

Obituaries

Gena Loretta Leonard

Gena Loretta Leonard, 93, of Hermiston, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003 at Rose Arbor Assisted Living Facility in Hermiston. At her request there will be no service.

Leonard was born in Thief River Falls, MN on April 18, 1909. Her father passed away on her fourth birthday leaving her mother with Leonard and two younger brothers to care for. Leonard's mother moved the family to Harrison, ID to be closer to extended family. The extended family, who were all in the lumber business, built a boarding house for Leonard's family to live in and operate. The income from the boarding house provided Leonard's mother enough money to provide for all of her children's needs, including college education for all three. The family never lacked for anything and they all learned how to do a hard day's work; a value that Leonard carried throughout her life.

Leonard graduated from high school and then entered St. Luke's School of Nursing in Spokane, WA. One of the doctors that she worked with liked her work and he gained special permission to take her with him to his 10-bed hospital in Sprit Lake, ID to help him in surgery. This led to a full time job after graduation with the same doctor. After five years, Leonard made her way to Alaska to work as a nurse for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She then took a job at the hospital in Spokane where she had graduated.

In November 1943, Leonard enlisted with the Army and worked as a nurse in a former French Military School that had been converted into a battle field hospital. She bandaged wounds, gave out morphine and shipped the wounded to England. For her heroic work, Leonard was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, the American Theater Service Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

After her service ended in 1946, Leonard went to work for the Veterans Hospital in Walla Walla. She met Mervin "Red" Leonard during this time and they married on April 24, 1948. The couple moved to Lexington and operated a farm implement business for 20 years. They moved to Hermiston in 1968 and enjoyed the community for more than three decades.

She was known for her generosity and kindness to all around her and she had a special fondness for children. Although the couple had no children of their own, Leonard has been a "surrogate" mother to countless neighborhood and local children. Over the years, she gave of her time, energy and financial resources to local children. Once, while living in Lexington, she purchased a station wagon just to have enough room to transport local children from Lexington to Heppner for swimming lessons.

As a testament to their desire to help local children, the Leonard's established the Red and Gena Leonard Scholarship Foundation in 1997. The Leonard's donated their entire estate to this Foundation to help students from Eastern Oregon attend college, trade school, technical or vocational school. It was their strongest desire to help people, especially young people, further their education. They designed the foundation to target students with average grades who would grow to be the working class people who make up a community.

Leonard was preceded in death by her husband, "Red" Leonard in 1997; her parents, William B. and Amelia Selves; and brothers, Don Selves and Glenn Selves. She is survived by two nieces, Jana Brooks and Marilyn Sullivan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Red and Gena Leonard Scholarship Foundation, a nonprofit local scholarship, at P.O. Box 1024, Hermiston, OR 97838; or to the Agape House or Campus Life, two of Leonard's favorite charities.

Burns Mortuary in Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

4-H News

Pins and Pots and Patterns and Pans

By Emily Bergstrom, reporter

Pin and Pots and Patterns and Pans 4-H club met on Feb. 7. Members Krystal Naims, Blake Allstott and Emily Bergstrom were present. Krystal worked on pillows that are going to go in her room. Blake worked on a dress that she is making. Emily worked on a long riding coat.

The club's next meeting is Feb. 21.

Ione Site Council discusses school budget and report card

The Ione Site Council held a meeting Feb. 12, among items discussed were school budget reductions and the school report card.

Mike Stuart, principal at Ione High School, told the council that teacher cuts might still be in the works, with prospects of leaving six teachers at the middle/high school level and three and a half teachers at the elementary level. There was some discussion as to why cuts were still being considered at the teacher level rather than at other levels such as, custodian, aide, etc.

The school report card dropped from a rating of Exceptional last year to a rating of Strong this year. It was discussed that the drop came from math scores being lower this year. It was also discussed that part of the drop has to do with the way the scoring is done. The Department of Education graphs the scores and decides how to rate the schools and there was discussion as to how the rating system works and some systemic problems. It was also discussed that there have been some other non-academic issues that Ione Schools have had to deal with lately.

The council made known that the accelerated reader books are in and software is up and running but there are currently no tests available. The district technology group has been made aware of the problem and a solution as to how to fix the problem is being worked on.

The council made note that Feb. 14 was last home game for the basketball schedule. They also noted that there would be no school on President's Day, with school to be held on Friday, Feb. 21. It was also made known that the power will be shut off at the school the weekend of Feb. 28- March 2.

The council recognized Diana McElligott's achievement of being selected as "Student of the Year" at Heppner's Town and Country banquet. They also noted that Ione's website won a Web Award for being an excellent web site. Diana and Natalie McElligott received state volleyball all-star awards. The middle school parents were commended for their volunteerism in doing concessions and preschool moms and dads were recognized for their work of holding raffles during home basketball games.

The council heard that Ione won five of the six local Elks Scholarships, with Cameron Krebs receiving second place and Mike Radie receiving third for the boys; and Caitlin Orem, Sheena Christman and Traci Griffith, taking first, second and third place respectively. Caitlin Orem advanced to the Elks district competition and was awarded third place, and a \$1200 scholarship.

The council announced that the Ione School would be sending a full team to the National Oceanographic Quiz Bowl in Corvallis. Shannon Clay was congratulated on her win in the Geography Bowl.

The Ione High School has selected seniors Cayle Krebs and Tracy Griffith as its Students of the Week.

Cayle Krebs, the son of Skye and Penny Krebs, is student body vice-president this year. He has been active in football, basketball, and track throughout high school. His junior and senior years he was selected First Team Big Sky All Conference in offense and defense in football. This year he was also chosen Second Team All State. Krebs was named the East Oregonian All-Area Honorable Mention Defensive player of the year. He was selected to play in the 1A Eight-Man Football All Star game, and is an alternate for the Shrine Team. In track, Krebs placed second in the shot put and discus at the district track meet, and ran on the championship 4x100 relay team. That same relay team placed second at the state meet, and the team finished second overall.



Cayle Krebs

Krebs is active in 4-H, and is a member of the Ione Rural Fire Department and Ione Youth Group. He enjoys trap shooting, hunting, snow boarding, watching movies, hanging out with friends and wild pig roping. He plans to start working on an Ag Business degree at Oregon State University next fall.

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Tracy Griffith

She has been a Watershed Field Day group leader and a Tupper Outdoor School counselor. She is actively involved in the Ione Youth Group, where she recently received the Outstanding Service Award.

Griffith participates in volleyball, basketball and high school rodeo. She was a 2000 Silver State International Rodeo Finalist. In 2001, she was Cayuse Junior Rodeo Association (CJRA) All-Around Senior Cowgirl and won the Becky Shockley Memorial Trophy. Last year, she was the CJRA Reserve All-Around Senior Cowgirl.

The University of Idaho is on Griffith's list of possible colleges to attend next fall. She plans to participate in college rodeo.

Little League sign ups to be held in Heppner

Little League sign ups for: T-Ball and minor and major baseball and softball, will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 26 and 27, at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, from 5-7 p.m.

Children must be six-12 years old, and must be six by Aug. 1. The cost is \$30 per child or \$60 per family. If this is the first time a child has joined Little League, a proof of residency and a birth certificate must be brought to the registration.

Try-outs will be held for: **Major Boys Baseball-**

Thursday, March 6, 4 p.m. and Friday, March 7, 10 a.m., at George Waterland Field; **Major Girls Softball-** Friday, March 7, 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m., at Bob Kilkenny Field; **Minor Boys Baseball-** Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m., at Shad Hisler Field; **Minor Girls Softball-** Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m., at Bob Kilkenny Field; and for **T-Ball-** Saturday, March 8, 2 p.m., at Shad Hisler Field.

For more information you can contact: Doug Holland, 676-5067; or Janice Huddleston, 676-5358.

HHS announces varsity and JV baseball schedule for 2003

Heppner High School has announced its tentative varsity and junior varsity baseball schedule for 2003. Games scheduled, as of Jan. 16, are as follows:

Varsity

Monday, March 24- Knappa at Heppner; Wednesday, March 26- Vernonia at Heppner, 3 p.m., one game; Friday, March 28- Colfax at Colfax, time TBA, two games; Thursday, April 3- Wahtonka at Wahtonka, 3:30 p.m., one game; Tuesday, April 8- Mac-Hi at Heppner, 4 p.m., one game; Friday, April 11- Sherman County at Moro, 1 p.m., two games; Tuesday, April 15- Wahtonka at Heppner, 4:30 p.m., one game; Friday, April 18- Nyssa at Heppner, 1 p.m., two games; Tuesday, April 22- Stanfield at Heppner, 4:30 p.m., one game; Saturday, April 26- Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 11 a.m., two games; Saturday, May 3- Umatilla at Heppner, 4:30 p.m., one game; Tuesday, May 6- Riverside at Heppner, 4 p.m., one game; Saturday, May 10- Stanfield at Stanfield, 11 a.m., two games; Tuesday, May 13- Pilot Rock at Heppner, 4:30 p.m., one game; Saturday, May 17- Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 11 a.m., two games; Tuesday, May 20- Umatilla at Umatilla, 4:30 p.m., one game; Saturday, May 24- District Baseball Tournament.

Saturday, April 5- Wahtonka at Heppner, 11 a.m., two games;

Monday, April 7- Umatilla at Heppner, 4 p.m., one game;

Thursday, April 10- Pendleton at Heppner, 4:30 p.m., one game;

Saturday, April 12- Wahtonka at Wahtonka, 11 a.m., two games;

Monday, April 14- Umatilla at Umatilla, 4 p.m., one game;

Friday, April 25- Stanfield at Heppner, 3 p.m., one game;

Monday, April 28- Stanfield at Stanfield, 4 p.m., one game;

Friday, May 2- Pilot Rock at Heppner, 3 p.m., one game;

Thursday, May 8- Pendleton at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m., one game.

Cardinals take home second with loss to Cougars

The Ione Cardinals, 7-7 in the Big Sky Conference, had to settle for second place in the Big Sky East division as the Echo Cougars, 9-5 in the BSC, walked away with a 58-28 victory and first place honors, Saturday, Feb. 15.

The Cardinals will meet South Wasco County at the district tournament Friday and will be looking to revenge an early defeat this season.

Kelly Thompson had a team high of 10 points. Nick Christman contributed with nine points, Tyler Brown added five, Curtis Thompson had four and Andrew Rietmann chipped in three points. Cayle Krebs, Karl Morgan and Tyler Raible all had two points apiece.

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Spray Rodeo queen tryouts set

The 56th Annual Spray Rodeo will be held May 24-25. The 2002 Stock Contractor of the Year for the NPRA, B Bar D Rodeo's will be returning to furnish the stock, as well as the 2002 Announcer of the Year for the NPRA Scott Allen, who will announce the two-day event.

Rodeo queen tryouts will be held Saturday, March 22 at 1 p.m. at the Spray Rodeo Grounds. The 2002 Queen, Jerrica Bernard from Redmond, will go through the pattern for the contestants and crown the new Queen. Contestants do not have to be local or Wheeler County residents. They must be at least 15 years old and never have been married.

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Morrow County Grain Growers thanks everyone who attended Customer Appreciation Day. It was a great success!

Door prizes winners are as follows:

- DOOR PRIZES -
Nikota 18v Drill - Judy Handbury • Turkey Fry Kit - Gene Wallace
George Foreman Grille (small) - Jennifer Steagall
Lantern Kit - Coby Rea • Roaster Oven - Jerri Sly
Farmall and Plow Toy - Tom Brookreson
Polaris Generator - Kelwayne Haguewood

- KIDS DOOR PRIZES -
Case IH basketball - CJ Kindle • Old Pickup - Dustin Yerrall
Scooter - Brett Harrison and Jessica Connor
Case Dozer - Shane Mills • Cards in Metal Tin - Marie Owen
Toy Tractor - Paul Hams and Destiny Owen
Toy Quad Track - Kevin Jessen and Matt Orem

- VENDORS DOOR PRIZES -
HiQual 100 gallon Poly Trough - Bob Van Schoiack
Davis Wire Coffee Cups (2) - Shirley McCarl and Bill Marquardt
Bridon Hat - Nathan Van Cleave, Brian Doherty, Arthur Warren, Corey Miller
Irrigation Boots - Leslie Thompson
10# Laundry Detergent - Gerald Bergstrom and Jean Ball
Liquid Laundry Detergent - Bob Taylor
Summers Knife - Mary Ann Palmer, Jim Wishart, R.W. Bergstrom, Dean Hunt, Wilbur Worden and Dick Schmidt • Stoess Wall Clock - Rena Henry
7 1/4" Skill Circular Saw - Alex Camarillo • Cooker/Fire Pit - Angie Hanson
Programmable Thermostat - Clarence Buchanan
Monsanto Shirt - Terry Mewhinney • Hitch Cover - Kirsten Harrison
Monsanto Roundup Shirt - Joe McElligott
Cummins Hat - Trisha Sweeney, Rene Ledbetter, Jim Kindle, Mathew Van Cleave, Charlie Riddle, Brian Sullivan, Stan Cox and Ken Smouse
Cummins Jacket - Bob Hubbard and Eric Orem
George Foreman Grille (large) - Terri Bennetto
Case Jacket (XL) - Loyal Burns and John Boyer
Case Tractor T-shirt - Rick Drake
Case IH Hat - Irene Holtz, Bill Kuhn, Roger Ehrmantraut, Don Eaves, Kathy Morter, Marilyn Robinson, Pat Lovgren, John Steagall, Marlene Pointer, Mike Jones, Bill Greenup and Carl Smouse
Stainless Hammer Tool - Barney Lindsay
Backpack Lunch Tote - Fran Barnett
Stainless Can Cooler (2) - Dorothy Edwards
License Plate - Dorothy Stefani • Case IH Thermos - Linda Wilson
Oil and Filter Change - Carl Martin and Tad Miller