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Obituaries

Elizabeth M. Carlson

Elizabeth M. Carlson, 83, of Boardman, died Friday, December 7, 2001, at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

The funeral was held Wednesday, December 12, 2001, in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Burial followed at Pine Grove Cemetery in Hood River.

Mrs. Carlson was born June 19, 1918, at Ashby, Nebraska, to John and Allie Clark Dunkel. She was raised at Ashby and attended schools there.

On July 18, 1936, she married Harold E. Carlson there. The couple moved to Hood River in 1942 and she went to work for A.G.A. (now Diamond Fruit) as a sorter and box maker. She retired and then in 1987, moved to Boardman where she lived before moving to the Good Samaritan Center.

She attended Boardman Christian Center, was a member of Boardman Garden Club, Greenfield Grange and was active in the Boardman Senior Center.

Mrs. Carlson enjoyed gardening, fishing, going to church and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include sons, John and Bill, both of Boardman; daughter, Kay Thomas of Boardman; brother, George Dunkel of Valentine, Nebraska; sister, Lucile Bosch of Albany; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Harold E. Carlson, a brother, Lewis Dunkel, and two infant sisters.

Velma Leona Dungan

Velma Leona Dungan, 76, a resident of the Hermiston-Lexington, area for over 40 years, died Tuesday, December 4, 2001, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Private family service was held and a private family burial will be held at Wallace, Nebraska.

Mrs. Dungan was born September 2, 1925, at Wallace, Nebraska.

She enjoyed hunting and fishing. Survivors include sons, Kenneth Heinlein of Sierra Vista, Arizona, Keith Cliburn of Hermiston, Ray E. Dungan II of Umatilla and Delbert Dungan of Lexington; daughter, Virginia Nichols of Yuba City, California; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Clarrisse F. Murphey.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

James Dene "Jim" Thompson

James Dene "Jim" Thompson, 52, of Kingwood, Texas, formerly of Boardman, died Saturday, December 8, 2001, at Kingwood, Texas, due to complications from a recent surgery.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 14, 2001, at Fisher Funeral Home, 306 SW Washington, Albany, at 2 p.m., with private interment at Willamette Memorial Park in Albany following.

He was born July 22, 1949, at Albany, to James Claire "Tommy" and Crystal (Ross) Thompson.

He attended Riverside Grade School and Memorial Middle School in Albany before graduating from Albany Union High School in 1967. He earned his bachelor's degree in Community Service and Public Affairs from the University of Oregon in 1967.

He was assistant city manager in The Dalles from 1971-74, city manager in Boardman from 1974-81 and city manager in Lebanon from 1981-85. He then moved to Houston, Texas, and worked for several companies until 1999. Since 2000, he had been an entrepreneur and small business owner.

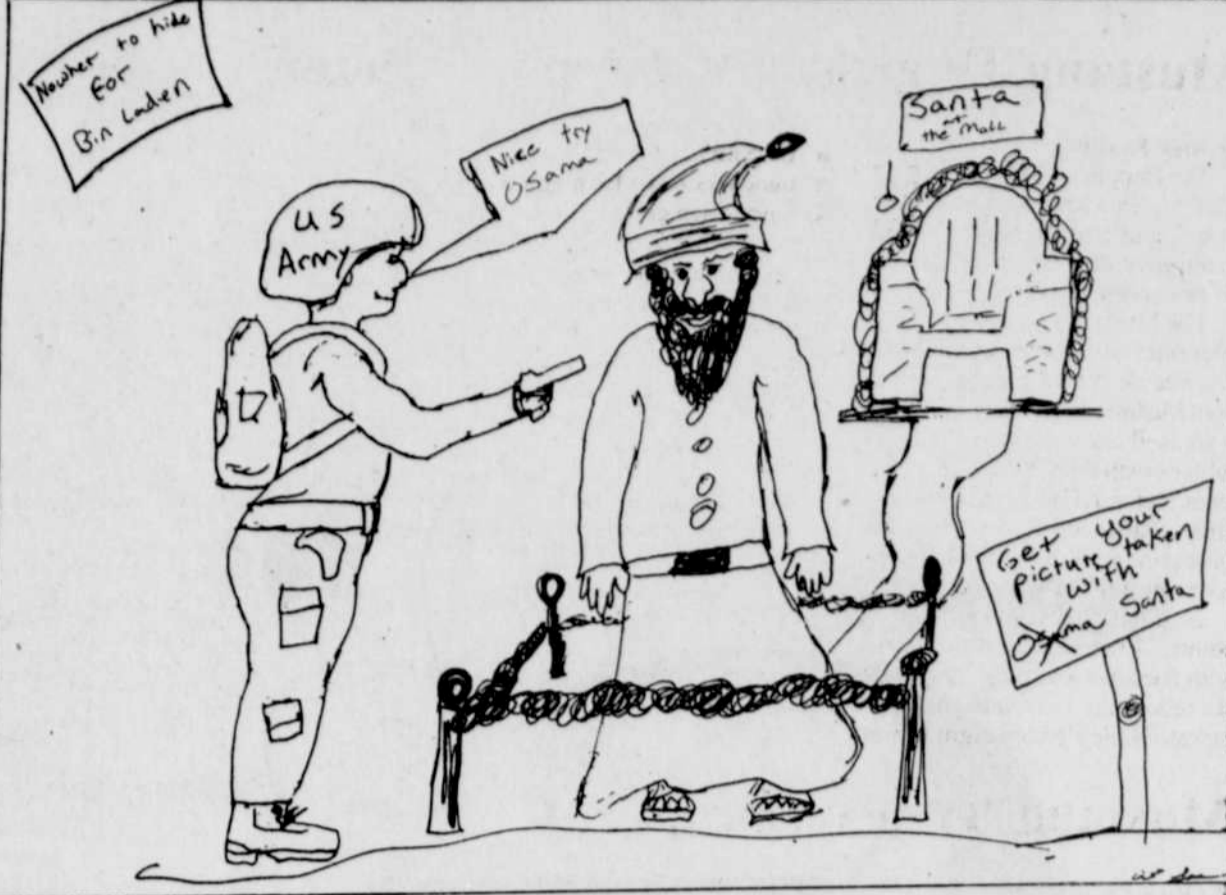
He married Sherry Halligan in 1970. He married Regina "Gina" Grennan in 1994.

He enjoyed golf and like to play trivia and the card game "Pitch". He was an avid sports fan, followed the U of O Ducks and regularly bet "two bits" and "four bits" with his mother on the outcome of the annual Civil War Game between the Ducks and Oregon State Beavers.

Survivors include wife Regina Thompson, at the home; son, Jason Thompson of Kingwood, Texas; daughter, Kim Thompson of Springfield; step-son, Terry Whitney of Kingwood, Texas; mother, Crystal Thompson of Albany; and sister, Jan Volz of Redmond. He was preceded in death by his father James Thompson.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Fisher Funeral Home of Albany is in charge of arrangements.



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Mike Armato and Diane Kilkenny, both Heppner, all members of the Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee, had earlier been instrumental in the recall effort for board members, John Rietmann, Ione, Pat McNamee, Irrigon, and Gary Frederickson, Boardman. Although the recall failed county-wide, it passed in Heppner precincts.

Those involved in the recall said earlier that they were not only angered by the vacation of Lindsay's and Lewis' board positions, but by the board's decision to cut teachers when faced with a severe budget shortfall.

In other business, the board:

-heard that no circuit court decision has been made concerning Lindsay's residency.

-adopted the first reading to a revision of the district's athletic physical policy;

-adopted the first reading of a three-year maintenance plan;

-adopted a resolution for the PERS income deferral plan renewal;

-accepted resignations from: Irma Rodriguez, ACH English as a second language educational assistant;

-approved employment for: Chuck Matteson, temporary contract for 112-1/2 days to replace Karen Holland as Heppner Elementary School fourth grade teacher; Glenna Hoffman, ACH special ed one-on-one assistant, replacing Michele Luna.

-approved transfers for Karen Holland, from HES-fourth grade teacher to Ione School Spanish teacher, replacing Nohemi Estrada-Suro; Teena Sirucek, from RHS assistant cook/food service clerical assistant to RHS department secretary, replacing Ramona

Heinandez;

-approved extra duty contract for: Molly Rhea, HHS assistant girls' basketball coach, C-team;

-accepted donations to: Sam Boardman Elementary for supplies from USA Media Company, for backpacks from CSEPP and Lutheran Brotherhood.

-heard the results of an air quality report conducted at Heppner Elementary School. Principal Phyllis Danielson said that the report noted that the school had a higher than recommended concentration of carbon dioxide and recommended increasing the flow of fresh air and changing the ventilation filters more often. Temperature, humidity and carbon monoxide concentrations were within the recommended guidelines. Housekeeping at the school was noted as being well above average. No evidence of water damage or "biological growth" was noted at the school.

-received a monthly enrollment report which showed Heppner Elementary (kindergarten through grade six) with 214 students on December 3, 17 less than Dec. 4 a year ago; Heppner High School (grades seven-12) with 187, eight less than last year; Ione Schools (K-12) with 158, six more than last year; A.C. Houghton (K-five), 413, 18 additional; Columbia Middle School (six-eight), 366, 10 more; Riverside High School (nine-12), 409, 25 less; and Sam Boardman Elementary (K-five) 40 more. The district has 2306 students this year, 106 more than last year.

-heard the following announcements: Dec. 21-winter break begins; Jan. 2-school resumes; Jan. 14-next school board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Heppner Elementary School.

Economic Development Group looks at email campaign

The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group met Wed. Dec. 5.

The group discussed several on-going projects including how to stimulate economic activity in the Heppner, Ione and Lexington area.

In its on-going efforts to attract businesses to the South Morrow Industrial Park (formerly Kinzua Mill site) David Sykes was instructed by acting Chairman George Koffler to investigate the costs of conducting an email campaign.

The group had earlier this year mailed 20,000 information flyers through the post office about the industrial site and received 34 responses.

No new businesses have yet located at the site and the group is investigating ways to use the Internet for marketing and advertising, for both south county and the industrial site.

There is a web site for the industrial park at www.heppner.net/industry.

A third mailing through the post office to advertise the industrial park was also discussed. Sykes was instructed to come back with a "pared down" mailing list that would cost less to send out. It could coincide with the proposed email campaign.

The previous mailings were 10,000 each, and although the paper, printing and volunteer labor were all donated, postage was still a significant cost. The group wished to save some money and get the most bang for their buck on a possible third mailing.

In other action, in order to better monitor political activity in the county, member Marsha Kemp was appointed to report on the status of elected positions.

Kemp said she would check with the county clerk on upcoming political openings, length of terms, and other information on board members on the Morrow County School Board, County Court, Port of Morrow, County Health District, Park District and other bodies and report back to WCVED. It was agreed that her reports would be informational only and not political.

In other discussions boardmember Koffler spoke on the feasibility of an investment group putting together financing to purchase a business and move it to south Morrow County.

No decisions were made, and it was agreed more discussions will be held at a later date.

In the Service

Army Pvt. Jesse W. Schock has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, physical fitness, basic first aid, and Army values, principles and traditions.

Schock is the son of Avery and Nan Schock of Boardman. The private is a 2001 graduate of Riverside High School in Boardman.

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.)

Heppner could become Monaco of ATV racing

To the Editor:

I attended the informational meeting Thursday evening for the proposed ATV Tour Routes and Park development. Those in support of the proposed plan urged that we be "proactive" in seeking this project and grants needed to accomplish the goals. They confidently assured us this would have some economic impact, favorable to Heppner.

The meeting was very well attended by landowners and residents of the area that are to be directly impacted. The reaction of those people who would be subject to the nuisance impact and feared the trespass and liability costs was apparently strongly in opposition.

It seems a shame to ignore the potential financial benefits to the city of Heppner. I would like to suggest that the citizens of Heppner sponsor ATV road races within the city of Heppner. An excellent closed circuit route for a 50 or 100 lap race would start on Riverside, turn right at Water Street past the sheriff's office, go over the high school speed

bumps and back down onto Riverside. On Riverside there is an excellent straight road with plenty of room for bleachers, pit stops and concession stands.

These races could be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in the summer during the slack period before the fair and rodeo and the rush of hunting season. Heppner could become the Monaco and Watkins Glen of ATV racing.

Policing would be assured; the sheriff could hardly ignore it. Ambulance and medical help would be instantly available, not like the situation on Toll Rock Road or the Wyland Road. Publicity and prize purses will bring in the race entries. This will fill the restaurants, motels and campgrounds.

I think that South Morrow County landowners would contribute to this as a viable alternative.

Let's be "proactive" and get this going. We can beat Boardman into the racing business.

(s) Dick McElligott Ione

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