

Obituaries

Mary Joyce Nobles

Mary Joyce Nobles, 72, a longtime resident of Umatilla, died Saturday, June 21, 2003, at Woodland Park Hospital in Portland.

No funeral service will be held. Disposition was by cremation.

Nobles was born Sept. 20, 1931, at Hot Springs, AR, to Jett and Eve Schirmer. The family later moved to California where she grew up.

She came to Umatilla in 1967 and had been employed as a waitress at Crossroads Truck Stop until her retirement.

She enjoyed gardening and had enjoyed dancing in her younger years.

She was a member of the Moose and Eagles lodges.

Survivors include a son, Lewis Maker of Umatilla; a daughter, Linda Harshman of Hardman; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Cremation was entrusted to the Neptune Society of Northern Oregon in Portland.

Del I. Moyer

Del I. Moyer, 82, of Hermiston, died June 23, 2003 at his home.

A memorial graveside service was held June 27 at the Hermiston Cemetery in Hermiston. Disposition was by cremation.

Moyer was born June 9, 1921, at Logsdan, to Joseph and Flora (Mead) Moyer. He moved to Heppner at the age of 4 and then to Hermiston in 1932.

Growing up he had a shoe shining business and a paper route. He owned a gas station before serving in World War II in the U.S. Navy as an aircraft electrician.

On Oct. 10, 1947, he married LaFawn Stenberg in Hermiston.

Moyer went to refrigeration school in Chicago and returned to Hermiston where he owned and operated his own commercial refrigeration company. He also owned an ice business and the Hand Out Drive-In.

He was a member of the Elks and Eagles lodges. He enjoyed hunting, wood cutting, snowmobiling and spending time at his cabin and being in the mountains.

Moyer is survived by daughters, Lynn Attwood of Portland and Pam Martin of Hermiston; son, Stephen Moyer of Battle Ground, WA; sisters, Emma Freeman of Hermiston; Florence Fuiten of Bothel, WA, and Lil Tilton of Hermiston; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, LaFawn in 1971; brothers, Lloyd and Elmer Moyer; and sister, Josephine Hiskey.

Memorial contributions may be made to your local Veterans Administration Hospital.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Mildred M. Breeding

Mildred M. Breeding, 76, of Heppner, died Thursday, June 26, 2003, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

A graveside service was held July 1 at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 30, 1926, at Des Moines, IA, to Marion and Ida Woods Olson.

She moved to Heppner in 1946. She married Bert Winters. The couple had three children. Mr. Winters died in 1966.

In 1969, she married Fred Breeding.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and the Search and Rescue women's group.

Survivors include her husband, Fred of Heppner; her children, Simon Winters of Lexington, David Winters and Sally Maddern, both of Heppner; brothers, Mike Olson and Eddie Olson, both of Heppner; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, by her first husband, Bert Winters, a brother, Bill Olson and a sister, Alice Anderson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home Auxiliary, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeny Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Otto V. Mortensen

Otto Mortensen, 86, a former lone resident, passed away May 5, 2003 after a brave battle with cancer.

Mortensen was known as a kind and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was born May 10, 1916 in Amager, Denmark, to Hans Mortensen, a Danish artillery sergeant, and his wife, Clara. He attended military school, then studied carpentry before becoming an architect. During World War II, he heroically participated in the Danish resistance to the Nazi occupation by housing victims of the war, by running an underground newspaper, and then as a soldier. The family was forced to flee to Sweden, later immigrating to Canada, then the United States, where they eventually settled in California.

Mortensen (nicknamed "Fitte" by his immediate family) is remembered for his warmth, generosity, intelligence and wry sense of humor. He thrived on learning new things and was an avid reader. He studied spiritual matters and was a member of the Free Methodist Church. Throughout his long life, he married four times, one of those times to the late Louise Crutcher.

He had three children: Anni, Peter and Karen; and is also survived by his sister, Inger; his grandchildren, Ann

Jeanette, Ken, Tim and Assia; and his great-grandchildren, Maria, Christian, Kyle, Kevin and Kellen, whom he cherished. He gave of himself openly and his kindness was an inspiration to all.

A gazebo will be dedicated in Otto Mortensen's honor with a plaque at the entrance, at Pilgrim Terrace Cooperative Homes, Santa Barbara, CA, where he lived his final years.

Answers to the Mysteries of Education

By Dr. Jack Crippen, Superintendent

Summer is here and students are everywhere, so please drive carefully. Student learning should continue during the summer. It takes a different focus from formal "book work" to more experiential and hands on activities. However, please encourage students of all ages to spend some time this summer reading and studying for pleasure in areas they enjoy.

When will lone become a separate district?

Lone became a separate district onto its self on July 1, 2003. The Umatilla-Morrow ESD Boundary Board met June 26, 2003 and officially changed the boundary lines of the Lone School District. During the transition time, George Murdock the Superintendent of the Umatilla-Morrow ESD will be acting Superintendent for Lone School District. There are still many details to be worked out as they come up in the process of separating the districts on the practical/actual level. Mr. Murdock's presents has already allowed that process to begin in the last several weeks.

The division of assets and liabilities is not settled. The committee, formed with members of the lone self-determination committee and members of the MCSD board of directors, agreed on the division of many of the districts funds. They have referred the other funds and the division of the land and buildings and personal property to Susan Castillo, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as was provided for in Senate Bill 372.

How are the bond projects going?

The district's \$22,000,000 building projects are going very well. The new buildings in Heppner, Boardman and lone have all received temporary or full certificates of occupancy. This means almost all inspections have been completed and there are limited items to finish or small repairs to be done before the buildings are turned over to the district. Because of the water problem at the Irrigon site, that building is a little behind its original schedules. It will be completed in late September.

The bond program also has provision for many smaller remodeling projects. Many of these will be done this summer, with the balance to be done next summer.

When are the new elementary buildings in Boardman and Irrigon to open?

We expect the new building in Boardman to open on time, Sept. 2, 2003. It will house the fifth and sixth grade from the Boardman area. We are not sure about the opening date of the new school in Irrigon. There is a chance that the classrooms will be ready for the Sept. 2 date. It is more likely that the building will be completed by the end of September. During the month of June the principals and I have been working out the staffing as well as ordering furniture and other furnishings for the new buildings. We will be ready to have classrooms operating in both buildings as soon as each is ready.

What was the value of the scholarships offered to the class of 2003?

Morrow County School District's Class of 2003 was offered over \$1,225,000 worth of scholarships. There were over 230 individual scholarships, ranging from \$100 to a full four-year scholarship to Cornell worth \$104,000. Many students applied for and received multiple scholarships. Some of the scholarships are specific to certain colleges and universities so all may not be able to be used. It is, however, a tribute to our students and their teachers that so many were applied for and awarded to our students. It is gratifying to see that trade schools, community colleges, colleges and universities in and outside of the state recognize the quality of our schools by wanting our graduates in their institutions.

Special appreciation is extended towards counselors Mona Hardman (Heppner and lone High Schools) and Sharon Barrick (Riverside High School) for all there effort in helping students and their parents in applying for scholarships as well as helping with the application process to schools and the work place.

If you have questions about items in this article or desire an explanation of items concerning education, please write or e-mail me in care of this newspaper or to the Morrow County School District office at P.O. Box 368 Lexington, OR 97839.

WCCC Ladies' Playday results

Nineteen ladies enjoyed beautiful skies as they gathered for Willow Creek Country Club's Ladies' Playday, Tuesday, June 24.

Betty Christman received low gross of the field. Low net of the field went to Lorrene Montgomery. Barbara Gilbert had least putts of the field.

In flight A: low gross went to Virginia Grant; low net-Eva Kilkenny; least putts- Shari Stahl; long drive- Corol Mitchell; KP- Corol Mitchell.

In flight B: low gross went to Lynnea Sargent; low net- Luvilla Sonstegard; least putts- Loa Henderson; long drive- Lois Hunt; KP- Betty Rietmann.

In flight C: low gross went to Joyce Dinkins; low net- Betty Carlson; least putts- Della Heideman; long drive- Joyce Dinkins; KP- Della Heideman.

Virginia Grant and Barbara Gilbert each had a chip in on hole #9.

Heppner announces end of the year honor roll

Heppner Jr/Sr High announced its semester two honor roll and honorable mention students for the 2002/2003 school year.

Grade 7-Honor Roll: Sarah Johnson (4.0), Aftan Betsinger, Kate Kendrick, Patricia Lane, Whitney Matthews, Sean Murray and Kelsey Wolff.

Grade 7-Honorable Mention: Luke Basile, Jenna Bowman, Cyde Coil, Jessica Connor, Kelsie Fox, Tayler Hodges, Baillie Keithley, Katie Kilkenny, Benjamin McCarl, Megan Orr and Andre Rauch.

Grade 8-Honor Roll: Myah Southworth (4.0), Aaron Allstott, Mahaley Huddleston, Brendan McElligott, Regina Seitz and Cody Zum.

Grade 8-Honorable Mention: Brandon Davis, Tony Haguewood, Ches Little, Mechele Nieman, Quinn Peck and Kylie Tasker.

Grade 9-Honor Roll: Laurie Murray (4.0), Matthew VanCleave (4.0), Brianne Jones, Krystal Nairns and Brenda Victorio.

Grade 9-Honorable Mention: Daniel Basile, Chelsey Betsinger, Mikel Britt, Kyle Carlson, Amanda Davis, Charlene Houweling, Rory Kilkenny, Roy Proctor, Sean Richards, Heather Rill, Riley Wight, Veronica Wilhelm and Heather Yocom.

Grade 10-Honor Roll: Kyle Huddleston (4.0),

Shanna Rietmann (4.0), Jessica Wainwright (4.0), Madison Bailey, Kylee Disque, Blair Keithley, Cara Kennedy, Josh Lankford and Elizabeth Orwick.

Grade 10-Honorable Mention: Chelsea Britt, Ryan Campbell, Jode Coil, Linsey Mitchell, Gus Torres and Terra Wilson.

Grade 11-Honor Roll: Judd Lemmon (4.0), Luke Murray (4.0), Kiel Nairns (4.0), Cody Walton (4.0), Blake Allstott, Sarah Barrow, Justin Botefuhr, John Franzwa, Brian Haguewood, Danielle Looslie, Chantea Macaulay, Courtney Nelson, Brooke Rust, Sheena Shank, Adam Wight and Matt Young.

Grade 11-Honorable Mention: Tanner Britt, Lindsey Clough, Juan Elguezabal, Stefanie Hanson, Kyler Lovgren, Brian Smith, Eric Torres and Jessie Woodward.

Grade 12-Honor Roll: Maggie Beam (4.0), Marcy Miller (4.0), Darren VanCleave (4.0), Brad Adams, Donald Adams, Dawn DeBoer, Aleshia Geer, Genia Grant, C. Tyler Henderson, Cody High, Daniel Jepsen, Jesse Kempas, Lacey Matteson, Doug Orwick, Ashley Ward and Nicole Wilson.

Grade 12-Honorable Mention: Tracy Baker, Lacey Davis, Conor Kilkenny, Nicole Sisk, Ben Turrell and Josh Winters.

Oregon Bankers Association elects Koffler chairman

The Oregon Bankers Association (OBA) elected its 2003-2004 officers at its Annual Meeting last week at the Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Oregon.

Approved unanimously by the full membership, the new Executive Committee is comprised of Chairman, E. George Koffler, President/CEO, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner; Chair-Elect, Michael V. Paul, President, Private Client Services, Umpqua Holdings Corp., Portland; Vice-Chair, William E. Castle, President/CEO, South Valley Bank and Trust, Klamath Falls; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert L. Fenstermacher, President/CEO, LibertyBank, Eugene; Immediate Past Chairman, Daniel J. Hemy, Executive Vice President, Pacific Continental Bank, Portland; President, Independent Community Banks of Oregon, Michael Sickels, President/CEO, People's Bank of Commerce, Medford.

Chairman Koffler has been with the Bank of Eastern Oregon since August 1979 and has been President and Chief Executive Officer since July 1994. Koffler is very involved in numerous community organizations and works tirelessly to promote economic development in and around the Heppner area. Due to his civic commitment, his local Chamber of Commerce named Koffler Man of the Year in 1992.

"It is a pleasure and an honor to represent Oregon Bankers this year as the

Chairman of the Board of Directors. I look forward to helping tell the story of the great things all bankers in Oregon do to stimulate the economy and make our communities grow," said Koffler.

In addition to the new Executive Committee, the Oregon Bankers Association elected six new Board members: Jon Johnson, President/CEO, Bank of Salem, Salem; Fred Postlewait, President/CEO, Oregon Coast Bank, Newport; Lark Wysham, Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Citizens Bank, Corvallis; David Edson, President, Commercial Banking, Umpqua Bank, Portland; Bernie Kronberger, Vice President and Corporate Community Development Officer, Wells Fargo Bank, Portland; and Randy Lambert, Senior Vice President and Division Head, US Bank, Portland.


Established in 1905, the Oregon Bankers Association is a trade association of state and nationally chartered commercial banks, savings banks, thrifts, extra-national banks and trust companies that are chartered to perform banking business in Oregon.

Garden Club to hold meeting

The Heppner Garden Club will be meeting at Chuck and Betty Bailey weather permitting (St. Pat's Senior Center otherwise). The meeting will be held July 7 at 7 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting will be the yearbook.

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY DANNY WILSON!



Love, Kids, Grandkids, Mom & Dad

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