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Heppner Chamber of Commerce honored by SOLV

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce has been selected for the 2002 "Enduring Community Builder Award" by the SOLV Board of Directors.

An awards ceremony will be held on the State Capitol front steps on Wednesday, June 4, at 11 a.m. Governor Ted Kulongoski will present the award and kick-off the SOLV's Project Oregon for 2003. The event will last about 30 minutes.

Each year, an organization or individual is selected that has conducted projects over several years that benefit a community.

Justice Court Report

Eldon Lynn Olson, 61, Umatilla, VBR 80/55, fine \$132.

Brian W. Doherty, 31, Lexington, VBR 76/55, fine \$132.

Jean Ann Turner, 64, Heppner, VBR 75/55, fine \$111.

Joseph B. Thompson, 30, Heppner, VBR 73/55, fine \$77.

Donna Mae Maben, 34, Heppner, VBR 80/55, fine \$177.

Robert H. Jaeger, 42, Condon, VBR 76/55, fine \$147.

Births

Nathaniel Jerry Harrison - a son, Nathaniel Jerry, was born May 7, 2003 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Bobbi and Jerry Lawrence Harrison of Boardman.

While there are many wonderful efforts, the Heppner Chamber of Commerce community cleanup projects stood out to the SOLV Board.

"Recognition of organizations and individuals through SOLV's Project Oregon is important, because it gives us all models for volunteer action and inspiration to make Oregon a better place," stated a press release.

SOLV was created in 1969 by Governor Tom McCall and others to help keep Oregon livable through volunteerism.

Annual PMH and Nursing Home Auxiliary yard sale to be held

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary is taking donations for their annual yard sale. The sale will be held Saturday, May 31 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

The group will accept both large and small donations. You can donate your yard sale contribution by contacting Nancy Vander Does, 676-5860 or Penny Miller, 676-9133. Contact either of these ladies to make arrangements to have your stuff picked-up and/or delivered.

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Obituaries

Lyle Glenn Williams

Lyle Glenn Williams, 69, of Boardman, died Monday, May 12, 2003, at his home.

A private family service will be held later.

Williams was born May 25, 1933, at Promise, to Thomas and Eliza Zumwalt Williams. He was raised and attended schools in the Wallowa area.

He worked construction at McNary Dam, then worked as a log truck driver throughout northeast Oregon for many years, retiring in 1995. After his retirement, he traveled for a few years, then moved to the Golden Manor Apartments in Hermiston in 1999. He moved to Boardman in 2002.

Williams enjoyed traveling, fishing and hunting.

Survivors include sons, Ronald of Hermiston and Gary of Umatilla; daughter, Glenda Winston of Boardman; brothers, Merle of Hermiston, Fred of Wallowa, Gail of Union and Leonard of Grass Valley, CA; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, by sisters, Nellie Doud and Jessie Hescoock; and brothers, Chet, Earl and Halley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society through Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Jean Maxine McCurdy Gilman

Jean Maxine McCurdy Gilman, 82, passed away Feb. 12, 2003, in San Diego, CA, from cancer.

Services were held Feb. 15, 2003 in the Little Chapel of the Roses, Glen Abby Memorial Park, Bonita, CA. The United States Border Patrol Honor Guard assisted with the service.

Gilman was born Aug. 20, 1920, in Ione to Harlan D. and Della McCurdy. She was raised on a ranch in the area. She was a queen of the Heppner Rodeo and queen of the Pendleton Round-Up, where she was elected into the Round-Up Hall of Fame.

Gilman was an honor student and voted the most popular girl at Pacific University where she was also selected queen of the university. During college, she obtained a pilot's license and flew passengers at several Oregon festivals.

Gilman married Leonard Gilman, an officer in

the U.S. Border Patrol, two days after the Round-Up in September 1941. She lived in many cities along the Mexican border during her husband's 35-year career. After the couple retired they had hunting lodges in New Mexico and conducted safaris in Africa and China.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard; sons, Lance and Brent; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Harlan D. McCurdy, Jr.

Freda June Bates

Freda June Bates, 78, a former Ione resident, passed away April 24, 2003, with her family by her side.

Bates was born June 23, 1924, to Elmer and Nina Christopherson Ball in Ione. She was a corporal in the U.S. Marines, as well as a homemaker and loving wife of 57 years to Edward Bates. She and Edward met while in the military during WWII in 1945. They made their life and family in Madera County.

Bates was a life member of the Madera County Sheriff's rescue posse, past President of the Madera Emblems Club (Elks), member of the Daughter's of the American Revolution and the Colonial Dames. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 92 of Madera, member of the Rebekah Lodge of Madera (Odd Fellows), and a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary in Oakhurst. She was a woman who believed in being involved in her community as well as her country.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Bryant Bates; her son, Robert Bryant Bates and his wife Carolyn Mudge Bates of Madera; her brother, Leon E. Ball of Heppner; grandson, Jeremy Michael Bates; and two great-grandchildren, Ty Bryant Bates and Grant Michael Bates. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Nina Christopherson Ball; sister and brother, twins Nina and Elmer, and brothers Shirley and Jack Ball.

Marriage Licenses

May 13: Jose Luis Martinez, 44, Boardman and Carmen Lucina Dominguez, 38, Boardman.

May 14: Jeffery Alan Eynetch, 30, Ione and Dawn Michelle Boor, 23, Ione.

May 16: Manuel Chairez Alaniz, 43, Umatilla and Maria C. Pezzina, 45, Umatilla.

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.)

People of Irrigon can no longer afford consolidation

To the Editor:

At the last Morrow County School District Board meeting, the citizens of Irrigon were once again denied (at this time) the return of their high school.

Despite the fact that John Rietmann, Larry Mills and Burke O'Brien presented a sound financial plan, four members would not agree. Even though the most successful school in the county is also the smallest they said they were concerned about creating two small schools. They expressed fear that both schools "might" lose programs.

Perhaps we should look at the things they do not fear: When Riverside's teams play games half way across the state and do not return until the middle of the night, they have no fear for the safety of Irrigon athletes, male and female, who are dropped off at Huwe's gas station on Hwy. 730. They take turns calling their parents and then wait until their parents can pick them up. There is no adult supervision or protection provided for them during this time. This may have been acceptable 20 years ago, but not in these troubled times.

It does not upset them that the School District provides activity buses to bring Boardman children to Columbia Middle School for dances, but they do not provide an activity bus to take Irrigon students to Riverside for any school functions.

They are not the least concerned about the inequity of a bus being provided to transport Boardman athletes to CMS for games but Irrigon athletes have to provide their own way to Riverside. When coaches call for Friday and Saturday practices, there is no transportation provided for Irrigon kids. We believe this is the result of an elitist attitude that may preclude low income students living 13 miles away, from participating in sports.

These Board members never mention that the low income families are missing out on much of the joy of their high school careers. For many of the students from Irrigon the only connection they have with Riverside is that they go to classes there. If students living in the city of Boardman want to go to a school function, they can walk. If a student living in the city of

Irrigon wants to go to the same event they must have access to a vehicle and the money for gas.

These sorts of things have been happening since Irrigon and Boardman schools were consolidated. It has placed an unfair financial burden on the citizens of Irrigon. It is at least a 26 mile round trip from Irrigon to Boardman. For most of us that is not a problem, but for many parents it means they simply cannot stay as connected to their children's school as they would like. These Board members have demonstrated little compassion for these parents. They say MCSD cannot afford to separate the high schools. Well, the people of Irrigon can no longer afford this consolidation. The bottom line is that the parents and children of Irrigon have been forced to subsidize the rest of the district for over 40 years. The time has come for the citizens of Morrow County to say enough is enough. Irrigon's children and parents deserve the same considerations the rest of the children and parents in Morrow County enjoy.

(s) Nathaniel Smith
Irrigon

DA's Report

Jack Wayne Lyver was convicted of misdemeanor treatment of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, a Class-A misdemeanor. Lyver was sentenced to pay \$764 in fines.


Thomas Allen Hamman admitted to violation of probation allegations for Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Hamman was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 12 months probation.

Jesus Olvera-Valera was convicted of Assault-4, a Class-A misdemeanor. Olvera-Valera was sentenced to 365 suspended days in jail, two years bench probation, 60 hours of community service and payment of \$874 in fines.

Tony Lee Kellar was convicted of Menacing, a Class-A misdemeanor and Criminal Mischief-2, a Class-A misdemeanor. Kellar was sentenced to 364 suspended days in jail, two years bench probation, 80 hours of community service, one day in jail as a term of probation and payment of \$874 in fines.

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