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St. Pat's Senior Center news

Water exercise classes for senior citizens will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Classes will continue on Thursday, and each Tuesday and Thursday until the pool closes. Classes will be held from 5-6 p.m. and the cost is \$1 per time. Pool managers have kept this slot open for seniors and those with disabilities. Use of the bus is arranged from St. Pat's for those who need transportation to participate.

On Wednesday, Aug. 13, Heppner Christian Church will provide volunteers for serving the noon menu of ham, cheese and potato casserole, spinach, mixed vegetables, rolls and pudding dessert.

Thursday, Aug. 14 is Senior Citizen's Day at Morrow County Fair, the bus will make one round trip to the fairgrounds. It will load by the front of St. Pat's Senior Center from 10:45-11 a.m. The bus will stay at the fairgrounds through the lunch hour and return when the passengers are ready.

Wednesday, Aug. 20, at noon, is the regular monthly meeting of St. Patrick's Board of Directors at 12 noon in the Senior Center office.

Friday, Aug. 22, at 1 p.m., the regular meeting of the Area Agency on Aging is scheduled at the Milton-Freewater Senior Center. The group will enjoy the regular meal with the participants of the Milton-Freewater center before their meeting. Status of legislative action, which affect senior services throughout the state, will be one topic of discussion. Tom Wilson and Ed Baker are members of the group and will bring back to St. Patrick's Board a report of pertinent business.

More than 100 persons shared the noon meal at St. Pat's on July 30.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Parade entries, float preparation, booth planning... it's that time of the year. "Morrow County, True To the Red, White and Blue" is the theme for this year's fair and rodeo and offers the opportunity to depict patriotism across the years, western or otherwise. Parade entries may be turned in at the Chamber of Commerce office or to Cliff Green, Parade Chair, at Heppner Hardware. Let's make it the biggest and best ever. The Fair Board, Rodeo Committee, County Extension, 4-Hers, volunteers and staff work hard to make the six day event happen. The Chamber of Commerce oversees the parade. Call 676-5536 for an entry form.

Chamber hosted Grand Marshals Bob and Lorrene Montgomery and Court Princesses Lexi Kennedy and Megan McCabe for lunch recently at John's Other Place. They do a great job showcasing and promoting Morrow County in their travels.

The Chamber membership will not be meeting on Tuesday, August 12. Join them on Thursday, August 14, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds where entertainment will be provided and all will have a chance to enjoy the fair.

If you've called the Chamber office this summer, you may have found Chamber member Cara Osmin at the other end. Her energy and knowledge about the community, not to mention her computer expertise, has been a real asset to the Heppner Chamber. She said, "working conditions were much quieter than she was used to," but that will change when she returns to the classroom in two weeks. It has been great having her in the office. She and volunteers Gail and Forrie Burkenbine have been a great help. A few drawers have actually been cleaned and organized, website updated, member directory created, relocate packets distributed, new brochures mailed out, and planning is underway for year-end events.

Enjoy Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Week. Are your rodeo tickets in hand? Are you planning to attend the salmon/oyster feed? Haven't you always wanted to dunk a teacher? And how about the 4-H activities and livestock sale? Do you have exhibits to enter? It's all about our county, community, and kids. See you there.

Thought for the week: "The person who tries to do something and fails is infinitely better than one who tries to do nothing and succeeds."

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Obituaries

Pauline Ulrich Wills

Pauline Ulrich Wills, 94, of Redmond, formerly of Heppner, died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at Powell's Care Home in Sisters.

A graveside service was held Aug. 5 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Wills was born in Kansas on June 28, 1909, to Russian immigrants Carl and Mary Blahm Ulrich. The family lived in Michigan before moving to Oregon in 1911. They settled at Heppner where she attended school. She had been employed at the Elkhorn Restaurant in Heppner.

On June 13, 1931, she married Leslie J. Wills, at Portland. They lived at Portland for six years before moving to the Redmond area. Mr. Wills died in 1984.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Eisenbrandt of Redmond; a brother, Bill Ulrich of Heppner; granddaughters, Lisa Harding and Leslie Hoover; and two great-grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Alex Ulrich; and sisters, Dee Sather and Lydia Cary.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth "Liz" Straley

Elizabeth "Liz" Straley, 80, of Bandon, died Friday, July 26, 2003 at her home.

A graveside service was held on Aug. 2, at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Straley was born on Oct. 18, 1922, in Poughkeepsie, NY, to Joseph and Julia Wysocki. She attended school in Poughkeepsie and retired from Lumb's Woodworking as an accountant.

On May 29, 1949, she married Frank X. Straley of Wappingers Falls, NY. He preceded her in death in 1990. Also preceding her in death were brothers, John and Joseph and sister, Stella.

Survivors include son, Jay (wife Lori) of Bandon, two granddaughters, and a brother, Michael (wife Kaye) of Hopewell Junction, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service of Bandon was entrusted with arrangements.

Margaret A. Rogers

Margaret A. Rogers, 90, of Heppner, died Tuesday, July 29, 2003, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

At her request no service will be held. Disposition was by cremation.

Rogers was born Oct. 5, 1912, at Williamsport, PA, to Walter and Lillie Pepperman Livermore. She was raised and attended schools at Williamsport and then Erie, PA. She attended college before her marriage to Ralph W. Rogers on Nov. 1, 1931 at Ripley, N.Y.

The couple lived at Erie, PA until 1978 when they retired to Florida. Mr. Rogers died in 1990 and Mrs. Rogers moved to Heppner in 1997.

She was a longtime active member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include daughter, Aletha Hall of Fallen, NV; granddaughters, Delia Robinson of Heppner and Lynne Lindberg of Santa Ana, CA, grandson, Brian Mildenerger of Pendleton; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren. A son, Ralph Jr., preceded her in death.

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

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Willow Creek Terrace receives three grants

The Willow Creek Assisted Living Board is always striving to augment its budget for Willow Creek Terrace with grants and donations. Two grants and a donation were awarded to this local group in May and June of this year.

On May 1, the Wildhorse Foundation in Pendleton awarded Willow Creek Terrace \$5,000 to be used to construct a cover for the patio and furnish it. These things are currently all in place and being enjoyed by residents and visitors.

On May 14, Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation in Hermiston gave the assisted living facility a \$1,138.37 grant for a locking medicine cart which is being used daily.

In June, St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton donated \$104.82 for the purchase of a blood pressure cuff, thermometer and first aid kit. These have been purchased and are in use as well.

Grants and donations help the Willow Creek Assisted Living Board provide essential services to the residents of Willow Creek Terrace while keeping within their budget limitations. Board members encourage local residents to consider memorial donations as a way of ensuring that the facility will be available for the elderly members of local communities to utilize in future years.

Slottee Memorial & Lexington scholarships deadline

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust has announced a deadline of Sept. 12, 2003 for applications for the Elizabeth Slottee Memorial Scholarship and the Lexington Voter Precinct Scholarship.

The Slottee Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a Junior, Senior, or Graduate Student at an accredited college. The scholarship is awarded to a student majoring or minoring in music. If no applicants are found, the award can be given to a student who has been accepted into a school of education. The scholarship amount will be determined by the earnings of the donations of the community and the Slottee family which totals more than \$10,000.

The Lexington Voter Precinct Scholarship is for \$500 and will be awarded to a college sophomore, junior or senior living in the Lexington voters' precinct. Applications in disc format can be picked up at Klamath First in Heppner.

For more information, or questions, contact Sharon Harrison at 676-9164, or Del LaRue at 422-7468.

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.)

Industrial zone received wrong name

To the Editor:

I notice in the City of Heppner newsletter that the industrially zoned property on Riverside Ave. has the lofty title of "City Corporation Yard". With the citizens dropping off all their junk I suggest the designation be changed from "City Corporation Yard" to "City Dump". It's easier to remember, and a better description. What with all the broken asphalt and concrete; the discarded refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, microwaves; old tires; the large piles consisting of vegetation, tree limbs and scrap lumber, this site should more than qualify for the less pompous title of "City Dump".

Whatever the title, it will not reduce the negative visual impact on the citizens of the NW area. I still believe only some type of barrier will accomplish this. Due to the close proximity of the "City Corporation Yard" to Willow Creek, shouldn't there be some concern about toxic material or pollutants entering the waterway? Don't the tall dry weeds create a fire hazard? I don't think this is a no smoking area, so people are free to move about the property while smoking. I'm concerned because if there were a fire, it could jump Willow Creek and be in my front yard.

(s) Gene Sonstegard
Heppner

Balance power, restore Irrigon's high school

To the Editor:

So Dr. Jack Crippen knows a large number of people in Morrow County that have no interest in "building" a high school in Irrigon. That doesn't surprise me. What does surprise me is that Dr. Crippen has been MCSD superintendent this long and is not aware that Columbia Middle School is designed to house grades 7-12. Irrigon already has a high school "building". Apparently Dr. Crippen is not aware that this has been discussed during MCSD meetings a number of times. It seems the language used in his newspaper column was chosen to cloud the Irrigon High School issue.

This is just one more example of the dirty tricks used by the few people in Morrow County that would deny Irrigon what is rightfully theirs. The former Board decided that MCSD would never again act on anonymous tips, yet Julie Weikel, Pat McNamee and John Renfro would refuse us our high school with unsubstantiated excuses to continue the status quo. Dr. Crippen repeatedly mentions an anonymous group of people that do not want Irrigon to have a high school. If MCSD's days of acting on rumors and innuendos are over, shouldn't the

superintendent and board members present facts to prove their point?

I believe the reason they do not present facts to reinforce their argument is because there are none. They don't really care if Irrigon has a high school, they just don't want any changes at Riverside.

Morrow County School District has been endangering the lives of Irrigon's children for years, by dumping them along a major highway in the middle of the night, to save money. If they are willing to treat Riverside students this way, what do you think is in store for Heppner's children if there are only two high schools in the district? Morrow County needs three high schools to keep a proper balance of power.

Those of us that belong to the large and vocal group supporting the return of Irrigon's high school have religiously presented our case with truth. We have facts to back every claim we make. Constantly having to deal with false statements has been an unfair burden. We did not expect such statements to come from the administration of MCSD. We hope the board will consider this situation when they evaluate the superintendent's position in December.

(s) Meredith DeHaven
Irrigon

Blood drive to be held in Pendleton

The American Red Cross, Umatilla County Chapter, will hold a community blood drive on Monday, Aug. 11 in Pendleton. Residents can donate blood from 1-6 p.m. at Pendleton Recreation Center, 500 SW Dorion, Pendleton. Donors must be 17 or older, weigh at least 105 pounds and be in good health.

All blood types are needed every day. Out of every 100 people: 38 are O-pos; 32 are A-pos; 10 are B-pos; 3 are AB-pos; 8 are 0-neg; 7 are A-neg; 2 are B-neg, and 1 is AB-neg.

To schedule a donation appointment, call (800) 787-9691.

Don't Miss...
Murray's Country Rose
Seventh Annual
Micro-Brew Beer and Wine Tasting

Featuring wines from Marghill Winery and Willamette Valley Vineyards

Thursday, Aug. 14th
from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
at the Morrow County Fair

- Italian Sodas for the kids!
- Full course salmon and oyster dinner provided by Bucknum's Catering
- Music by Joe and Leanne Lindsay
- Some seating available - lawn chairs suggested

