

Obituaries

Thomas D. Springer

Thomas D. Springer, 67, of Heppner, died Monday, November 27, 2000, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Graveside service was held Friday, December 1, 2000 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

He was born October 20, 1933, at Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Harry and Vivian Gasquint Springer. He grew up and attended schools at Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, then entered the military, serving with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

On October 20, 1956, he married Viola L. Jessop, at Gearing, Nebraska. They moved to Vernonia before coming to Heppner in 1957. They owned and operated Tom's TV and Repair in Heppner. Mrs. Springer died in January 1998.

On October 16, 1999, he married Claudia Woodcock at Meacham.

He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Springer enjoyed tinkering and fixing things. He especially

Chamber Chatter

Claudia Hughes, executive director

A great amount of work went into the Light Parade and the "Stroll Heppner" Open Houses. The Chamber and the merchants hope that one and all had a great time.

All who made it possible are to be commended for publicity, parade entries, speaker system repair, announcing, lining up the parade, making sure the trees had lights, living nativity, cookie baking, decorating, hanging banners, door prizes, working extra hours behind a counter and all the myriad of behind-the-scenes details that go into "Heppner Happenings" and all Willow Creek Valley events.

For the first time, the light parade was judged by you, the public. If you are reading this, you have also read the results. Your patience is appreciated. If word leaked out, the results were known only to three people and the Gazette-Times. When the decision was made to let you be the judge, thus taxing your patience, it had nothing to do with the current state of affairs across the U.S. Past judges wanted the public to decide.

Prescription for December: keep your sense of humor, read the Christmas Carol, give a thank you to all who took the time to create a float; hug a child, help make Christmas from the heart, attend "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," take a child to have a photo with Santa and the Reindeer on Sunday, Dec. 17, attend programs, just relax and above all, enjoy the reason for the season.

Next week Tom Wolff will report on the Rural Ag Conference held last week in Rufus. Visitors to Chamber are welcome. We'll be at Kate's, upstairs, at noon.

enjoyed nature, which included his love for animals, rockhounding, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Claudia, of Heppner; daughters, Karen Mabe of Arlington and Tarina Foster of Bend; sons, Rich Foster of Bend and Robert Campbell of Heppner; sister, Jane Tucker of San Diego, California; and brother, David of Heppner. He was preceded in death by brothers, Charles, William and John.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Humane Society, P.O. Box 361, Hermiston, Oregon 97838.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Jovita Chapelle Reyes

Jovita Chapelle Reyes, 15, of Gervais, died Thursday, November 23, 2000, of pneumonia.

Memorial services were held Sunday, December 3, 2000, at Chemawa Indian School in Salem.

She was born February 19, 1985, in Salem, and was a sophomore at Gervais High School. At age seven, she was diagnosed with leukemia, and at 13, she began a foundation for families of children with cancer. She enjoyed Girl Scouts, school sports and horseback riding.

Survivors include her parents, Miguel and Cassandra Reyes of Gervais (mother Cassandra was raised in Ione); brother, Ramon Blaine of Gervais; and grandmother, Cynthia Reyes of Gervais.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brian Grant Foundation for Sick Children, 618 NW Glisan Street, Suite 400, Portland, Oregon 97209.

Frances O. Burkett

Frances O. Burkett, 82, of Whitehouse, Texas, died Tuesday, November 28, 2000, in Whitehouse.

Services were held Friday, December 1, 2000, at Burks-Walker-Tippit Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Harold Davis and Larry Taylor officiating, with burial following in Whitehouse cemetery.

She was born February 28, 1918, in Whitehouse, Texas, to the late George V. and Mazie Lou Breitling and was a resident there for all of her 82 years. She married Richard B. Burkett on November 2, 1932, and they were married for 67 years until his passing on July 27, 2000.

Mrs. Burkett was a member of the First Baptist Church in Whitehouse for 55 years, where she was very active for many years. She traveled extensively with her husband and loved working with plants and flowers, but her greatest joy was spending time with her daughters and grandchildren.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Marie and Joe Key of Ione and Barbara and Gaylon Shackelford of Whitehouse, Texas; five grandchildren, Mark Shackelford of Whitehouse, Texas, Stacey Simmons of Winona, Texas, Lenora McClard, Tim Key and Jeffrey Key, all of Ione; 15 great-

grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Burkett; a grandson, Richard N. Henry; sister, Olga Mink; and two brothers, Floyd Breitling and Alferd Breitling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Whitehouse Building Fund.

Burks-Walker-Tippit Funeral Directors of Tyler, Texas, were in charge of arrangements.

Leona Pearl Dornbusch

Leona Pearl Dornbusch, 50, of Heppner, died Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at her home.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 5, 2000, at the Hermiston Cemetery.

She was born October 31, 1950, at Hermiston, to Irvin and Lola Dungan Allen. She lived in Portland for most of her life and had lived in Heppner the past year.

Survivors include her husband, David Dornbusch of Heppner; brother, Loren Allen of Hardman; and sister, Louise Norton in Idaho.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Susan J. Norton

Susan J. Norton, 53, of Gresham, formerly of Heppner, died Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at her home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 2, 2000, at the Lexington Baptist Church with concluding service and burial following at the Lexington Cemetery.

She was born December 16, 1946, at La Grande, to John and Nelda Gambill Loveless. The family lived at Meacham and Elgin and in Oklahoma for a time before moving to Walla Walla, Washington where she graduated from high school, then received a business degree.

On November 7, 1970, she married Thomas L. Norton, at Walla Walla. The couple lived in Idaho and Oregon most of their married life. They moved to Heppner in 1990 and to Gresham in 1999.

Over the past 10 years, she was employed as a preschool teacher. She enjoyed reading, crocheting and baking, and especially loved

spending time with her family.

Mrs. Norton was a member of the Lexington Baptist Church where she was actively involved as a Sunday School teacher and with special music. She had been a member of the Lighthouse Community Church in Gresham this past year.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Norton, and son, David Norton, both of Gresham; daughters, Rachel Roth of Kuna, Idaho, Becky Kindle of Heppner, and Ruth Smith of Boise, Idaho; her parents, John and Nelda Loveless of Port Orchard, Washington; sister, Virginia Moreland of Everett, Washington; brothers, John Loveless of Seabeck, Washington, Tom Loveless of Tucson, Arizona, and Mike Loveless of San Diego, California; and four grandchildren.

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

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

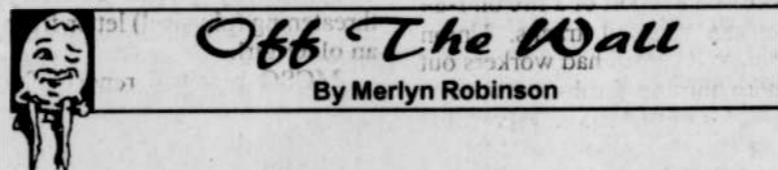
County short \$700,000

Following voter defeat of the four-year Morrow County levy last month, county officials are carrying through on their promise to cut county services, commissioner Dan Brosnan said Tuesday.

Brosnan told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce that the county is \$700,000 short on their budget this year and he and the other commissioners will begin meeting with department heads soon to discuss where to cut.

"It is going to be pretty devastating," Brosnan said of the task ahead. "We are going to get into the real meat of the budget." Brosnan said the only way to reduce costs is to cut personnel, and now all that's left is to decide where.

The levy, which was defeated county-wide by a 2-1 margin, would have raised \$1.5 million per year for the next four years.



Years ago if someone from my generation wanted more information on a subject that wasn't fully discussed on the farmer party phone lines, there were encyclopedias. Or we often sent for books from the state library, before there was a local public library.

Today many people are turning to the Internet for everything from information to stock options, banking and shopping. Yet some of those sources might not be anymore reliable than that information once gleaned from those party line conversations. In magazines, newspapers and television, they try to hook you with, "If you want to know more, log on to www.whatever.com." I suppose if one had an ingrown toenail you could access "www.soretoc.com" and learn all about how you should have been taken care of your 50-something old toenails.

I'm a firm believer that you are never too old to learn something new or useful, even it does take a bit longer to latch on. It's just that I never had a hankering to learn a foreign language. However it seems that if one is to acquire computer competency, you have to upgrade your language skills.

Okay, I've accepted that a mouse isn't only a furry little creature that scurries across the floor and evades traps. I've become quite comfortable with this little piece of plastic, even if the thing doesn't always accomplish what I want. I'll also concede that memory is reliably stored in something besides the brain, since books have been written since the stone age. Storing information on dicey little disks, that sometimes come up wordless, is perhaps a good thing, since my mental cells often come up empty too.

As to computer savvy, the mention of menu reminds me I'm hungry or that I haven't thawed out any meat for dinner. Perhaps I'll have to recycle what's in the refrigerator, unless it has to be deleted in the trash bin.

When there's talk about RAM details, I picture a buck sheep and wonder if he has all the necessary accessories for a herd sire. Alas, my "hard drives" weren't the kind you face while sitting in a comfortable chair at home. The hard drives I'm more familiar with, involved long days in the saddle under a baking sun. That type of cowboys could also be called floppy drivers. Other times those hard drives required toughing it out in a snow or rain storm as your digits turned to ice therefore lacking any system speed. City folks should know that chips also refers to what a cow leaves behind as ranchers routinely monitor their herds.

Slot machines are also known as slots. Or ranchers refer to the number of slots at a feed bunker. A drive bay may be in a computer but it's also where the feed truck is parked to keep it out of the weather. Scanning also refers to counting the number of four-legged critters that need hay, just as I once assumed that you needed a body of water in order to surf. Likewise, a family blaster may occur when little Johnnie plays his stereo too loud.

Now that I've latched on to some of this computer terminology, it's time to scroll over misspelled words. A spell checker often tries to make sense out of gibberish. Also it's time to get my modem in gear. Like the Alice in Wonderland fairy tale, I'll be late for a very important date, if I don't get all my Christmas cards scribbled on. I perhaps need to log on to a yule log - just kidding- and if I had an organized file manager in this computer perhaps it would tell me where I stored the Christmas decorations. Happy web searching!

electing board members to fill the positions and terms for the following districts, in Morrow County, and State of Oregon.

BOARDMAN CEMETERY DISTRICT:

Two (2) Positions at large-Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

BOARDMAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT:

Two (2) Positions at large-Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

BOARDMAN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT:

Three (3) Positions at large-Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

HEPPNER CEMETERY DISTRICT:

Two (2) Positions at large-Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

HEPPNER RURAL FIRE DISTRICT:

Three (3) Positions at large-Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

HEPPNER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT:

Two (2) Positions at large-Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

IONE-LEXINGTON CEMETERY DISTRICT:

One (1) Position at large-Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

IONE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Three (3) Positions at large-Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

IRRIGON CEMETERY DISTRICT:

One (1) Position at large-Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

IRRIGON PARK DISTRICT:

Position 1 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 3 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 5 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

IRRIGON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT:

Position 3 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 4 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 5 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT:

Position 1 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 2 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 3 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Director: Zone 2 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Director: Zone 6 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Director: Zone 7 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2000.

BOARDMAN-IRRIGON ADVISORY:

Position 1 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 2 - Two Year (2) Term ending June 30, 2003.

Position 3 - Two Year (2) Term ending June 30, 2003.

Position 4 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 6 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

HEPPNER-LEXINGTON ADVISORY:

Position 1 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 2 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 3 - Two Year (2) Term ending June 30, 2003.

Position 4 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 7 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

IONE-LEXINGTON ADVISORY:

Position 2 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 3 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 4 - Two Year (2) Term ending June 30, 2003.

MORROW COUNTY UNIFIED RECREATION DISTRICT:

Zone 1 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Zone 2 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

OREGON TRAIL LIBRARY DISTRICT:

Position 1 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 3 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 5 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

PORT OF MORROW:

Position 1 - Four Year (4) Term

ending June 30, 2005.

Position 2 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

Position 3 - Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

WILLOW CREEK PARK DISTRICT:

Two (2) Positions at large-Four Year (4) Term ending June 30, 2005.

All candidates for these positions must file or petition for election with the Morrow County Clerk at Heppner, Oregon by January 11, 2001. Copies of petitions may be picked up at the County Clerk's Office.

Barbara Bloodsworth
Morrow County Clerk
Published December 6, 2000
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MORROW COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of

BETH WRIGHT CLARK, Deceased.

Probate No. 00 PR 022
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed and have qualified as the Personal Representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice as stated below, to the Personal Representatives c/o Robert E. O'Rourke, Kottkamp & O'Rourke, LLP, 331 S. E. 2nd, P. O. Box 490, Pendleton, Oregon 97801, or they may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representatives or the attorneys for the Personal Representatives.

Dated and first published this 6th day of December, 2000.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MORROW ESTATE OF:

GUY RALPH BEAMER, Deceased.

No. 00 PR 023
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: P. O. Box 218, Pendleton, Oregon 97801 or they may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative.

Dated and first published: December 6, 2000.

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Notice of Election
On March 13, 2001 an election will be held for the purpose of