County School system if only the superintendent could merge the Ione/Heppner Schools.

Aside from the fact that Ione wants to keep its schools, readers of that letter should understand that any school smaller than 200 students and is

also located 15-plus miles from another school gets what is called small school correction funding. Ione and Heppner high schools both qualify because neither has 200 students and both are located 15-plus miles from another school. However, the combined population of the two schools would exceed 200.

So, if they were consolidated, the district would lose the small school correction funds for both high schools. What would that mean in funds? Presently, the district gets \$334,000 for Heppner High School and \$202,000 for Ione High. Total loss to the district would be approximately \$536,000 if the high schools were combined into one school.

(s) John L. Bristow
Ione

St. Pat's celebration planning

session set

By Claudia Hughes

Should the St. Pat's auction be held at a different time this year? Will there be a lamb barbecue? What entertainment would you like to hear? Do you have an Irish family in mind? Want to listen to fiddlers sharing their skills? Do you want it to be the best celebration ever for both visitors and the county?

"Then join us as we plan for St. Pat's 2000," say the Wee Bit O'Ireland co-chairmen, Cara

Osmin and Claudia Hughes.

The meeting will be Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m. at Kate's.

Deadlines are nearing for the 2000 schedule of events. All event chairmen and women are urged to come.

"Wear your favorite color, it doesn't have to be green, but be prepared to think green," said a St. Pat's spokesperson. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Obituaries

Maxine B. Way

Maxine B. Way, 74, Okanogan, died Oct. 17, 1999, at her home. Graveside services were Oct. 22 at the Riverside Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Fiedler officiating. She was born July 5, 1925, in Portland, to Ernest and Hannah (Dunn) Myers. She grew up in the Portland area.

She married Claude Way May 4, 1946, in Auburn. They lived in Auburn and Christmas Valley, before moving to Riverside in 1952. In 1960 they moved to Christmas Valley and lived there for a few years before moving back to Riverside.

In April 1964 they moved to the Elmway area north of Okanogan.

She was a bookkeeper for many years, working for Frank's Motors in the 1950s and '60s, Leonard Sass CPA, and LeMaster and Daniels.

She was a member of the Omak Elks Club.

Survivors include her husband, Claude, Okanogan; sons and daughters-in-law Steve and Colleen Way, Okanogan, and Don and Neta Reed, Leavenworth; a daughter, Lori Wood, Okanogan; her mother, Hannah Myers, Okanogan; 12 grandchildren, Tenea, Stasha, John, Gordon, Sarah, Tanner, Heather, Ross, Nathan, Bryson, Hollie and Paxton; a great-grandchild, Seth, and a friend of many years, Donna Short.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest.

Memorials are suggested to Children's Hospital and Medical Center, Seattle.

Barnes Elmway Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Harry Elmer Vertrees

Harry Elmer Vertrees, 91, of Condon, died Sunday, November 7, 1999, at his home. At his request, no service was held and private cremation performed.

Mr. Vertrees was born on April 28, 1908, in Los Angeles, California to George W. and Iris E. Whitney Vertrees.

He was united in marriage to Lucile Mae Potter on May 34, 1937, in Condon. They lived in Condon and then traveled throughout Oregon where Harry worked as a heavy equipment operator in heavy construction. He retired and they returned to Condon in 1972 where they lived since.

He enjoyed sports, rock hunting and traveling.

Mr. Vertrees is survived by his daughters, Kathy Langan of Condon and Jeanne Moldenhauer of Marysville, Utah; sisters, Norina Launsberry of Oak Harbor, Washington, and Georgia Fair of Grants Pass; eight grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lucile on September 11, 1999, and son James "Jimmy" Vertrees.

Those who wish may make contributions to the American Cancer Society or Gilliam County Hospice in his memory c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston P.O. Box 299, Hermiston, Oregon 97839.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Arthur Stanley Watkins

Arthur Stanley Watkins, 90, a

resident of The Dalles, died at a care center on Wednesday, November 3, 1999.

Funeral services were held at the funeral home chapel of Spencer and Powell Funeral Home on Saturday, November 6, 1999, with Asa Jensen officiating. Interment followed at The Dalles IOOF Cemetery.

He was born March 20, 1909, in Wasco, Oregon, the third of five children to William Delbert and Celia Mae (Cline) Watkins. He grew up and graduated from high school in Wasco. After high school, he attended business school in Portland.

He served in the South Pacific with the Army during World War II, then returned to Wasco to farm.

He married Doris Dunlap-Wilson of Moro, on August 19, 1949. They lived in Wasco until 1959, when they moved to the Heppner area to farm. In 1974, he retired and the Watkins moved to The Dalles.

He was a former member of the Elks Lodge 303 and American Legion and a present member of The Dalles Country Club. He enjoyed travel, fishing and gardening and especially loved being with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, of The Dalles; stepdaughters and their spouses, Connie and Herman Peters of Hood River and Dorothy and Burt Holland of The Dalles; grandchildren and their spouses, Jeanne Cushman and Dan Swanson of Olympia, WA, Bill and Dwayna Holland of The Dalles, Craig and Janet Holland of Ione and Mark and Gayle Holland of The Dalles; great-grandchildren, Stacey, Lindsey, Steven, Emily and Rachel Holland, Jack Swanson and Brian Lewis.

He was preceded in death by his stepson, Kelly Wilson, grandson, Michael Cushman, and all of siblings.

Ethel Dunbar

Ethel Dunbar, 100, of Lexington, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1999, at her son's home near Heppner.

Graveside service was held at the Lexington Cemetery on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 11 a.m.

She was born Oct. 5, 1899, at Ava, Ill., to John and Minnie Baker Youngman. She grew up at Ava, and attended schools there. The family later moved to Oklahoma and Kansas before moving to Colorado where she graduated from high school.

She returned to Oklahoma, where in 1916, she married Charles McMillan. They lived at Akron, Ohio, and had two sons.

In 1933, she married Van Miles. They lived at Chicago and Monee, Ill. They had three sons.

In 1949, she married James Dunbar at Gooding, Idaho. The couple lived at Seattle before coming to Morrow County in 1951. They worked on area ranches and purchased property in Lexington.

Mrs. Dunbar drove school bus in Morrow County for 14 years.

She enjoyed gardening, knitting, hunting, camping and traveling.

Survivors include sons, Franklin Miles of Clarkston, Wash., and Dexter Miles of Heppner; 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by

her husbands, sons, Douglas McMillan, Charles McMillan, and Norman Miles; brothers, Clarence Youngman and Ralph Youngman; and sister, Grace Burdett.

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

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Land board

to meet

Black Mountain Water and Land Improvement board meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, at Rodger Arntt's residence at Blake Ranch, starting at 1:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

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**St. Patrick's Senior Center
Bulletin Board**

Dinner was served to 109 Seniors Wednesday, November 3. Members of the First Christian Church served. Hearing aid assistance was given and blood pressures taken before the meal.

The menu for the Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 17 is turkey with gravy, whipped potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, green vegetables, rolls and pumpkin cake. Members of the Catholic Church will serve.

The seniors who went to Fossil Thursday, Nov 4, by bus, reported they had a very good time at the Columbia Basin Electric dinner and meeting.

Exercise class was held Tuesday and Thursday. Cards were played Friday afternoon. Bingo is played Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The computer is set up, ready for seniors to practice on. A few are already trying it.

A movie will be shown next Sunday at 7 p.m., unless more people would rather have it at 6. Call Barb Struthers 676-5405 if you would like to change, or call the Center office 676-9030 to leave a message.

Remember Exercise class Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.; cards is Tuesday and Friday at 1 p.m.; Bingo Tuesday, 7 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join in these activities. There is also a jig saw puzzle always out to work on.

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