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A Look Into Our Past



Saddle Frakes, an "American woman", practices a sweet curtsy here in 1902.

By Sarah Collier

American women were, and in some cases still are, admired by the women of other cultures. They seem to set the example of style and mannerisms for the rest of the world to follow. On June 26, 2002, the Heppner Gazette ran the following article:

An Army officer who has just returned from the Philippines says the native women are imitating the American women, schoolteachers and wives of army officers, in the matter of dress, personal adornment and manners.

During the last year a great change of this nature has been observed among the native women. The Philippine women now insist not only upon having more clothes, but better clothes, and the result is a marked improvement in their average personal appearance.

A year and a half ago, this officer passed through a village in Luxon. In the house where he lodged was a girl of 10 to 12 years who smoked big, black cigars and apparently enjoyed them. Visiting the same village a few months ago the officer called to see his friends, the native family. He found the girl, now a little larger, of course, and also very much better dressed.

"You are not smoking, I see," he said to her. "No, Senor." "Well try one of these," he said, offering her his cigar case. "No thank you Senor," replied the girl in fair English, "me no smoke now. Americano women no smoke."

**Karla Waterland
and
Craig Robinson**
are happy to announce
they will be married on July 10
during a private ceremony.
Please join us for a celebration
on Friday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m.
Let'er Buck Room, Pendleton
No gifts, please - Casual dress

**KEEPIN' IN STRIDE...
(He's 85!)**
Help us wish **ED DICK**
a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
on Saturday, July 6, from noon to 4 p.m.
at his Lake Penland cabin.
Please bring your favorite potluck dish
(hamburgers, hot dogs, cake, coffee & soft drinks will be provided).
No gifts please.
Ladd, Stuart, Erin, Kevin & Families
For more information, call (503) 709-0327

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.)

Leaving with mixed feelings

To the Editor:

Dear beloved community,
It is with mixed feelings that my family and I move from this extraordinary place. It's been a time of healing, love and blessing. We've been blessed forwards, backwards, sideways, upside down and inside out. Our church community, Heppner United Methodist Church, has been a big part of that. We have been very lucky to serve a good and wonderful God together. We wish you all many more years of love in Christ in this place.

I have personally been very lucky to get to know so many of you, by your inviting and welcoming me into your lives. And so has Dawn-Hunter. Here she has been given a foundation of love and security that she will carry with her for the rest of her life.

I am grateful for so many opportunities here with you that not only have added to my personal growth, but to making this community a better place to live: J.C., Cursillo, a woman's prayer group at First Christian Church, the out-of-the-box/misfits/Light Ladies Group, all the places I worked (if only for short times), the older folks in town I have been absolutely privileged to work with, CJ and her gifts of childcare and much more, an awesome God-filled servant of God's Church by the name of George, the weekly Text Study group, the Ministerial Association, lunches at St. Patrick's, the Murrays, the Morrow County 2000 RDI Community Leadership class, announcing for the St. Pat's Parade, the youth group, the radio station project, the AYUSA program, Monday evenings at Grace's, a certain friend who is my favorite friend with the initials M.S. (you know who you are), my special friend with the initials T.L.H., Ione Preschool, a wonderful professional soon-to-be-retired peacekeeper who consented to escort a child's parade down to the Shamrock (and much more), singing at Singspirations and funerals, walking and shopping in town and Dawn-Hunter being given crackers by a very nice lady at Kahl Insurance, stickers by a very nice lady at the bank, and smiles by just about everybody, and much, much more. My! How lucky can one get? I consider myself that lucky.

Also, Dawn-Hunter will miss her various friends, but you and your mommies and daddies have given her and her mommy what we did not have before coming to Heppner: confidence, love and trust to look forward to making more friends. These are all debts of grace that can never be repaid.

This is a beautiful, God-blessed place. It has been the most amazing time to live here. It is still hard to believe we are leaving, even with the month of June commencing as I write this. In my time here, I have coveted your friendships with history. I have seen a glimpse of what it is that makes this place special and part of why it is hard to leave.

Also, a piece of free advice: get involved. If you are someone reading this who gets any ideas and possesses any creativity, or if you just want things to be different and better - get involved. It doesn't matter if you make mistakes. You can always clean up a little mess. That's what I felt like I did for four years. And it's not even important if you feel like what you can do is enough. You are enough. What you can give is enough. In the end, it is important to care. To care is what matters. It's a whole lot better than not caring. If you see a way to help out, to say something that might encourage someone or help the community out, speak up. I'm not talking about destructive criticism or talking about people. I'm talking about believing in yourself and believing in this community. Add your gifts and talents to make it a better place; a beautiful place to live, work, shop, and thrive. Forgive one another along the way. We are all in this together. Challenge yourself to forgive old debts, old hurts, and new ones. All this is entirely possible.

As my family and I get ready to move, we want you to know that you all have something so special here, so very rare. I know many, if not most of you, know this already. As we move and changes ensue in my family and in each of yours, it's important to state how wonderful this place and you all are. As I watch with tears yet another Heppner High School graduation, I know what it is - yet how difficult it is to put into words. It's like a peaceable port in the wild ocean of life. I don't mean to oversimplify or sound trite. Yes, there's conflict and orneriness and trouble of just about any kind to be found here in Heppner. But this place is special. All of you put together, with the land, the orneriness, the grace and beauty, the people who pass through - all this is singularly, distinctly, utterly astonishing here. I am so grateful to have lived here for these last four years. Heppner and the Willow Creek Valley are rare treasures. We will miss you. This is a one-of-a-kind place and we have been blessed in ways we can't even account for yet. Blessings backatchya,

(s) Monika Hunter Heppner

Buying the vote

To the Editor:

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to the Lexington Fire Fund in care of Jim Nelson. The letter was signed, "Community Members of the City of Lexington".

Lexington community members recently completed formulating a budget for 2002-2003 after almost nine weekly meetings. This is a good budget and is fair to all departments. Glenn Anderson was involved in all aspects, and was in agreement with the proposed budget, until the last meeting when he objected to the fire department's budget. They are the only department that has its own tax base, and should be paying their share. The main objection was an additional \$76 over and above the \$800, which they did not even use from last year's budget. Anderson has indicated that he intended to vote against the budget when it comes to a vote of the council on the 24th.

Thus, this offer—if the budget is passed in its current form, without a lot of bickering and complaining, and if Anderson does not contest it or attempt to

influence any other council vote, and if he also votes for the budget as proposed—a donation of \$100 will be anonymously deposited in the fund's account at the bank. This donation will be deposited within the week and before the yard sale.

An additional donation of \$100 or more will also be made later in the year, if Anderson does not run for council this fall, and does not accept a write in vote. This donation will be forthcoming only after the election is completed and the results are known.

This is not a joke. The contributors are only interested in having a good budget, (this is the best one that Lexington has had in years), getting this town on track, and like many other people in town, are sick and tired of Anderson hijinks and shenanigans.

Any public acknowledgement, except to say that a donation has been received, will nullify these donations and any future one that might be considered. You were chosen to receive this note, because it is thought that you might have the most influence on Anderson. Submitted by:

(s) Jim Nelson
Lexington

Obituaries

Vernon Wilson

Vernon Wilson, 75, of Midvale, Idaho died Friday, June 21, 2002 at a Boise hospital.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Thomason Funeral Chapel in Weiser, Idaho.

Vernon was born February 4, 1927 at Malvern, Arkansas, the son of Lynn and Willie Mae Copeland Wilson. He graduated from Narbonne High School in Lomita, California.

He enlisted in the US Navy during WW II.

Vernon married Lilly Kautz on December 15, 1945 at Lomita, California. The couple spent their happiest years in Eastern Oregon and Central Idaho. He was a journeyman lineman for Southern California Edison and Columbia Basin REA in Heppner and Condon. He was also the proprietor of Vern's 76 station in Heppner for many years.

The couple loved to fish and hunt, especially with their children and grandchildren. Vernon was always ready for a political argument. He was a member of the Democratic party, Lions Club and volunteered to help raise funds for the Midvale Swimming Pool. He was also active with Little League, coaching and umpiring. He was a staunch Union member of IBEW Locals 47 and 125, where he was a shop steward and chief negotiator for Edison Union contracts for many years. He was also a charter member of Friends of the Weiser River Trail.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Lilly, of Midvale, Idaho; son, William Lynn Wilson of Pendleton; daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanne and Patrick Bailey of Pendleton, and Susan and Barney Marshall of Summerville; grandchildren, Jason Wilson, Jacob Wilson, Erin Bailey, Alec Bailey, Jan Bailey, Jeremiah Marshall, Julie Marshall, Jennifer Marshall; great-granddaughters, Taylor, Brooke and Jacely Wilson; sisters, Mary Wright, Peggy Disario, Patricia Brinkley, Lynda Snyder and Sandra and (brother-in-law) Larry Havlen; numerous nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and nephews; and his two dogs, Nipper and Sadie. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Charles Wilson.

The family suggests memorials be made in his name to the Midvale Swimming Pool, Box 115, Midvale, Idaho 83645.

Thomason Funeral Home of Weiser, Idaho is in charge of arrangements.

William Michael Cannon
William Michael Cannon, 70, died Friday, June 21, 2002 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 29, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. Disposition was by cremation.

William was born on December 30, 1931 in Staten Island, New York to William and Linnea Johnson Cannon.

He was schooled at Staten Island, New York and went to college in North Carolina, where he joined the U.S. Air Force. He owned and operated Cannon Communications in Portland from 1984 to 1995. He was a self-employed electrical engineer in the low voltage industry.

He married Carole Ellison on August 18, 1967 in Carson City, Nevada.

William was a great gardener, liked to study and was a member of the TV Club.

William is survived by his wife, Carole, of Hermiston; sons, Michael Cannon of Charlotte, North Carolina and Wayne Cannon of San Antonio, Texas; daughters, Julie Adams of Anacortes, Washington, Jacqueline Cannon

of Portland, Oregon and Kimberley George of Heppner; grandchildren, Christopher and Michelle Cannon, Ronald Powers, Tasha Doty, Charlie and Brittany Patterson, Matthew Daniel, Destiny, Courtney and Ashley George, and Amber and Heather Cannon; sisters, Florence Roberts of Haines City, Florida and Linnea Lynch of Staten Island, New York. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Joseph Jacob Cannon, two brothers and his parents.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association for Emphysema Research, 9320 SW Barbara Blvd, Suite 140, Portland, Oregon 97219-75481. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Annette Roberts Anderson
Annette Roberts Anderson, 38, of San Francisco, a former lone resident, died Sunday, June 16, 2002, at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco.

A memorial gathering for family and friends was held at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge on Monday, June 24.

She was born July 4, 1964, at Portland, the daughter of Nonie Roberts and Bob Roberts. She grew up at Ione and attended school there, leaving in the early 1980s.

She had been married recently at Portland to Dave Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson was office manager at Ceon Corporation in San Francisco.

Survivors include her husband, Dave Anderson; daughters, Tiffany Prizzi and Marisa Prizzi; brothers, Alan Roberts, Bobby Roberts, and Andrew Roberts, all of Pendleton; her mother, Nonie Roberts of Pendleton, father, Bob Roberts of La Grande, and three nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

William J. "Jim" Devine
William J. "Jim" Devine, 71, of Culver, died on June 15, 2002 in Portland of a heart attack.

A graveside service was held Thursday, June 20, 2002 at the Arlington Cemetery in Arlington, with burial immediately following the service.

Jim Devine was born January 6, 1931 at Los Angeles, California, to Samuel and L. Sue (Stroman) Devine.

He was in the U.S. Air Force from 1949 to 1953 during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged.

He married Vickie Rae Gibson on November 28, 1968 in Lincoln City.

He was a John Deere mechanic, then sold machinery for a time. He owned and operated his own nursery. He also worked at the OSU Aquarium in Newport, where he built an experimental weather station for the OSU Oceanography Dept. At the end of his working career, he was a farmer.

Jim enjoyed lapidary, hunting, fishing, camping, spending time with family, making jewelry, and photography. He was a resident of Jefferson County for about 40 years.

Survivors include wife, Vickie, of Culver; sons, James Devine of Kooteni, Idaho and Coleman Devine of Pendleton; daughters, Sue Lightfoot of El Paso, Texas, Barbara Widmer of Portland, Patti Jensen of Pendleton, and Venita Rae Devine of Vancouver, Washington; brother, Joseph Devine of Kona, Hawaii; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and L. Sue Devine. Memorial contributions may be made to Jefferson County Food Bank, c/o John Curnutt, 1115 NE Clark, Madras, Oregon 97741, or the American Heart Association, Oregon Affiliate, Inc., 1425 NE Irving #100, Portland, Oregon 97232.

**A retirement party for
JERI WIGHT**
will be held Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m.
at the Heppner Elks Club
Everyone is invited to stop by
and wish her a good retirement!
No gifts, please