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## Greg Smith endorsed by Ag-Pac

In a statement issued recently, Ag-Pac officially announced their endorsement of Oregon State Representative Greg Smith for House District 57, according to a news release from Smith.

"Representative Greg Smith has been a steadfast, unflinching and effective leader on behalf of Oregon's vital agricultural and natural resource industries," said Carol Russell, Ag-Pac chairman. "Countless times he has gone to bat for growers, ranchers, food processors, timber and other essential Oregon businesses and employees."

Ag-Pac is an umbrella political action committee representing nearly every major agricultural commodity. The diverse group includes such members as the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Associated Oregon Loggers, Oregon Farm Bureau PAC, Oregon Water Resources Congress, Oregon Wheat Growers League, Or-

egonians for Food and Shelter, Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Association, Oregon Dairy Industry and the Blue Mountain Potato Growers.

"I am honored to have Ag-Pac endorse my candidacy. It serves as recognition of my commitment to the agricultural and natural resource community," said Smith. "These folks are the backbone of Oregon's economy."

Rep. Smith has already received honors from the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, being the recipient of the prestigious "Lariat Laureate", and the Oregon Fairs Association, receiving their "Grand Champion Legislator" award. The Oregon Farm Bureau and Oregonians for Food and Shelter have also individually recognized Smith legislative accomplishments.

"Representative Greg Smith is a true friend of the family farmer," said Russell.

## Justice Court Report

Brenda Kay Worden, 41, Heppner-Driving while License Suspended violation, \$197 fine;

Jeffrey J. Maben, 44, Heppner-Unlawful Motor Vehicle Use on Heppner Regulated Hunt Area, \$82 fine;

Travis Bellamy, 18, Lexington-Violation of the Basic Rule, 42 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$87 fine;

Irvin E. Rauch, 79, Lexington-Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$75 fine;

Jimmy Santos, 37, Sandy-Driving while License Suspended violation, \$297 fine;

Richard James Brown, 64, Ione-Illegal Possession of Non-Game Wildlife (Raptors), \$152 fine;

Mary E. (Connor) Morehouse, 30, Heppner-Driving while License Suspended, \$157 fine;

Ronald D. Barber, 54, Bend-Illegal U-turn, \$77 fine;

Skylar JoAnn Rickabaugh, 48, Mt. Vernon-Illegal U-turn, \$77 fine;

Ryan Patrick Soper, 23-Failure to Use Seatbelt, \$59 fine; Sarah J. Yankee, 19, Heppner-Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance, \$79 fine, Driving while License Suspended

infraction, \$297 fine, Driving while License Suspended, \$357 fine, Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance, \$79 fine;

Daniel George Pasqual, 51, Portland-No Angling License, \$77 fine, Failure to Appear, \$631 fine, 90 days in jail, \$700 and jail sentence suspended with two years probation with no further violation of law;

Richard James Drake, 46, Heppner-Illegal Possession of Non-Game Wildlife (Raptors, Eagle, Hawk, Owl), \$157 fine;

Clifford Michael Adams, 42, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$77 fine;

Ryan L. Miller, 29, Heppner-No Valid ODOT Weight Receipt, \$157 fine;

Jacqueline Kay Lane, 22, Boardman-Violation of the Basic Rule, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone.

## Daylight Saving's Time to begin

Daylights Saving's Time will begin on Sunday, April 6. Don't forget to "spring ahead" one hour.

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## Obituaries

### Lorena I. Jones

Lorena I. Jones, 84, of Heppner, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 30, 2002, at the United Methodist Church in Heppner. A committal service was held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 29, 1917, at Boardman, to Alex and Isabella Cooke Wilson. Her mother died when she was 11 months old and she was raised by her grandmother and three other relatives. She attended school at Heppner and at Oakland, California, for a time. She returned to Heppner, graduating from Heppner High School in 1935. She attended Eastern Oregon College at La Grande and then began teaching in Lexington.

On December 24, 1938, she married Floyd R. Jones at Pendleton. The couple took 10 one-dollar bills to get married. The minister charged \$5, the hotel room was \$3 and breakfast the next morning was 80 cents. They came home to Ione with \$1.20 to an apartment they rented for \$17.50 per month. They put the \$1.20 in the bank.

At that time, married teachers were not allowed to continue teaching so she set aside her teaching career until 1961 when she returned to teaching at Heppner. She retired in 1981.

In 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Jones bought a ranch on Hinton Creek near Heppner, where they raised quarter horses, cattle, hay and grain.

Mrs. Jones was a member of United Methodist Church, the Bookworms, and the Cutting Horse Association and was an associate member of the Cattlemen's Association.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd R. Jones of Heppner; daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Larry Sticka of Hillsboro; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A son, Greg Jones, died in 1999.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 733, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

### Everett L. Martin

Everett L. Martin, 78, of Irrigon, died Tuesday, March 2, 2002, in Portland. A celebration of life gathering for Mr. Martin was held at the Irrigon Moose Lodge on March 23, 2002.

Mr. Martin was born May 22, 1923, at Pendleton, and as raised in the Kooskia, Idaho, area. Through the years, he had been a rodeo contestant.

On May 7, 1980, he and his wife, Delores "Lorie" were married. Mr. Martin enjoyed his family, hunting and fishing and was an active and devoted member of the Moose Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Delores "Lorie" Martin, of Irrigon; sons, Ronald Reynolds and Rodney Reynolds, both of Irrigon; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; sisters, Voneta Brock of Hermiston, and Twila DeVane, formerly of Irrigon; and brother, Vandon Martin of Enterprise.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Irrigon Moose Lodge Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 219, Irrigon, OR 97844.

### Glenn Allen Strang

Glenn Allen Strang, 41, of Irrigon, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at Irrigon. At his request, there will be no funeral service. Disposition was by cremation.

Mr. Strang was born February 9, 1961, at Tucson, Arizona, to Richard Lee and Mary Lee Montague Strang. On July 8, 1999, he married Terri Lee at Reno, Nevada.

Mr. Strang was a lead man at Marlette Home Manufacturing in Hermiston. He loved fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Terri, of Irrigon; sons, Charles Germain of Puyallup, Washington; daughters, Dominique Schoessler and Sherri Hyder, both of Salem, and Samantha Stubenrauch of Irrigon; three grandchildren; his parents, Mary and Don Crawford of Lincoln City; and brothers, Mike and Troy, both of Lincoln City.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

### Lyle E. Morton

Lyle E. Morton, 63, of Pendleton, died March 26, 2002, at St Anthony Hospital after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 30, 2002, at the First Christian Church in Pendleton. Graveside service was at Skyview Cemetery in Pendleton.

Mr. Morton was born May 11, 1938, in Oberlin, Kansas, to John and Alice Morton. He moved to Oregon from Colorado in 1956. He worked in Athena for the John, Smith and Beamer Ranches.

He married Josie Black on September 7, 1957, and moved to Pendleton where he worked for the Pendleton Flour Mills for 39½ years. He retired in June 2000.

He married Sue Paulsen on May 27, 2000.

He loved camping, hunting, fishing, crosswords, golfing and watching his grandkids' activities.

He is survived by his wife Sue; daughters, Karen and her husband Cary Ford, Kathy and her husband Phil Carlson; son, Doug Morton; stepchildren, Kelly Kelley and Stan Rannels; brothers, Dale, Jim, Bryce and Jerry, all of Colorado; sisters, Carol Holt of Colorado and Clarice Olerenshaw of Maryland; grandchildren, Linzie and Lisa Ford of Pendleton, Jodie and Kyle Carlson of Heppner and Chelsy and Brad Morton of Hermiston; and numerous step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Alice Morton; brothers, George, Ronnie and Virgil; sister, Ruth Kissner; and his first wife of 42 years, Josie Morton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the "Stained Glass Window Fund" of the First Christian Church in Pendleton.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton was in charge of arrangements.

### Edna M. Linn

Edna M. Linn, 93, a resident of the Hillsboro community, formerly of Vernonia, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at the Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at the Fuiten, Rose and Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove. The Reverend Eugene Sabin officiated. Private family graveside services will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2002, at the High View Cemetery in Ione.

She was born February 5, 1909, in Felida, Washington, the daughter of Edward and Rosa (Andrews) Carrick. She received her early education in the Felida community until the eighth grade when she moved with her family to Oregon, settling in the Vernonia community, where she completed her schooling. She graduated from the Vernonia High School.

She was united in marriage to Walter Everett Linn on June 2, 1928, in St. Helens, Oregon. Following their marriage they made their home in the Vernonia community.

Mrs. Linn was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, on March 12, 1994, after celebrating over sixty-five years of marriage. Following her husband's death, she continued to make her home in the Vernonia community until later moving to Forest Grove and most recently the Hillsboro community.

Mrs. Linn was a homemaker. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star Nehalem Chapter #153 as well as the Mt. Heart Rebekah Lodge #243 in Vernonia.

Survivors include a son, David Linn of Burns; a daughter, Sharon Gates of Cornelius; four grandchildren and their spouses, Yvonne Warden of Forest Grove, Dawn and Richard Loomis of Iowa, Oregon, Earl Cranor of Hillsboro, and Kevin and Rosa Harp of Iowa, Oregon; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Glenn Edward Linn in 1933.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Endowment Fund, 2150 Masonic Way, Forest Grove, Oregon 97116, in her memory. Fuiten, Rose and Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove was 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 \$7.)

### Join in concern for autistic children

To the Editor:

I was very surprised by the ESD/area school districts' plan to lower the quality of service to the autistic children in our schools. The plan to replace trained autism assistants with lower paid aides will undermine the success of the autism program. Some students benefit and thrive on a flexible schedule with variety to their day. This is not true of students with autism. They must have a one-on-one assistant to work with them to succeed.

I have watched the steady progress of a friend's autistic daughter. This would not have been possible without the skilled assistant time available to her throughout the day. She has had the same assistant for the five plus years she has been in public

schools. A change in personnel and daily routines would cause her to regress; and perhaps be self-abusive.

The money spent in these early years is money well spent. It always costs more for adult services. So, let's look long and hard at the facts before we decide to give less service to these children.

When I consider the school budgets, the amount of dollars required to maintain the current level of service in the autism program is minimal.

Please, join me in my concern for the autistic children in our schools. Speak out for maintaining the skilled assistants in the autism program, at their current level of compensation.

(s) Suzanne Jepsen  
Heppner

### Damage to autistic children irreparable

To the Editor:

I am a grandmother of an autistic child and have spent years researching autism and the effects that teaching strategies and programs can, and do, have on their potential and future.

I am very concerned with the recent decisions of the ESD and area school districts in regards to the autism program, and the devoted and trained personnel that are so crucial to the success of each unique student.

Autism is a very complex condition. You never recover from autism; but, with the daily one-on-one teaching and supervision by the same trained staff member, steady progress happens. This is seriously jeopardized by sporadic supervision and teaching. This would be the end result of the current plan for "flexible" aide time. This plan completely ignores the current data that supports intense, one-on-one teaching in a consistent and supportive environment.

The recent editorial praising the ESD plan does not consider the impact that the new plan will

have on the children it serves. And, except for the fact that the lowest paid employees in the current autism program will take a major reduction in wages, I see no gain. The aides (assistants) still have to be supervised. And, due to the reduction on wages, many of these skilled assistants will have to seek alternative employment. Autistic children require months and even years to adjust to a new assistant. During this time of adjustment, they will regress and some will become self-abusive.

Each autistic child depends on us for their future. Let's not let them down. They cannot speak for themselves, but we can.

I hope each of you will explore more fully the probable consequences of this plan. It goes way beyond budget cuts. Each impacted school district will need to provide appropriate compensation for these dedicated and skilled assistants or the damage to autistic children will be irreparable.

(s) Patricia Edmundson  
Heppner

### Seeks information on great-grandparents

To the Editor:

I am doing family research and I'm hoping you might be able to help me. I am looking for information on my great-grandparents and their family. They were Nelson and Sarah M. Best Cumpton (Compton). Their children were Alfred Wesley, Benjamin Franklin, Margaret A., Mary M., Isabell (Isey). There was a Minorie (Minnie) and an Ollie, but I don't know just where they fit in.

I have marriage certificates for most of the children from Morrow County. Alfred W. married Mary E. Ensley in 1896; Benjamin F. married Elvira M.

"Ella" Mitchell in 1892; Margaret A. married Robert Knighton in 1892; Mary M. married David Dean in 1898; Isey married Charles Rider in 1902; Minnie married Valentine Stoker, no date. I believe Sarah passed away in January 1897 as well as a Wesley. I believe they died just a few days apart. It seems Ollie died in June of 1895 and Alfred in March of 1899.

I'm wondering if you might have any kind of information on the family. Any help you could give me would be greatly appreciated.

(s) Velma Kuntz  
383 Anderson Lane  
Ronan, MT 59864-9804

### Old high school should be preserved

To the Editor:

The Historical Society is erecting signs to identify the old country schools, which is great. But, the old high school in Heppner should be one of those buildings so identified and preserved. Unless the people of Morrow County convince the school board to save this building, it will soon be only a memory. Nearly every town in Oregon has a similar story: either their old building was demolished and replaced by a new, modern one, or they restored it to one they are proud of and is the envy of other towns.

(s) Carl Martin  
Heppner

### Odd Fellows plan card party

Lexington Odd Fellows will hold a card party on Saturday, April 6, at the hall starting at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last card party before the spring and summer break.

Cost is \$3 per person and refreshments will be served.

### Support program for autistic children

To the Editor:

We are writing to encourage the school districts to support the autism programs in their schools by continuing to pay the autism assistants on the existing ESD salary schedule.

To be an effective assistant to a child with autism requires training and skills beyond what is necessary for other assignments. Please continue to support one assistant per autistic child. This one-on-one assistant should only work with one autistic child and should not be on a flexible schedule.

We cannot change the condition of autism for our children, but we can support a program that meets their very unique needs.

(s) Cam and Jim Wishart  
Heppner

### Grains Commission to meet

The Oregon Grains Commission in Pendleton will hold a regular commission meeting on Tuesday, April 9, at 1 p.m. via conference call.

Commission meetings are open to the public.