

Obituaries

Virginia Alice Elledge

Virginia Elledge, 69, of Pendleton, died Monday, September 4, 2000, at her home.

A memorial service was held Saturday, September 9, 2000, in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Disposition was by cremation.

She was born July 9, 1931, at Santa Ana, California. Her parents were Harvey and Virginia S. Wilson Smith.

She graduated from Heppner High School in 1949.

On November 8, 1984, she married John E. Elledge at Reno, Nevada. The couple lived at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and The Dalles before coming to Pendleton in 1991.

Mrs. Elledge loved horses and cats, sketching and gardening.

She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, John E. Elledge of Pendleton; sons, Royce Neil George of Spokane, Washington and Paul Snow of Irrigon; daughters, Jeri McElligott of Ione and Jodi Weeber of Depoe Bay; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Norma Ortiz

Former Irrigon resident Norma Ortiz, 53, of Walla Walla, Washington, died Tuesday, September 5, 2000, at St. Mary Medical Center.

Memorial services were held Sunday, September 10, 2000 at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon. Disposition is to be by cremation.

Mrs. Ortiz was born July 18, 1947, at Pendleton, to Ralph K. and Patricia Markham Minnick. She had been a resident of Irrigon for 26 years prior to moving to Walla Walla last year.

She worked at Lamb-Weston in Boardman for 18 years prior to retirement.

She loved watching Seattle Seahawks football games and Wheel of Fortune. She enjoyed reading and loved her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She enjoyed Bingo and also bowled for a number of years.

Survivors include daughter, Mary Escobedo of Walla Walla, Washington; son, Michael Ralph Escobedo of Irrigon; her father, Ralph Minnick of Irrigon; sister, Cindy Segura of Irrigon; brothers, Ken Minnick of Irrigon and Ralph Minnick, Jr. of Warm Springs; two grandchildren and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her mother in 1989 and by sisters, Janice and Laura Key.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation or St. Mary Regional Cancer Center through Mountain View Funeral Chapel, 1551 Dalles Military Road, Walla Walla, Washington 99362.

Charles Tompkins

Charles Tompkins, 69, of Irrigon, died September 5, 2000, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

The funeral service was held Monday, September 11, 2000 at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Pendleton. Interment will be at Antlers, Oklahoma.

He was born June 3, 1931, in Antlers. He left Antlers to join the Navy, serving from 1948-1950 on a minesweeper in the Pacific.

He met and married Ilene Cook in Oregon in 1952. He raised five children with his wife.

He worked in a plywood mill for nine years in Lebanon and spent 34 years as a farmer and rancher in Pilot Rock. He grew alfalfa and raised cattle. He also did custom farming and sold real estate, and also drilled wells.

He sold his ranch in 1994 and moved to Irrigon after retiring. He enjoyed reading, visiting people and going for drives, and especially telling stories and singing to his grandchildren.

He is survived by two brothers, William McDade of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Perry Tompkins of Antlers, Oklahoma; and three sisters, Ruby Jo Nelson of Oklahoma City, Wilma Schmitt of Peoria, Illinois and Joyce Halley of Pulaski, Tennessee.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Oregon Health Sciences Foundation Cancer Research

Fund, 1121 SW Salmon, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97205.

Jim Smith

Jim Smith, 82, of Irrigon, died Monday, September 11, 2000 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

Graveside service was Wednesday, September 13, 2000 at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

He was born June 27, 1918, at Talihina, Oklahoma, to William and Adellia Edmiston Smith.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

He and his wife, Mary, were married on June 5, 1976, in Ventura, California. They came to Irrigon from Redmond six years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Mary of Irrigon; sons, Roger, Rocky, Ronnie, Russel and Derek; daughters, Jeanette Roberts, LaVern McMillen, Connie Augustine, Marilyn Porter, Gina Lovejoy and Kathy Muncie; sisters, Inez White in California and Jossie Shropshire in Oklahoma; numerous grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Donald J. Ball

Donald J. Ball, 72, of Ione, died Saturday, September 9, 2000 at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, September 14, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the Ione Legion Hall. Concluding service and burial will follow at High View Cemetery at Ione.

He was born November 11, 1927, at Heppner, to Lewis and Anna Petersen Ball. He grew up at Ione and attended Ione schools, graduating from Ione High School.

He was a lifetime resident of Ione.

On April 1, 1947, he married Diane "Lorraine" Sherman, at Heppner. He worked for the Morrow County Road Dept. for 36 years, retiring as Public Works Director in 1993.

He was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge for 30 years and was a past exalted ruler. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Tri-County Shrimers Club. He was a member of the Oregon Steelheader's Association, John Day River Chapter; a director of the Ione TV Co-op; a director of the Ione Cemetery District, a member of ICABO and a member of the Morrow County Transportation Committee.

Mr. Ball was an avid fisherman, hunter and Ione sports fan.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Lorraine, of Ione; sons, Jay Ball and Ed Sherman, both of Pendleton, Bob Ball of Ione and Fred Sherman of Portland; daughters, Marsha White of Ione and Melanie Harshman of Heppner; brothers, Wayne of Portland and Ellis of Panama City, Florida; seven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Elsie Ball and Betty Loy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Elks Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836 or to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, 3101 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Births

Jared Quin Stanger-a son Jared Quin was born to Marlene and Joseph Stanger of Irrigon on August 31, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz.

Anne Marie Jones-a daughter Anne Marie was born to Steve and Carey Jones of Portland on September 7, 2000 at Keizer Sunnyside Clinic in Portland. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Grandparents are Bob and Sue Jones of Heppner and Walt and Lori Gesek of Dublin, CA.

Legion Aux. to meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday, Sept. 18 at noon, upstairs at Kate's Pizza.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

August 7: The MCSO received a report from a male subject that his nephew tried to run him off the road near the 76 Station in Irrigon.

-MCSO arrested Dee Ann Kress for DUII. She had a blood alcohol level of .09. She was cited and released and also cited for Driving While Suspended with no insurance.

August 8: Boardman Police Department received report of a female subject receiving a phone call from a woman to go to her residence and check on her. The subject didn't know the woman. The woman's caretaker arrived.

-BPD received report of suspicious car in a driveway at a Boardman residence.

-MCSO received report of several juveniles behind a residence. They took off.

-Heppner Police Department received report of a burglar alarm going off at Bank of Eastern Oregon.

-BPD received request for an ambulance at a Boardman residence for a 77 year old male with stomach pain.

-MCSO received request for an officer from a woman who said a male subject was at her home wanting his daughter. She had a restraining order out against him.

-MCSO received request for a deputy from male in previous entry wanting his daughter.

-MCSO received a report of sheep out.

-MCSO cited a 14-year old in Heppner for Unauthorized Entry of a Motor Vehicle, and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

-MCSO received report of CD's stolen from an Irrigon residence.

-MCSO arrested Ross Carlyle VanEtta, 19, for Failure to Appear/Assaulting a Public Safety Officer, Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

-MCSO, HPD received report of a fight between brothers William Ellis Looney, 25, Hep. was cited for Assault IV. A 17-year-old was cited for Assault III.

-MCSO received report of a subject in the Ione area drinking and driving. No deputy was in the area at the time.

-BPD received report of two adult males trespassing at a Boardman residence. They trampled down the caller's fence.

-MCSO received report of a burglary in Irrigon. The door to Stokes Landing Senior Center was kicked down.

-Oregon State Police received report of several subjects with an illegal sturgeon in Boardman.

-MCSO received report of a 10 year-old bitten by a dog in Irrigon. Parent did not wish medical response. A subject was cited for maintaining a dog as a public nuisance

In the Service

National Guard Pvt. Jacob L. Graff has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Graff is the son of Steven Graff of Irrigon and Kathy Graff of Boardman.

-Irrigon Fire Dept. received a report of an illegal burn in Irrigon.

-MCSO received a report of abandonment/neglect of animals with no food or water.

-Hermiston Police Dept. arrested Twyla Kay Johnson, 38, on a Morrow County warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Negotiating a Bad Check. She was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report of a woman that her neighbor told her a male subject was watching her from the bathroom window. Deputies were unable to locate anyone.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of criminal trespass at a Boardman residence. Two 14-year-olds were cited for Criminal Trespass II and Curfew Violation; Craig Michael Workman, 18, and Matthew Lee Wilson, 19, were cited for Criminal Trespass II. Wilson was also cited for Driving while License Suspended and Driving with No Insurance.

-Oregon State Police and Boardman Police Dept. received a report of an audible burglar alarm at Port of Morrow. The alarm company advised to disregard the alarm.

-Boardman Police Dept., Medic 2, Boardman Ambulance received a request for an ambulance for a 10-year-old male with an object in his ear. It was a cockroach. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

-MCSO received a report from a Heppner area woman that she had a buffalo with a yellow ear tag running around on her property.

-MCSO received a request for a contact from a subject worried about his kids being introduced to child pornography on the Internet.

-MCSO received a report of a bike stolen in Irrigon.

-Oregon State Police received a report of a pickup pulling a large camper trailer that lost an axle at Patterson Ferry.

-MCSO deputy arrested Charles David Ruckman, 29, on a Morrow County Court warrant for Contempt of Court. Bail was set at \$87,000.

-Boardman Ambulance received a request for an ambulance for a 72-year-old woman with kidney problems. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a calf out on I-84.

-MCSO received a report of dogs at large in Irrigon.

-MCSO received a report of a subject in a semi observed throwing out a lit cigarette on I-84. Oregon State Police requested a deputy to check for fire.

August 10: MCSO received a report of a non-injury motor vehicle accident on Willow Creek Road.

-MCSO received a report of a bull buffalo with a yellow tag on Highway 74. The owner was notified that the buffalo was going to be put down because it was destroying fences to get at a cow.

-MCSO received a report of an ID stolen from a car in Boardman.

-MCSO received a report of 15 horses loose south of Ruggs.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report of smoke. It was from an Arlington fire.

-Boardman Police Dept. received another report of smoke. It was also from the Arlington fire.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a car taken.

-Boardman Fire Dept. received a report of a lightning strike at the Willow Creek Wildlife Refuge.

-MCSO, Medic 3, Boardman ambulance received a report of a woman 5½ months pregnant having a baby. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

-Irrigon ambulance received a report of a woman having a colitis attack. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

-Heppner Fire Dept., Gilliam County Rural Fire Dept. received a report of a lightning strike that set a field on fire in Ione with large structures threatened.

-Gilliam County Rural Fire Dept. received two more calls about lightning-caused fires.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a male subject riding a four-wheeler in the Outback parking lot.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of cows out at the Port of Morrow.

-MCSO, Boardman Fire Dept. received a report of a lightning strike near a residence on the Bombing Range.

-MCSO received a report of several spot fires between Arlington and Boardman.

-MCSO received a report of a burglar alarm at Huwe's Washboard in Irrigon. The alarm was cancelled.

August 11: MCSO received a request for information concerning fires and the location of fire trucks.

-MCSO received a report of a semi jack-knifed on Highway 730. The driver was cited for Driving while License Suspended I.

-Lane County officer arrested Janie T. Thornton, 34, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Criminal Non-Support.

-Heppner Fire Dept. received a report of a smell of propane in the area of Hill and Chase streets.

-MCSO received a report of the Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon ATM machine vandalized and the black box with money missing. An unknown amount of money was taken.

-Heppner Police Dept. received a report of an audible alarm at Klamath First Federal bank. A key holder was on the scene and the alarm was cancelled.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report of an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

-MCSO received a report of juveniles trespassing on property at Deadman Hill Loop.

MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a subject with chest pains and having trouble breathing at Dodge City. A doctor at the scene advised him to go by private vehicle to the hospital.

-MCSO received a request for a deputy concerning a speeding vehicle.

-MCSO received a report of smoke on I-84 from people looking for a bull near Ione.

-US Forest Service at Tupper received a request for numbers for Tapper Guard Station to report smoke in the Black Mountain area.

-Heppner Police Dept. received a report of a burglar alarm at Heppner Elementary School. A teacher had been in the building.

-MCSO received a report from a female that her mother was verbally abusive toward her and her children. It was an on-going problem.

-MCSO received a report of a fire on the Bombing Range. A deputy was unable to locate the fire.

-MCSO received additional reports of a fire on the Bombing Range. A deputy was unable to locate the fire.

-MCSO, Boardman Police

Dept. received a report from a Boardman woman that her boyfriend wouldn't let her take the kids and he hit her.

-MCSO received a report of a small fire on the Bombing Range but it had been knocked down.

-MCSO received a report of a verbal confrontation between a man and a woman in Ione over a combine being moved.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a car blocking the road at Wilson Road Trailer Court.

-MCSO received a report of sheep out on Wilson Road.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a request for a deputy. A woman said her son received a car title in exchange for doing a favor for an individual. The plate was returned to the Centralia Police Dept.

-MCSO received a request for a deputy for a subject who said a male opened his door and was looking for his horse. The subject was intoxicated.

August 12: MCSO deputy cited Dioncio Villarreal of Pasco, WA., for Possession of Less than One Oz. of Marijuana.

-MCSO received a report of a light post down at Irrigon Sentry Market.

-MCSO received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Highway 207. The subject said he was sleeping and couldn't make it into Lexington.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a cat abandoned in a room at Riverview Motel.

-MCSO received a request for a deputy concerning a neighbor's dog chasing the caller's cat.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report of suspicious activity at Econolodge concerning people who gave a vehicle away. They also dumped a duffle bag into the dumpster at the Nomad.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a speeding pickup in Boardman.

-MCSO received a report of a break-in at a residence on Highway 74. The caller later said to disregard the call.

-MCSO received a report from a boy that another boy was hitting him as hard as he could at the grocery store in Irrigon. The boy asked who he was talking to and when told it was 911, he said he called the wrong number and meant to call his mom's work number.

-MCSO received a request for a deputy concerning harassing phone calls in Irrigon.

-MCSO received a report of a pistol taken from an Irrigon residence. The caller believed it was his step-daughter.

-MCSO received a report of a window in a vehicle shot out in Irrigon.

-Heppner Police Dept. received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Riverside Drive.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a male subject that his ex-girlfriend dropped off their baby and left. He didn't think it was okay to drop off a three-month-old baby and leave.

-Heppner Police Dept. received a report from a female that someone outside her residence was calling inside.

-MCSO received a report of a juvenile male with a flashlight walking towards a trailer at a construction zone.

-MCSO received a report of a suspicious vehicle turning off its lights at the Irrigon Sentry Market.

August 13: MCSO received a report of cows out in Boardman.

-MCSO received a report of a woman who had called previously concerning a reported burglary at her residence who now wanted action taken.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police, ODOT, Boardman Police and fire depts., Boardman Ambulance received a report of an RV fire on I-84.

CROP INSURANCE MEETING

Wednesday, September 20

7:00 p.m.

Ione Grange Hall



Meeting sponsored by Wheatland Insurance, Ione

Wedding Tables

Tina Kemp & Philip Joyce

Wedding: October 7, 2000



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