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volleyball coach, replacing Fred Long; Carolyn Prouty, computer trainer at ACH, replacing Colleen Cunningham.

-Accepted a donation of \$450 to RHS from PG&E Gas Transmission.

-Approved a resolution authorizing the county treasurer to invest funds.

-Heard the following announcements: administrative retreat, set for August 7-8 at the Port of Morrow; next board meeting, August 12 at ACH, 7:30 p.m.

Engagement

Bowman - Wilkins



Chet Wilkins and Natalie Bowman

Natalie Elizabeth Bowman of Bend and Chet Roger Wilkins of Arlington have announced their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Joe and Robin Bowman of Bend and the granddaughter of Jiggs and Rita Bowman of Heppner. She is a 1996 graduate of Bend High School and a 2001 graduate of Western Oregon University at Monmouth with a bachelor's degree in education. She is currently working for North

Central Education Service District at Condon and is substitute teaching.

The future groom is the son of Brian and Sherrie Wilkins of Arlington and is a 1995 graduate of Arlington High School. He is ranching on the family's Rock Creek ranch and also works for Waste Management.

The wedding will be held September 7, 2002, at the Nativity Lutheran Church in Bend. A reception will follow at the Widgi Creek Golf Club in Bend.

Chinen-Holtz



Tina Chinen and Gregory Holtz

Tina Chinen and M. Gregory Holtz, both of Pendleton, announce their engagement. The bride-elect is the daughter of Teruo Chinen of Spokane and Kathleen Chinen, also of Spokane. She is a 1995 graduate of Heppner High School and a 2000 graduate of Eastern Oregon University. She is employed at the Eastern Oregon Psychiatric Center and is pursuing a degree in nursing at

Blue Mountain Community College.

Holtz, the son of Elmer and Sandy Holtz of Pendleton, is a 1995 graduate of Ione High School and a 1997 graduate of Blue Mountain Community College. He is employed at Pendleton Auto Body Shop.

The couple will be married on Saturday, July 27, 2002, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

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.)

Economic details are unclear

To the Editor:

I read with interest the article in the Sunday Oregonian on the proposed Boardman race track. Several points were raised that would appear to be serious enough to give pause to any prudent person. I do not believe that there has been a large sports complex built in the United States without large amounts of public money in recent years. Further, they all are in very populous areas and seem to be exempt from property taxes.

I have seen no response to this article in this past week. I wait with interest for the Port Commission and the County Court to explain how this makes economic sense and why the principals are worthy of trust they have been given. I am skeptical of rumors that large amounts of foreign money is behind this. If this is a money laundering scheme, it would appear to be a poor bet.

(s) C.R. McElligott
Ione

Court's action is an insult

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to last week's action of the Ninth Circuit declaring that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional. I feel that this action was an insult to every veteran who ever served our country. I have requested our local American Legion posts, as well as our VFW posts, to contact our state organizations immediately and protest this action. I hope every loyal citizen will write or call our Senators Wyden and Smith and Rep. Walden as well as our own legislators in Salem and demand action. While we do have a right to disagree on taxes, national defense policies, farm programs, drinking, gambling or even religion but we also owe a loyalty to our country. The words, "under God", are simply an affirmation that most of us believe that we owe our existence to a higher power. It is not a belief that is forced upon anyone. All that has been requested is that these dissenters keep a respectful silence while the majority of us restate our core beliefs.

An interesting sidelight on this decision is that it rested upon the decisions of Judge Stephen Reinhardt and Judge Alfred Goodwin. Judge Reinhardt, a Jimmy Carter appointee, was one of the three judges who stopped logging and grazing on Arizona forests in 1997; the decision that built up the fuel loads leading to this year's disastrous fire. Reading the opinion by Judge Goodwin, a liberal Oregonian appointed by Richard Nixon, reinforces the opinion that legal logic is sometimes incomprehensible to the laymen mind.

Fifty or sixty years ago the ACLU did a service to our community by opposing bigotry but if you follow their movement for the last twenty or thirty years, they now oppose all religious expression. I contribute to a Protestant organization in Arizona whose principal mission is defending Christian groups from ACLU oppression. In fact, the Alliance Defense Fund has done more in a few years to insure religious freedom than the ACLU has done in its whole existence. One can't help but wonder if that rogues gallery of corporate thieves in last week's edition of the Oregonian had ever had any religious training or were even aware of the Ten Commandments. Now we have to pray that our school boards and legislators have enough backbone to reject this decision.

(s) Don McElligott
Ione

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage license(s):

Kelley Sue Klinger

Kelley Sue Klinger was born on June 26, 2002 at 1:06 p.m. at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton. Her parents are Kenneth and Joni Klinger of Ione. Kelley weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are Diane Ellis of Wenatchee, WA, Darroll Chowning of Salem and Gary George of Beaverton. Great-grandparents are Helen Crawford of Ione, Bill and Annetta Padberg of Lexington and Rita Turner of Nevada. She joins a brother, Christopher, 3.

Heel Pain?

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Obituaries

Edna R. Peck

Edna R. Peck, 84, of Heppner died July 3, 2002, at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland. Her funeral was held July 9 at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner and she was buried at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Peck was born to Henry and Della Northup Crump of Heppner on January 15, 1918. She grew up in Heppner and attended school there. She married Harold "Shorty" Peck on June 20, 1934 at Kelso, WA.

The couple lived in Yakima, Astoria and Seattle. They returned to Morrow County in 1943 and lived in the Heppner area until they purchased a ranch on Upper Rhea Creek. Mrs. Peck was a member of the Lexington Grange, the First Christian Church, where she was a member of the choir, and the Morrow County Historical Society.

She was a 4-H leader and served as a superintendent at the Morrow County Fair. Mrs. Peck was well known for her needlework, breads and pies. She loved to garden and enjoyed flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Peck played a big part in forming the Morrow County Farm Museum in Heppner, as well as collecting exhibits.

She is survived by her daughters: Patricia Hardy of Salem, Shirley Palmer and Marge Church of Heppner; sister: Elsie Langis of Walla Walla; brother: Herbert Crump of Cottage Grove; 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold "Shorty" Peck, and son, Harold Peck, Jr.; sister, Annie Minnick; and brothers, Everett Crump and Bud Crump.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Farm Foundation (benefiting the Morrow County Museum), P.O. Box 515, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 9, Heppner.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of the arrangements.

Fern H. Evans

Fern H. Evans, 76, of Heppner died July 3, 2002 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Recitation of the Rosary was July 5, 2002 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner and a Memorial Rosary was held at St. John Catholic Church in Condon on July 5. Funeral Mass was July 6 at St. Patrick's Church with the graveside service at St. Joseph Cemetery in Condon.

Mrs. Evans was born April 17, 1926, to Richard and Marjorie Niven Greiner on their ranch at Mayville. She attended the one room Quinn-Greiner Schoolhouse near the ranch until fifth grade. Her parents then purchased a house in Condon where she and her brothers stayed while attending school at Condon. She graduated from Condon High School in 1944.

She married Vernon E. Evans at Moscow, Idaho and they made their home in Condon, Hermiston, Echo, Idaho and then Heppner in the mid-1950's. Mrs. Evans' happiest times were when she was riding horseback. She loved the outdoors, animals, and hunting and fishing with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The most important part of her life was her family.

Mr. Evans had been sick for quite a while and she had continued to care for him until February 2002 when her health began to decline.

Marriage Licenses

July 1: Gerardo Villegas, 20, Hermiston and Jennifer Yvonne Bash, 20, Hermiston.

July 5: Christopher Michael Elliott, 21, Boardman and Shantel Kay Evans, 20, Boardman; Eduardo Salgado Ortiz, 23, Umatilla and Mary Jean Huxel, 43, Umatilla.

July 8: Rino Ricardo-Rivera, 20, Irrigon and Leticia Ramos-Riestra, 24, Hermiston; Daniel Santillan, 21, Parkdale and Juana Macias, 19, Irrigon.

She is survived by her husband, Vern Evans of Heppner; son, Kenneth J. Evans of Irrigon; daughter, Christine K. Steinman of Rieth; grandchildren: Gib, Swayne and Shanna Evans and Mikka Irusta; and six great-grandchildren; brothers: Dick Greiner and Tom Greiner, both of Condon and Glenn Greiner of Hermiston. A brother, Fred Greiner, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Altar Society at Heppner or the Morrow or Gilliam County 4-H organizations directly or through Sweeney Mortuary, P.O. Box 97, Heppner, OR 97836.

William H. Nichols

William H. Nichols, 78, of Lexington died July 3, 2002 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The funeral was July 8 at the Lexington Baptist Church and the concluding service and burial was held at the Lexington Cemetery.

Mr. Nichols was born May 6, 1924, to Archie and Beulah Tucker Nichols of Lexington where he was also raised, went to school and graduated in 1942.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II with the 282nd Battalion as a radio operator specialist and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Mr. Nichols married Margaret M. Tubbs on March 25, 1946, at Boise, Idaho. He enjoyed bareback riding at local rodeos and breaking horses. He was employed by the Dee Cox and Ken Smouse ranches in addition to running the Lexington gas station. He went to work later for the Morrow County Road Department as a grader operator and by the time he had retired in 1988, he was the road crew boss.

Mr. Nichols was a lifetime member of the Heppner Elks, Hermiston Eagles, and Ione American Legion. He volunteered with the Ione Fire Department, was a member of the Ione TV board and was a volunteer with Morrow County Search and Rescue for many years.

He was an avid hunter and gun collector and loved to fish.

Mr. Nichols is survived by daughters Linda Dunaway of Heppner, and Mary Picknell of Helix; stepchildren, Barbara Jarvis of Kennewick, WA, Gordon Nichols of Jacksonville, Fla., and Ann Taylor of Medford; 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, daughters Patti Lee and Shirley, and stepson, Frank McFadden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Facility, P.O. Box 244, Heppner, OR 97836; or to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 9, Heppner.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of the arrangements.

Lester M. Corwin

Lester M. Corwin, 81, of Heppner died on Thursday, July 4, 2002 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. At his request, there will be no funeral service. Disposition will be by cremation and his ashes will be spread over the North Fork of the John Day River.

Mr. Corwin was born to Oscar and Cora Alice Corley Corwin on December 7, 1920 at Pendleton. He was a World War II veteran. He married Myrtle Frances Hatley and they had a daughter, Jean. They were divorced and he married Mary Ellen Williams Johns. They had two sons, Leonard and Eugene. After Mary's death in 1968, he married Velma Ramsey. Mr. Corwin loved to fish and hunt.

He is survived by his sons; Tim Corwin of Pilot Rock, Leonard Corwin of Long Creek and Louis Corwin in Oregon; daughter, Jean Wilson, of Denver, CO; sisters Naomi Biggerstaff of Pendleton, and Helen Housden of Klamath Falls; brothers Walter Corwin of Pendleton and Kenneth Corwin in California; his good friend Ronnie Hyder of Monument; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton was in charge of the arrangements.