



## Be my Valentine

Tiger Cubs from Pack 661 in Heppner shared Valentine cards they had made with residents at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home Tuesday. Pictured are (left to right) Tiger Cubs, Shane Miles, Kyle Harrison, Austin Gutierrez, Garrett Robinson, Colby Green and Trey Waite, with PMNH resident Dorothy Ripplinger.

## Local student nominated for National Honor Society scholarship



### Shelley Rietmann

Shelley Rietmann, a Heppner High School senior and member of the Heppner National Honor Society, has been nominated to compete in the National Honor Society scholarship, sponsored by National Association of Secondary School Principals.

The nomination places Rietmann in the national competition. Two hundred national NHS winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

High schools throughout the country could nominate senior high members of the National Honor Society to compete. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience,

and academic record. They also were required to write an essay.

In recognizing leadership in co-curricular activities as well as academic performance, the NHS scholarship recognizes the importance of well-rounded education. Co-curricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

While at Heppner High School, Rietmann has been student body vice president, president secretary of the National Honor Society Chapter, co-captain of the basketball team and one of Oregon's top 20 female scholar athletes.

NASSP, the preeminent school leadership organization, serves as the national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders. NASSP promotes the intellectual growth, academic achievement, character development, leadership development, and physical well being of youth through its programs and student leadership services. NASSP administers the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, and the National Association of Student Councils. NASSP is also the sponsor of National Student Leadership Week.

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### In the City of Ione for State of Oregon for the County of Morrow **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Ione Rural Fire Department is honored this February 10 through February 16, 2002; and

WHEREAS, All citizens of the City of Ione and Ione surrounding area congratulate you on being a top notch fire district; and

WHEREAS, We appreciate your unselfish devotion to protecting our city, homes, schools and businesses. We also appreciate your time and effort put into training and safety; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the Board of Directors, Fire Chief, Secretary and twenty-five volunteer firefighters and seven fire fighting units as exceptional and appreciate all of your time and efforts.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ione hereby declares the week of February 10-16, 2002 as Ione Rural Fire Department District Days in the City of Ione.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2002

Betty Gray, Mayor	Dennis Stefani, Councilman
Dennis Thompson, Councilman	Bob Ball, Councilman
Robin Moran, Councilwoman	Mark Bruno, Councilman
Richard Graham, Councilman	

## Volunteers sought for 4-H wildlife program

Do you know the difference between a mason bee and a mason jar? How about a scrub jay and a scrub brush? Have you always enjoyed nature, but felt you wanted to know more? Now is your chance to learn about our abundant wildlife and share that knowledge with children, your local school and community.

More Oregon students may see native birds, butterflies and small wildlife visiting their schoolyards, thanks to a \$745,058 grant from the National Science Foundation. Spread over three years, the grant will pay for expansion of the 4-H Wildlife Stewards Program offered through the Oregon State University Extension Service. The NFS grant will enable not only allow the statewide expansion of the 4-H Wildlife Stewards Program but the development of a national model.

Volunteers are currently being recruited for the 4-H Wildlife Stewards Program. 4-H Wildlife Stewards are trained volunteers working in partnership with public and private organizations to assist students and teachers in developing, using and sustaining wildlife habitat sites on school grounds. A habitat site is an area on or near school grounds that invites wildlife and provides hands-on learning opportunities for students and teachers.

Applicants must complete an application, complete a weekend training course and be willing to provide 50 hours of volunteer service to a 4-H Wildlife Stewards Member school. Training includes landscape design, native plants, wildlife habitat, cultivating stewardship in children, curriculum lessons, project management and more.

To find out more about this new 4-H program and how you can get involved, contact Bill Broderick at the Morrow County Extension office, 676-9642.

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## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes

### Chamber Executive Director

Have you noticed the Main Street trees are beginning to bud, with some close to opening. Blooming brings to mind the fact that February has been declared Garden Club month by the city. Please take a moment to take a Garden Club member to lunch, give them a pat on the back when you see them on the street or send them a card of appreciation. They make our community stand out for both local citizens and visitors. The drinking fountain across from the fairgrounds, the mini-park at the west entrance to Heppner, the area between the Post Office and Shoe Box, are just a few of the benefits bestowed upon us by the Heppner Garden Club.

Yet another group of volunteers is helping to make a difference in Heppner. Those would be the Chamber Ambassadors who diligently fill baskets, with a "variety of Heppner" to deliver to newcomers. John and Ann Murray donate the baskets for our ambassadors to deliver with a variety of businesses contributing. Columbia Basin lets the group know who the Heppner newcomers are. Nine baskets were delivered this past week. Chamber members will be learning more about this energetic group at a future Chamber meeting.

Roll out the welcome mats as high school bowling teams from all over arrive in Heppner for tournaments at Shamrock Lanes February 16-17. Terry and Lynn have been working hard to make this possible, with many improvements and plans for the event. Let's give these young people and their families a hearty Heppner welcome, as well as Shamrock Lanes for hosting this event to create fun for the young and boost Heppner's economy. Hats off to this Chamber member!

The above just reinforces reasons why Heppner is a great place to live and do business. The Chamber of Commerce goal is to strive to keep it that way as we work toward good communication, understanding, diversity, and promotion.

Looking ahead: Next week, Representative Greg Smith will attend Chamber to report on legislative happenings. Wednesday, Feb. 20, Ron Wyden will be at the Senior Center at noon. All are welcome to join the seniors for lunch and to visit with Wyden. On Tuesday, Feb. 26, the Chamber program will be two-fold, with Tom Wolff discussing the Pedestrian and Youth Safety Parkway; and Martin Davis discussing what the proposed speedway could mean for Heppner economic development. See you at John's Other Place at noon.

Thought for the week: "Sometimes facing opportunity is like staring at the knees of a giraffe."

### SWCD, Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 1 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner.

Agenda items and discussion items include manager's report, weed report, agency reports, Senate Bill 1010 and a Total Maximum Daily Load update.

The meeting is open to the public.

## Obituaries

### Lorine Toll

Lorine Toll, 73, formerly of the Heppner-Lexington area, died Friday, January 18, 2002, in Woodburn.

A memorial service will be held in Heppner at a later date.

She was born January 16, 1929, at the VanWinkle farm in Lexington. After graduating from Heppner High School in 1947, she married John Ledbetter. They had three children: Jeanette Sunseri (deceased), June Bennett of Dallas, Texas and Judy Lathrom of Portland.

In 1975, she married Leonard Toll; he had three children: Toni Chitty of Heppner, Tami Johlke of Pendleton and Terry Toll of Prineville.

Mrs. Toll is also survived by brothers, Alfred Van Winkle, Spokane, WA, Jack Van Winkle, Sun City West, AZ; two sisters, Alma Green, Prineville, OR, and June DuVall, Sun City West, AZ; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, William J. Van Winkle.

She enjoyed traveling, gardening, raising roses, playing cards and visiting casinos with her husband.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Lora Lee Doubledee

Lora Lee Doubledee, 54, Redmond, formerly of Heppner, died Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at Redmond.

She was born on June 22, 1947, at Heppner. On December 27, 1991, she married Norman Doubledee at Reno, Nevada. She had been employed as a potato processor in Boardman.

Mrs. Doubledee enjoyed oil painting. Mrs. Doubledee was preceded in death by her parents and a sister. Survivors include her husband, Norman, Redmond; and uncles Leonard Gilman, Dulzura, CA, and Dean Gilman, Heppner.

Redmond Memorial Chapel, Redmond, was in charge of arrangements.

### Darrel K. Farrens

Darrel K. Farrens, 88, Monument, formerly of Hardman, died Saturday, February 9, 2002, at Blue Mountain Hospital, JohnDay.

Funeral services were held February 13, 2002, at the Monument Presbyterian Church with Pastor John King officiating. Interment was at the Monument Cemetery.

Darrel K. Farrens was born to Glenn Albert Farrens and Evelyn Elizabeth Ball on September 28, 1913, at Hardman. He was raised in Hardman, attended grade school and graduated from high school there. He married Oleta Raimey, who was from Condon, on June 30, 1940. They moved to the Kimberly area in October of 1944 and in 1955 moved to Monument where they lived until the present time.

Mr. Farrens began ranching in the late 1930s. He began working for the Forest Service in 1960 and continued working there until his retirement in 1976.

He was a member of the Monument Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed riding for the Grazing Association and enjoyed having his dogs around him.

Mr. Farrens was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Oleta in 1998, and his sister, Merle Owens. Survivors include daughters, Dorinda Harding and her husband, Arnold, The Dalles, and Donna Cox and her husband, Robert, Monument; son, Glenn Farrens, The Dalles; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grand County Hospice, in care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, 97845. Driskill Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

### Advisory Committee plans meeting

A meeting of the Heppner/Lexington Advisory Committee will be held Monday, February 18, at 6 p.m. at Heppner Elementary School.

The bond construction design team will be on hand for the meeting.

### John Calvin "Cal" Giesler

John Calvin "Cal" Giesler, 79, died on Tuesday, February 12, 2002, at his home in Arlington.

Recitation of the Rosary was held on Friday, February 8, 2002, at St. Francis Catholic Church in Arlington. Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, February 9, 2002 at St. Francis Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Arlington Cemetery in Arlington.

Cal Giesler was born on July 21, 1922, in Ontario to John Chester and Mildred Lillian Poorman Giesler. He was raised in Ontario and the Boise, Idaho areas.

He served in the United States Navy during WWII from January 1942 through December 1945. He earned his associate's degree from Boise Junior College, his bachelor's at Colorado A&M, and his master's at Oregon State University.

He worked as a biologist for the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. He helped to develop and institute the Oregon Hunters Safety Program.

He lived in Portland from 1952 until 1970, and then lived in Burns for 13 years before moving to Arlington in 1986 where he had lived since. He was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Arlington and PERS. He was active at St. Francis Catholic Church, drove the Gilliam County bus, and assisted with Arlington Help, Senior Meals Program, the Arlington Band Festival and the Chamber of Commerce. He had served as judge pro tem for the Arlington Justice Court and was grand marshal of Gilliam County Fair. He also volunteered in the Lunch Buddy Program, which was very special to him.

He is survived by his brother, Glenn Giesler and his wife Denise, Crouch, Idaho; sisters, Donna Lee Clancy, Nampa, Idaho, and JoAnn Pollentier, Sheridan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Doris Pollentier and his brother, Donovan Giesler.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis Catholic Church or the Arlington Ambulance Service c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, Oregon 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

### F. Virginia Phillips

F. Virginia Phillips, 74, of Boardman, died Wednesday, February 6, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A funeral service was held Saturday, February 9, 2002, at the Boardman Community Church with burial following at Boardman Riverview Cemetery.

She was born June 2, 1927, at Lake Creek, Oregon, to Adolf and Laverne Brown Pech.

On September 3, 1947, she married John Phillips at Lake Creek. The couple moved to the Boardman-Irrigon area in 1962 with their eight children.

Over the years, Mrs. Phillips had worked as a cook at area establishments and most recently had cooked at Stokes Landing Senior Center.

She was a member of TOPS and the Irrigon Watermelon Festival Committee.

Mrs. Phillips loved spending time with her family and helping others. She enjoyed playing the accordion, hunting, crafts, gardening, her dogs, Casey and Kadie, and giving others massage therapy.

Survivors includes sons, Charles Lee of Yreka, California, Chester of Beaverton, and Albert of Irrigon; daughters, Vivian Pearsall of Irrigon, Karen Spears of Boardman, Neta Howland of Baker City, Rita Chapman of Boise, and Teena Patterson of Irrigon; 29 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; by her husband, John; son, Johnny Gayle; and brother, Arthur Pech.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association through Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, Oregon 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

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