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**Obituaries**

**James Lee Adams**

Spray and Wheeler county residents were stunned and saddened to learn of the passing of James "Jimmy" Adams Saturday, August 5. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, August 14, at 11 a.m. at Spray Cemetery.

Born Feb. 10, 1961, in Heppner, Oregon, to Patricia Rae Sibert Adams and Clifford Raon Adams, James lived his life in Spray. He was a logger, and was married and raising his family in Spray.

Mr. Adams loved hunting and fishing, sports and was an avid supporter of the Spray School sports activities. He actively participated in the many programs that his sons, nieces and nephews all took part in, such as the 4-H program.

He was assistant chief of the Spray Volunteer Fire Department and put in many hours helping reorganize the department to its present high standard. He was also a Spray City Councilman for many years. He had a vision for the city and was a supporter of improvement projects the city considered, while keeping a watchful eye on protecting an individual's rights.

He was always ready to pitch in and help with any program benefitting the area senior citizens. He made himself available to lend a hand when someone needed help and, as an active volunteer for Spray Ambulance, was beginning to take on additional responsibilities, relieving some of the burden from the Affords and Cecil putting on the pit barbecue.

Every volunteer group in Spray will be left with a void.

Seeing the tremendous value in senior citizens, he loved and admired the older residents in the community to the point that his own projects often took a back seat to making sure there needs were met. He especially valued his extended family, and loved to give them a hard time such as bidding against his aunts at a recent auction, just to drive the price higher. He had an impish sense of humor and, with a twinkle in his eye, loved to give everyone a bad time. And you won his admiration if you gave him a hard time right back.

Children were precious to him, and his three boys were the joy of his life. Being there for them was a priority and one of his favorite things. This caring and unique person will be missed in the Spray community very much.

He is survived by wife Tummy Rae Wells Adams, and three sons Matthew, Craig, and Keith, of Spray; mother Pat Adams, also of Spray; sisters Barbara Collin of Ione and Sherrill Cossitt of Spray; brother Mike Adams of Heppner; six nieces and nephews, and one great niece.

Mr. Adams was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Adams; grandparents, Oscar and Ruth Adams, Clinton and Irene Sibert; and niece, Sarah Gene Collie.

The family requests that inquiries be directed to Driskill Memorial Chapel, John Day, 541-575-0529.

A donation account has been set up at Bank of Eastern Oregon, P.O. Box 39, Heppner, OR 97836 for the Jimmy Adams Children College Education

Fund. The family requests any donations to be sent there.

**Edwin A. Bro**

A celebration of life gathering for Edwin A. Bro will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Private inurnment will be at Madera, California.

Mr. Bro, 89, of Boardman died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2000, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

He was born June 4, 1911, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Karl and Clara Jeffrey Bro. He was raised at Yakima and attended schools there.

He married Isabelle McCoy and they moved to Sweet Home, Ore., in 1938. In 1943, they moved to San Jose, California, and divorced in 1945.

On December 3, 1959, he married Lula May Currey at San Jose. They moved to Manteca, California, in 1960 and lived there until 1989 when they moved to Madera, California.

Mrs. Bro died in 1998 and Mr. Bro moved to Boardman to be near his family.

Mr. Bro had worked as a roofer for many years, then owned and operated a truck hauling grain and tomatoes.

He enjoyed traveling, his dogs, radio and TV repair and oil painting.

Survivors include daughters, Iris N. Douglass of Homer, Alaska, and Audrey L. Zook of Boardman; brother, Lee William Bro of Seattle; sister, Effie Espinosa of Jerome, Idaho; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Besides his wife, Lula, he was preceded in death by his parents, Brothers, Roy and Ivo, and great-granddaughter, Samantha Christine Zook.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1311 N.W. 21st Ave., Portland, OR 97209.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

**W.C.C.C. Golf**

**WCCC Ladies' Play Tuesday, August 1**

Low gross of the field: Lynnea Sargent 38 (lowest round WCCC).

Low net of the field: Alene Rucker.

Least putts of the field: Betty Carlson and Bernice Lott.

Flight A: low gross Jan Paustian; low net Carol Norris; least putts Pat Anderson.

Flight B: low gross Lois Hunt; low net Betty Rietmann, Suzanne Jepsen and Francie Morris; least putts Betty Christman and Elaine Miller; mystery score Elaine Miller.

Flight C: low gross Kim Houweling; low net Lorraine Montgomery; least putts Cam Wishart.

Chip in: Dorris Graves #15, Jan Paustian #10, Elaine Miller #10, Betty Carlson #11 and #16.

First time ladies' day players: Cindi Doherty, Lea Calvert and Maryanne Anthony.

**Police issue**

**warning**

Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun reminds people that it's against the law to shoot a bow and arrow in the city limits—that includes practicing.

**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. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters.*

**Apologizes for actions**

To the Editor:  
To The Citizens of Heppner:

This is a very difficult letter for me to write, but a very necessary letter for the healing process to begin.

To those of you who do not know what I have done, I entered people's homes in the community and took prescription pain medication.

I am truly sorry for the pain that I have caused all of you. I know living in a small community gives a person a real sense of security, safety and

peace from a lot of crimes that you only hear about. Then I came along and shattered that feeling of security throughout the whole community not just the people I victimized.

I am truly sorry. The only way I can make amends to all of you is to get myself well so I do not hurt people I love and care for and hurt a community that has been so loving, caring and supportive. I apologize for all the pain, stress, fear and loss of trust I caused.

(s)Juliana Wanous

**Shocking find leads to questioning town**

To the Editor:

Heppner, what a nice little town, a good place to raise your kids, decent people, nice housing and the wonderful main street that we have, or is it?

Monday morning on my way to work, I pulled into a parking space in front of the park that Murrays have so kindly fixed up for our community only to find lying in the space next to me a pipe and needles, and no, not the kind of pipe you smoke with pipe tobacco or the kind of needles you use for knitting.

What have we let our town become? I think we have a very serious problem that we need to deal with, not only on the street but in our schools. Come on, are we just going to sit back and let our nice town become another statistic for the state to compare to?

How long are we going to wait to get this thing taken care of, when our homes are broken into

and valuables are long lost, our cars get stolen, or is it going to be when someone gets killed because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time?

It seems that the county police are all stationed in the north end of the county; why are there not any around Heppner when you need them? It's no wonder that we have such a serious problem when there is no additional support available after hours of our local police department.

I don't know about any one else, but I don't want my town to become drug central city. Heppner needs some serious help and it seems nowhere to be found. This problem is far out of the reach of our local police department, so where can we go to find the help we need before it's too late?

Let's not take this problem so lightly; I know I don't.

(s) Cindy Brosnan Heppner

**For Linda Harrington**

To the Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for Linda Harrington, candidate for state representative in our district. Personally speaking, I know Linda to be an individual who accomplishes what she sets out to do.

Linda has lived in Grant County five years, during which time she has helped found the Prairie City Community Association, serving as president from 1997-1998, as well as founding the Friends of the Prairie City Railroad Depot and Museum. Linda was also instrumental in organizing the Prairie City Community Painting Project, whereby citizen's homes were painted who could not have otherwise managed this improvement.

As an active member of the business community, Linda volunteers her time as a grant

writer and has helped our community successfully compete for and acquire funding for several community service projects. She initiated the Enterprise Zone plan for Grant County and spoke to four city councils to show us how we could join together to benefit a larger geographic area rather than compete with each other. Her vision resulted in a four-city coalition with the support of the Grant County Court.

Finally, it is important to note that Linda has raised the vast majority of money for her campaign from individuals, as opposed to special interests.

I have worked with Linda on many projects. I know first hand her capabilities and her honest concerns for our area. I urge the people of this district to support Linda Harrington in this election.

(s) Sandy Murray Prairie City

**Harrington challenges Smith to debate**

Linda Harrington, Democratic candidate for state representative from House District 59, recently challenged Republican Candidate Greg Smith, to a series of 10 debates.

In a letter Harrington said, "Let's give the voters a true sense of who we are and where we differ on issues of vital importance to this district."

The debates would be held in the following communities: Prineville in Crook County, Monument and John Day in Grant County, Service Creek in Wheeler County, Condon in Gilliam County, Heppner in Morrow County, Baker City, Hereford and Halfway in Baker County and a single debate in Moro for Sherman and Wasco counties.

"I have tried to select geographic areas within the district where the travel distance from several communities would be minimized," Harrington said. "I believe the voters in this district should have the opportunity to meet and hear the candidates in person. Community festivals and fairs are a great way to meet people but the substantive issues rarely see daylight in these settings."

Harrington lives in Prairie City

in Grant County and Smith resides in Heppner in Morrow County.

(Editor's note: Smith's reply is as follows.)

To the Editor:

To Ms. Linda Harrington, Prairie City

It was good speaking with you on Saturday, August 5, 2000. I appreciate you taking the time to call.

To reconfirm our conversation, I look forward to holding multiple community forums with you. I too, believe it is important for the voters to know where we stand on the issues of vital importance to our district. In the coming weeks, my campaign will be in contact with you to further discuss meeting arrangements.

As a starting point, I have one possible suggestion. During Labor Day weekend, I will be doing a "swing through the district" and will be visiting each of our communities. Perhaps this would be a good opportunity for us to host the community forums?

Please feel free to call anytime.

Best regards,  
(s) Greg Smith

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**ZONE NUMBER 1:** That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative lying West of the Morrow-Gilliam County line and North of the Township line dividing Townships 3 South and 4 South.

**ZONE NUMBER 7: FOSSIL ZONE.** That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative within the incorporated city limits of Fossil, Oregon.

The members of the nominating committee are:

**ZONE NUMBER 1:** Van Rietmann, Condon, Oregon (541) 384-4148

**ZONE NUMBER 7:** Jeanne Burch, Fossil, Oregon (541) 763-2998

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