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Obituaries

John T. Jordan

John T. Jordan, 86, of Ione, died Saturday, December 1, 2001, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 5, 2001, at the Ione United Church of Christ. Concluding service and burial followed at High View Cemetery in Ione.

He was born January 7, 1915, at Weippe, Idaho, to John and Ica Clohe Waibraith Jordan. He lived in and around Weippe, where he attended school, then worked in the lumber industry.

On September 10, 1939, he married Marguerite Van Winkel, at White Salmon, Washington.

He had been a woods boss for many logging companies and was instrumental in building many U.S. Forest Service log bridges throughout the Blue Mountains while living on a ranch at Ritter Junction.

On October 28, 1978, he married Faith Smith of Portland, at John Day.

Mr. Jordan loved the outdoors, ranching, horses and socializing.

After retirement, he settled at Ukiah for a short time before moving to Ione where he purchased the Office Cafe and the Woolery House Bed and Breakfast. He enjoyed sitting on the large porch of the bed and breakfast drinking coffee and visiting with neighbors and customers.

Survivors include his wife, Faith, of Ione; daughters, Jeannie Salisbury of Kennewick, Washington, Nona Jordan and Linda Kerr, both of Pendleton, and Donna Neumann of Craig, Alaska; sons, Donald Jordan of Vancouver, Washington, Michael Jordan of Terrebonne and John Jordan in Minnesota; stepdaughter, Sidney Hage and stepson, Butch Smith, both of Portland; brother, Irving Jordan of Pendleton; sister, Mid Rosenau of Kennewick, Washington; 24 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brothers, Jack, Harry and Brannen.

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

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Keithley L. Blake

Keithley L. Blake, 98, of Heppner, died Thursday, November 29, 2001, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

At his request, no service will be held. Disposition was by cremation.

Mr. Blake was born December 15, 1902, at Heppner, to John and Mary Miller Blake. He was raised

at Ione and attended school there, graduating from Ione High School.

He had lived in the area for many years, working at Kinzua Pine Mills in Kinzua.

In 1925, he married Ruth Rodgers at Portland. The couple divorced in 1949.

Mr. Blake moved to Portland in 1941, working in the shipyards during World War II.

In 1950, he married Lydia Strum at Hillsboro. The couple returned to the Heppner area in 1951. Mrs. Blake died in 1992.

Mr. Blake enjoyed toy trains, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include a daughter, Bette Pallay of Sunriver; son, Jon Blake of Heppner; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Frieda L. Slocum

Frieda L. Slocum, 93, of Heppner, died Sunday, November 25, 2001, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, November 29, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Christian Life Center in Heppner.

She was born June 7, 1908, at Lexington, to Samuel and Frances Hechtner McMillan. She was raised at Lexington and attended school there, graduating from Lexington High School in 1926. She then attended Oregon Normal School at Monmouth where she received her teaching degree.

On January 1, 1930, she married Lawrence E. Slocum at Lexington. Mr. Slocum died in April 1946.

Mrs. Slocum returned to school in 1960 to update her credentials, then taught at Hardman and Heppner schools until her retirement in 1970.

After retirement, she traveled extensively. She enjoyed her children and grandchildren, reading, gardening and knitting. She enjoyed sharing the sweaters she had knitted with others and sharing her raspberry crops with friends and family who dropped by.

Survivors include daughters, Barbara Clough of Albany, Frances Dion of Gresham, Nancy Nelsen of Bush Prairie, Washington, Mary Neher of Eugene and Carolyn Cutsforth of Heppner; son, Peter Slocum of Polson, Montana; sister, Naomi Hill of Portland; 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by brothers, Robert, Eldred, Samuel, Wayne "Pete" and Jack; and sister, Eula.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Trail Library District, P.O. Box 325, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

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. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$5.)

We will never forget you

To the Editor:

As most of you know, the staff at Pioneer Memorial Hospital recently lost one of our family members. November 15, Marie VanEtta suffered fatal injuries in a motor vehicle accident.

Her obituary included all the pertinent dates along with a few details of her life. What it could not include was what a rare and wonderful individual Marie was, as well as how many people's lives she touched and made a difference in.

I met Marie in 1990 when her husband, Vern, was in the terminal stages of lung cancer. She, Vern, and their three school-age children, Randy, Nicole and Ross, lived on the Bill Healy ranch, approximately 25 miles out of town.

At that point in her life, Marie's thickly accented English was often barely understandable, she did not know how to drive, didn't know how to write a check and was unable to read English. She and her husband were happy though, living on the ranches where he worked as a cowboy and general hand while she cared for the house and children.

Since their marriage took place in Mexico, there were some legal issues that needed immediate attention in order for Marie and the children to receive Vern's death benefits. Prior to his hospital discharge, arrangements were made for Marie and Vern to be married in his hospital room. Lead by PMH employees, Judy Davis and Chris Lewis, the room was decorated, complete with wedding cake and punch served on wedding theme dishes.

Shortly after their "American" wedding, Vern returned home to die. With the help of Home Health and Nella Britt, who came in as a Hospice volunteer, Marie took care of Vern at home for his final few weeks.

Upon Vern's death, Marie and her children's lives changed dramatically. With Nella's help, Marie located an apartment in Heppner and several of the surrounding ranchers helped her move to town.

Within a short period of time, and the continued assistance from many concerned friends and neighbors, Marie learned to drive, opened her own checking account and sought out work.

In December of 1990 Marie came to work at PMH in the housekeeping department. From the start she was meticulous and conscientious, as well as being consistently friendly and kind. Within a relatively short period of time, Marie bought a vehicle, then was able to purchase a home on Elder Street for her family to grow up in.

Marie had a great sense of humor and loved visiting and joking with co-workers and residents. I will never forget Marie's early responses to "How are you?". She would reply, "Pretty good, fine." After a couple of weeks I stopped Marie in the hall and told her she needed to say either "pretty good" or "fine", but not both. Although somewhat embarrassed by her mistake, she understood the nuance and did not make that mistake again.

Marie was well known throughout the community for her work ethic. Every afternoon, upon completing her shift, Marie performed private housecleaning. When Paul and Kathleen Hisler moved to town in 1995, Marie started helping Kathleen with the housework; eventually this job evolved into working through CAPECO to assist the Hislers with

their evening meal. Every weekday, except Wednesday, Marie would arrive promptly at 5:30 to prepare and serve their evening meal. On Wednesdays she arrived earlier to get their housecleaning done. On the day of Marie's accident, as she was being prepared for transfer, her daughter, Nicole asked me to call Kathleen to let her know Marie would not be coming.

Marie was perhaps even better known for her endless giving. She loved to give gifts and volunteered at every opportunity. If there was a walk-a-thon, a fun run or a bike marathon to raise money for a cause, you could count on Marie to be in on it. Several years ago Nicole gave her mother a trail bike. She was thrilled with the gift, and from that point on she was frequently seen throughout town, with helmet donned, steadily pedaling along.

In the emergency room many of us realized how slim Marie's chances of recovery were, but we have all seen miracles happen and needed to hold onto that hope. The following morning, word was received that Marie was "brain-dead", and the life sustaining machines were going to be turned off. A gloom settled over the staff at PMH as most numbly went on with their work.

The next message we received was almost uplifting. The organ transplant team from Portland was en route to Bend to "harvest" Marie's organs. This made perfect sense to all who knew her. Every time the blood mobile pulled into town Marie would be in one of their recliners donating blood. Marie's life was all about giving.

The following week, Thanksgiving week, the staff received word that on Saturday, November 17, seven people received organs through Marie and her family's gift of life. She would have really liked that.

Perky Tweety Bird was Marie's favorite cartoon character. Her housekeeping cart was easily identifiable by the Tweety sticker, as well the Nike slogan stuck on the side, "Life is Short, Play Hard." Marie believed in this simple philosophy.

Marie left us much too soon, but in the years she spent here on earth, she worked incessantly, gave tremendously and loved unconditionally. Marie VanEtta, we will never forget you.

(s) Molly Rhea
Director,
Pioneer Memorial Home Health

Santa travels to Boardman

Everyone is invited to "join in a fun-filled evening in Boardman." Again this year, the Boardman Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Boardman Community Tree Lighting and Caroling.

The event begins on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m., in the Boardman City Hall parking lot. There will be choral music, speeches and the ceremonial lighting of Boardman's community tree. Afterwards, there will be a flashlight parade to the Greenfield Grange, where hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

The entertainment will include music from area choirs. The grand finale is when Santa Claus comes to visit the children of Boardman. Everyone is invited to attend.

The community tree was decorated by the C & D Drive In & Bakery, this year.

With love there is no room for fear

To the Editor:

These are thoughts I would like to share for the holiday season, in the wake of Sept. 11.

God is love. God created us all in His own image. His image and His word are love.

The spontaneity of the American people, in a great outpouring of love, regardless of who the Sept. 11 victims were, or their personal beliefs, reflects God's love for us all. The two commandments that Jesus emphasized were: 1) Love God with all your heart; 2) Love thy neighbor as thyself.

Everyone is our neighbor as illustrated by Jesus, in the parable of the Good Samaritan. On Sept. 11 in New York and from across the world, has come, like no other time in history, a continuous outpouring of love. Donations of blood, money, food and materials for the victims, and many gave their

lives to assist others, a glorious present-day parallel to Jesus' life and how He taught us to live and love. "Greater love hath no man, than he lay down his life for a friend."

I feel goosebumps and tears prickle my eyes when Jesus comforts the woman caught in adultery, when she was about to be stoned. He stood strong for love, when He said to the crowd, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." To the woman, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

We cannot experience the life of another individual, so cannot know what they have suffered and why they act and believe the way they do. Everyone of us responds positively to love and understanding. If we live with love in our hearts, there is no room for fear.

Love is our connection to God.
(s) Joan F. Sisler
Fossil

New loan officer at GEODC



Rex Baker

Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) welcomes Rex Baker to their staff as the senior loan officer. Baker brings to his new position 26 years of credit and banking experience. He attended local schools, including DMCC, and also Arizona State University, along with numerous banking schools.

"GEODC looks forward to having Rex on board. With his experience in lending and his enthusiasm

towards economic development, we believe he is a great match for our senior loan officer position," says Melisa Druge, executive director of GEODC.

Baker is a lifelong Umatilla County resident and is a board member of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce and Pendleton Underground Tours. "I enjoy being involved with community projects and organizations and it will enhance my effectiveness in the economic lending field," he said.

GEODC services a seven-county district covering nearly one-third of the state geographically, with a population of approximately 132,000. The area is located in the eastern part of the state and defined as rural Oregon. Services provided include small business funding, economic development services to city and county governments and contract service of state funded economic development programs. The organization has two additional offices with full-time staff in Canyon City and Ontario.

Hearing set for CAFO

A public hearing for a water pollution control facilities permit application for a new dairy facility to produce milk and milk products will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Port of Morrow, Wells Springs Conference Room, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

The applicant is M&P Holdings, LLC, of Idaho.

The proposed facility is a dairy confined animal feeding operation. It will generate wastewater from dairy animal confinement and milk production. M&P Holdings LLC proposes to beneficially land-apply the wastewater on agricultural crops.

Any questions on the proposed permit may be addressed to Joel Palmer (503) 986-4761. Documents and related material are available for examination and copying at the Department of Agriculture, 635 Capitol Street, N.E., Salem, (503)986-4700. An appointment is required to ensure that documents are readily accessible.

Written comments on the proposed permit must be received at the Oregon Department of Agriculture by 5 p.m. on Dec. 20. Written comments should be mailed to the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Attn: Lynda Horst, 635 Capitol St. N.E., Salem, Oregon 97301-2532. People wishing to send comments via e-mail may do so at lhurst@oda.state.or.us in plain

text format. If there is a delay between servers or if a server is not functioning properly, e-mails may not be received prior to the close of the public comment period.

Correction

-Luke Murray's name was omitted from a story about the Heppner High School Veteran's Day service. He played "Echo Taps along with Darren Van Cleave.

-The years of armed service for Creston Robinson of Heppner were listed incorrectly. He served from 1941-45.

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