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Obituary

Mildred I. Hurtt

Mildred Irene Hurtt, 69, of Heppner, died Saturday, January 26, 2002, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

A graveside memorial service will be held Saturday, February 2, 2002, at 1 p.m. at Riverside Cemetery in Siletz.

She was born April 22, 1932, at Talmage, Saskatchewan, Canada, to James and Amy Orr Spire. The family later moved to Woolstock, Iowa, where she attended school, graduating in 1950 from Woolstock High School.

On September 3, 1950, she married Thomas Merle Hurtt, at Woolstock. The couple moved back and forth between Iowa and Oregon numerous times before settling in the Lincoln County area of Oregon in 1974.

She was baptized at the Church of Christ in Toledo, Oregon.

Mr. Hurtt died in 1986, and in 1988 Mrs. Hurtt moved to Heppner.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing, crafts, reading, cooking and volunteering at the senior meal site.

Survivors include sons, James Hurtt and Thomas Hurtt, Jr., both of Lakeside, Oregon; daughters, Shelley Fultz of Lafayette, Oregon, and Cherrie Clark of Heppner; brothers, Lester Spire of Zepherhills, Florida, and Charles Spire of Oklahama City, Oklahoma; sisters, Evelyn Larson of Mitchellville, Iowa and Eleanor Williams of Woodstock, Iowa; and grandchildren, Jeremy Clark, Joshua Clark, Jarrod Clark, Joseph Fultz, Krystal Fultz and Everett Peoney. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Thearessa; brothers, Irvine Spire, Ralph Spire and Maurice Spire; and her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health or Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, both at P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836, or the American Cancer Society, 0330 SW Curry, Portland, Oregon 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

In the Service



Airman Andrew Stuart

Air Force Airman Andrew J. Stuart has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Mike and Diane Stuart of Lone. Stuart is a 2000 graduate of Seaside High School.

Grass seed meeting slated

The second annual meeting of the Columbia Grass Seed Association will be held on Wednesday, February 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pioneer Implement, Butter Creek Highway, Hermiston.

The meeting is sponsored by the Oregon State University Extension Service and Columbia Basin Grass Seed Association.

The agenda is as follows: 8-8:30 a.m.-coffee and donuts; 8:30-9 a.m.-business meeting; 9-9:30 a.m.-Dan Ball, "Weed control in grass seed crops", OSU, CBARC; 9:30-10 a.m.-Don Horneck, "Nitrogen in Kentucky Bluegrass," OSU-HAREC; 10-10:15 a.m.-break; 10:15-10:45-Phil Hamm, "Disease control in grass seed crops," OSU-HAREC; 10:45-11:30 a.m.-Gary Frederickson, "The straw market," Oregon Hay; 11:30 a.m.-noon-"Burning grass seed residues"; noon-lunch; 1-1:30 p.m.-"Combine demonstration, Pioneer Implement.

Refreshments and lunch will be sponsored by Columbia Basin Grass Seed Association. RSVP to Marcia or Linda, 541-567-6337 or 541-567-8321.

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.)

Neon hair, but a heart of gold

To the Editor:

This is in response to the letter last week "How far do we go with circus sideshow". This particular individual that the letter refers to, is indeed, from the Willamette Valley. But even if she was born and raised in Morrow County and chose to show her individuality in this fashion, it should be no concern to others. I know this young lady personally and I find her to be one of the most enjoyable and responsible young adults around. She has always shown nothing but respect to her elders and her friendliness and smile can be very contagious. She is not disruptive in school and is a very good student. There are kids out there that look "ordinary" but have virtually no respect for others or others' properties. I think our school board should focus on these individuals, not just someone that looks different. In the adult working world, first impressions for a job interview are most important and conforming to society becomes imperative. But if expressing yourself in this manner doesn't hurt anyone, what's the big issue. Really, isn't it what is inside that really matters? Keep watching . . . next week she may have bright neon green hair, but inside she still has a heart of gold.

(s) Toni L. Carter
Lexington

Honor hospitalized veterans

To the Editor:

Americans are once more aware of the heroes among us - the ordinary folks who do extraordinary things in service to others in times of danger and desperation. We at the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center are privileged to care for many of our community's heroes and want the rest of our citizens to join us in honoring them during the National Salute of Hospitalized Veterans on Feb. 10-16.

This year's program offers citizens an opportunity to share time and valentines with our patients and to honor the veterans we serve.

The quality and level of care we provide our veterans is directly linked to community support. Our dedicated professional staff, our hundreds of caring volunteers, the other hospitals and schools we work with - all are parts of a community effort that contributes to the care we provide our patients.

I invite every citizen to participate. You can start by visiting patients at our medical center during the National Salute. For more information, call 1-888-687-8863, ext. 22458, or (509) 527-3458.

(s) Bruce Stewart
Chief Operating Officer

Jonathan M. Wainwright
Memorial VA Medical Center
77 Wainwright Drive
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Look past the hair to see kind, compassionate person

To the Editor:

In response to the letter Mr. Mewhinney wrote last week in the Gazette, I work as the secretary at the school and was really disappointed when I read his article in the paper. It seems as though a student, her choice of hairstyle and the "various piercings" on her face offended Mr. Mewhinney. This student's hairstyle is a little different than what the kids here usually wear. I took the time to visit with this student and can't help but truly like her. She is a bright, talented and genuine person. Her choice of hairstyle is no more than her way to show a creative and yet bold side of herself. She came from a large school with different races, different hairstyles, and different interests. She ended up in a small school, where everyone basically dresses the same, thinks the same and has the same interests. I actually have to give her credit for being comfortable enough to express herself. Her classmates, students and teachers have come to like and respect this student for who she is, not what she looks like.

The district has guidelines that are meant to protect students from harm, not to prevent them from expressing themselves. The above-mentioned student is doing nothing to harm or threaten anyone else. Also the mother of this student is a lovely, bright woman, who I

Deadline nears for Boardman directory

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce has mailed membership enrollment and renewal forms for the year 2002. Dues must be turned in to the Chamber office by Friday, March 1, to have a business included in the 2002-2003 directory.

Chamber membership directories are handed directly to businesses and visitors at the Chamber office. Callers and businesses from out of the area may use the member directory on the Boardman community website: www.visitboardman.com to find out what is available. Whenever the chamber is asked for community information, chamber members are always referred first, according to a chamber news release.

really think deserves a lot of credit for raising two great kids. Mr. Mewhinney, if you actually took the time to meet both, the student in question and her mother, you would be able to see past the hair, the pierced lip and see two compassionate and kind people. I am deeply disappointed that some people feel that we cannot allow our children, or others express themselves in any way that is not the "norm". It wasn't all that long ago that our parents weren't particularly thrilled with boys who wore hair that was past their ears, or the girls with the tight fitting mini skirts, and, heaven forbid, the music. Kids in the sixties listened to the Beatles. Parents at that time thought that the Beatles and other rock groups were considered evil. Where would the world be if people, such as this student, weren't allowed to break away from the norm and be allowed to express themselves in their own way? We are all entitled to our opinions, just as you have stated yours. The way we express our opinions is what sets us apart. Diversity is about change. Change brings about progression. Where would we be now if people had not been bold enough to break away from the norm? Instead of living in a free country, with freedom of expression, instead of being Americans, we would probably be British.

(s) Cathy McCabe
Lone

Boardman Chamber plans 'after hours'

The Mouse Factory Beauty Salon will host Boardman Chamber of Commerce's "After Hours" on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 5-7 p.m., at the salon, located at 200-B N.W. First Street, Boardman. "Come and meet Boardman Chamber's newest member, owner Linda Toms, and enjoy refreshments and networking," said a spokesperson.

Chamber After Hours is held for Boardman Chamber of Commerce members and community members. Offered in different business locations each month, After Hours not only provides an opportunity for casual networking after the close of the business day, but it also provides the hosting business owner and staff an opportunity to showcase their business and the services they provide, said a press release.

Foot clinic costs increase

To the Editor:

Under the umbrella of the Morrow County Health District (MCHD), to which we pay taxes to help pay for medical services in our county, we have the following services:

1. A contract with Dr. Robert Boss, MD, to manage the Boardman Medical Center. With a portion of this subsidy Dr. Boss employs a physician assistant, Bryan Braun, PAC.
2. Irrigon Medical Clinic, staffed by Dr. Sam Datta, MD, Dr. Jeanne and Dr. Ed Berretta, MD, and Sheridan Tarnasky, PA.
3. Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner, staffed by Dr. Datta, Drs. Berretta, and Sheridan Tarnasky. A podiatrist, Dr. Carlson, and a cardiologist, Dr. Hanlon, are in the clinic on a monthly basis.
4. Ambulances in Boardman, Irrigon and Heppner, along with "First Responder" ambulances located in Lone and Lexington.
5. Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home, located in Heppner.
6. Pioneer Memorial Home Health, which serves residents throughout Morrow County.

I work for MCHD as a Home Health nurse. The real reason I am writing this article is not to outline all the services MCHD provides but to highlight one that is furnished by the Home Health staff.

For many years Home Health has provided a monthly foot clinic in Boardman and Heppner. At these "clinics" a RN inspects and soaks the feet, trims the nails and applies lotion. Since beginning this service in 1986 we have charged \$8 dollars per person. Over the years the subject of increasing the charge has been tossed about but no change has been initiated. On reviewing home health expenses it has been decided it is time to attempt to increase the charges to get closer to our actual expense. Subsequently, the price of foot care is being increased to \$20.

The Boardman Foot Clinic takes place the first Monday of each month in the old Medical Clinic building on Kincade Street from 1 - 4 p.m. We accept payment by cash or check, as Home Health is unable to bill insurance or Medicare for the service. Discounted services are available on a need basis.

(s) Cheryl Tallman, RN
Boardman

Judge and be judged

To the Editor:

I'm responding to the letter that was submitted last week by Terry Mewhinney. He should be ashamed of himself, criticizing a young girl's appearance publicly because she doesn't suit his ideal vision of what a small town student in Eastern Oregon should look like. I can't believe he could be so cruel as to call her a circus sideshow. Exactly what has she done to him, or anyone else for that matter?

So she chose to shave part of her hair, color it blue and wear jewelry. Big deal. The fact that she is attending school is what's important.

The teenage years can be a very sensitive time to our young adults. Hopefully he hasn't hurt this girl's self esteem and hopefully she can get past this without any repercussions. Maybe if he were allowed to express himself when he was young, he wouldn't now be the narrow-minded person he is.

Do the words judge and be judged mean anything to you.

(s) Susan Hansen
Heppner

Greenfield Grange plans sweetheart dance

A Sweetheart dinner and dance will be held at Greenfield Grange on Saturday, Feb. 9. Diners will be served from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Jack Donovan and his band will start playing for dancers between 6:30-7 p.m.

The menu will be salad, prime rib, baked potato, rolls, green beans and dessert. For reservations, call Bobbi Peck, 481-7359. Tickets are \$10 per person if reservations are made, \$12 if no reservation.

The young people at Greenfield Grange will serve breakfast from 7-10 a.m. the first Saturday of each month. Cost of each breakfast is \$3.50, all you can eat, or a la carte. "If you are not full when your plate is empty, tell the cook and he will fix more," said a Grange spokesperson.

Last month, Charlene Baker won the free breakfast, which she may redeem any time this year. LaVerne Gertlar won the food basket. He donated the basket back to the youth to give to someone he felt needed it more than he. "This was a wonderful deed to demonstrate to the youth of the Grange," said the spokesperson.

The annual flea market at Greenfield Grange will be April 12-13. For table reservations, call Bobbi Peck, 481-7359, or Edna Melby, 481-6191.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen has released the following report:

-Pedro Caballero plead guilty to Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 245 days in the Morrow County Jail, suspended, two years probation and three years suspension of his driver's license. He was also prohibited from using or possessing alcohol and from entering an establishment whose primary income is derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages, ordered to submit to blood, breath or urine tests, submit to an alcohol evaluation, successfully complete an alcohol treatment program, take Antabuse if medically able and, if directed by the probation officer, attend a victim's impact panel, and pay \$1,724 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Anna May Mainord was found guilty of contempt and was placed on three years probation. She was also ordered to pay a \$500 fine, make "every reasonable effort to seek employment" and work closely and cooperate with the support enforcement officer of Morrow County.

-David Douglas Dyer was convicted of Assault III, a Class C felony, with the court allowing a misdemeanor treatment for purposes of the conviction, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended with two years bench probation. He was also ordered to have no offensive contact with the victim, the victim's residence or the victim's place of employment; submit a written apology to the Morrow County District Attorney's office by Feb. 20, 2002; enroll in and successfully complete parenting counseling classes through Morrow County Behavioral Health by March 1, 2002; successfully complete the Batterer's Intervention Program; and pay \$1,309 in fines, fees and assessments.

The chamber is staffed Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with a combination of paid and volunteer staff who want to promote local businesses and the Boardman community.

Those who did not receive a membership packet in the mail and would like to become a member may download a membership form from the chamber website, print one off and mail it in to the Boardman Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 1, Boardman, OR 97818. The Boardman Chamber of Commerce membership is open to all interested persons. Individual and business memberships are welcome.

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at the Heppner Grade School Gym

For anyone 10 years and older (younger children welcome to accompany parents to lessons)

Cost: \$12.50 singles; \$25 couples; ages 10-18 free (First two lessons are free!)

For more information, call Jo Meligan, 676-5805