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New DUII laws *continued from page one*

help convince people to cooperate in collecting evidence for determining levels of intoxication.

-Senate Bill 302 requires a person charged with DUII to plead "guilty" or "no contest" as part of his or her petition to enter a diversion program. Diversion programs, offered as an alternative to a DUII conviction, give offenders information and methods to avoid reoffending.

The "guilty" or "no contest" plea requires the offender to admit responsibility, and therefore makes the consequences for dropping out of a diversion more severe. Under the old law, a person could fail or drop out of diversion and then deny his or her guilt. The new law will streamline the legal process and reduce demands on the courts and law enforcement.

Engagement

Wallace-Thingelstad



Scott Thingelstad and Melissa Wallace

Gene and Chirella Wallace of Lexington are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Wallace, to Scott Thingelstad, son of David and DiAnna Thingelstad of Blaine, MN.

A Jan. 24, 2004 wedding is planned at the George C. Marshall House in Vancouver, WA.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of the University of Portland and is currently employed as a cardiac intensive care nurse in Portland.

The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of Washington State University and currently works Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI).

Morrow County maintenance supervisor retires

Les Paustain retires on Dec. 31 from Morrow County after seven and a half years as general maintenance supervisor. Before working for Morrow County, Paustain worked at the Kinzua Mill for

19 years. As for all his free-time activities, Paustain says they are yet to be discovered.



Les Paustain

*You Are Invited
to a
Going-Away
Party
for
Dana Reid
Saturday, Jan. 3rd
7 p.m.
at the Heppner Elks*

Obituaries

Belva Jane James

Belva Jane James, 79, a 25-year resident of Boardman, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at her home.

A private family memorial gathering will be held later. Disposition was by cremation.

James was born May 29, 1924, at Lakin, KS, to Dallas and Pearl Ihde Sessler.

She loved painting, crocheting and cooking.

Survivors include sons, Mike James of Hermiston, Donald Mortensen of Pagosa Springs, CO, and Tom James of Bellevue, WA; daughter, Billie Sue Stobel of Portland and Betty Wardrip of Santa Maria, CA; brothers, Ronald "Bud" Sessler of Portland and Al Sessler of Ward, AR; sisters, June McLeod and Nita Pearson, both of Portland; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice, by a daughter, Linda Fanning, and by one brother.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Ethelmae Heberer

Ethelmae Heberer, 85, a resident of Irrigon for the past eight years, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A private family service will be held later. Disposition was by cremation.

She was born July 10, 1918, at St. Joseph, MO, to Oren and Jessie Scurlock Yoder and was raised and attended schools in Missouri.

On March 15, 1938, she married Joseph Y. Heberer at Los Angeles.

During World War II, she worked at the Douglas Aircraft plant and later was an office clerk at Dixon Cadillac for many years. The Heberers moved to Frazier, CA, in 1972, where she owned and operated a small furniture store until her retirement. The couple moved to Irrigon in May 1995 and Joseph passed away in July 1995. After his death, Heberer lived in Irrigon and Kennewick, and was living at Irrigon at the time of her death.

She enjoyed crossword puzzles and reading.

Survivors include her daughter, Trudy Trader of Irrigon; sister, Shirley Reese in California; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by sisters Amis Livsay and Maxine Raney.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Lola Pritchett

Lola Pritchett, 83, passed away on Dec. 22, 2003, after a lengthy illness.

A gathering of friends and relatives was held at Riverview Cemetery on Dec. 29.

Pritchett was born on Feb. 1, 1920 in Hermiston.

She married Marvin Hughes in 1939. In the mid-1940s they moved to Portland where he worked at Penn Salt Co. Hughes passed away in 1956.

Pritchett married Charles Pritchett in 1962. The couple enjoyed many years together until he passed away in 1999.

For the past year and a half, Pritchett has lived at Park Forest Care Center, where she received excellent loving care.

Pritchett was an avid animal lover and enjoyed her dogs very much. She did volunteer work at the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital for many years, which gave her great satisfaction. She also enjoyed some hobbies that included square dancing with Charles, mushrooming, photography, some writing and a little wine making from her own grapes.

She is survived by her daughter, Maria Smith; her brother, Pete Cannon; and her stepchildren, Betty Bishop, Don Pritchett and Susan Standfill.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Oregon Chapter of the Alzheimer Association.

Wilhelm Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jean Ann Correa

Jean Ann Correa, 69, a longtime resident of Echo, died on Dec. 23, 2003 at the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy Hospice House in Kennewick, WA.

Recitation of the Rosary was held Dec. 29 at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 30 at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Burial followed at Echo Cemetery.

Correa was born at Spokane, WA on Jan. 12, 1934 to Michael and Catherine McNamee Donahue.

Correa lived in Pendleton and graduated from St. Joseph Academy in Pendleton. She lived in Pendleton until her marriage to Jack Correa. She married John "Jack" N. Correa on May 18, 1957. She lived the past 46 years on their ranch in Echo.

She was a member of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. She was also the Grand Marshall for the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston and Fort Henrietta Days in Echo. She spent many years working with the 4-H programs in the county and was superintendent of Thompson Hall during the fair.

Correa enjoyed traveling to numerous fairs across the state to judge 4-H and open exhibits. She also enjoyed going to the events which her four grandsons took part in.

Correa helped her husband Jack to develop the ranch on the Echo Meadows working by his side for 46 years. She had a great love of family and friends.

She also enjoyed traveling with Jack to Ireland, Portugal, Australia, New Zealand and taking several cruises.

She also served as the President of the Umatilla County Cattlewomen and was treasurer for the Oregon State Cattlewomen Association.

Correa is survived by her husband, John "Jack" Correa of Echo; son, Tony and his wife Trish Correa of Echo; daughter, Teres and her husband Chet Douglas of Echo; brother, Jim Donahue of Portland; her twin sister, Rose Bergstrom of Heppner; sister, Mary Erikson of Crooked River Ranch; four grandchildren, Ruben and

Raymond Harris and Mitch and Keenen Correa. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Peter Donahue.

Memorials may be made to the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy Hospice, 2108 W. Entiat, Kennewick, WA 99336 or to St. Peter's Catholic Church in Echo, in care of Burns Mortuary, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Local BMCC classes to begin in January

Soon after the holidays wind down, Blue Mountain Community College classes will gear up again for Winter Term 2004. Registration is currently underway for both credit and non-credit classes that are set to begin on Jan. 5.

In the Heppner area, a number of classes are being offered.

Parent and Child Fun Art Adventure is set for Monday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Heppner High School. Parent and child take the class together (only the parent must register) and do fun art activities for the four-week session. Finger painting, sponge painting, painting pictures and working with modeling clay are planned. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$25 tuition with a \$10 lab fee. The first night is scheduled to be Jan. 12.

Parent and Child Calligraphy is another class set up in similar manner. This class is set for Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Heppner High School for six weeks beginning Jan. 13. Parent registers for class and the child attends for free. Together they work on italic lettering with the added bonus of possibly improving handwriting. Cost of the class is \$30 tuition.

Computer Basics covers the "need to know" things about basic computer operations. It will provide a good start for those lucky enough to find a new computer under the tree (but for those who might be a bit intimidated by the machine.) The four-week class is set for Thursday evenings from 4-6 p.m. at Lone High School beginning Jan. 15.

Microsoft Word will be covered in a five-week class beginning Jan. 20. The course, which is set for Tuesday nights from 6-8 p.m. will show students the tips and tricks to make Word not only easier but more useful. Topics include using toolbars, formatting documents, using wizards, getting templates from the MS Word web page as well as more advanced functions like working with graphics and a mail merge. Cost of the class is \$35 tuition plus a \$5 lab fee.

Web Page Design is a four-week class set for Monday nights, 6-8 p.m. beginning Jan. 12 at Heppner High School. Students will use HTML code to produce an attractive and useful web site. Tuition is \$35 plus a \$5 lab fee.

A free seminar covering the basics of Going Back to College is on the agenda for Monday, Feb. 2 at Lone High School. People considering going to BMCC or another institution will be presented with helpful information to get them started down the right path.

Starting Your Own Business is another evening seminar, presented by staff from BMCC's Small Business Development Center, which will help prospective business owners see what is needed to make a small business happen. The course is set for Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 6-9 p.m.

A little further down the line but just in time for the St. Patrick's Festival is a Food Handler's class. This is a nice opportunity to get or renew your card locally on Thursday, March 11, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Heppner High School.

Pre-registration is required for all classes and may be done by contacting Anne Morter, South Morrow County Coordinator, at 422-7040.

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.)

Roads should be kept safe during winter weather

To the Editor:

What's it going to take to have Spruce Lane, the only road accessible to the Heppner Jr/Sr High School, kept safe for travel during snow and ice storms? On Monday, Dec. 29, this road was unbelievable slick- it was plowed and lightly sanded to no avail. Results are one roll over and two cars in the ditch, followed by the John Day school bus, full of kids, spinning out and then sliding backwards down the hill and up against a snow berm and guard rail- narrowly missing going over the side.

Finally, a state highway plow truck plowed and sanded the street allowing one-way traffic to pass the stalled bus. After an hour and a half of much diverted traffic, two wreckers towed the bus up to the school. This was an extra heavy traffic day because of a sporting event, which

probably should have been cancelled. However, people live on this hill and someone needs to take the responsibility to keep this steep hill graveled and plowed for all who use it. What price are we going to be willing to pay for lack of responsible leadership in taking care of our roads?

The city says it is not their responsibility and the county sends a pickup truck with a gravel box to sand, which is not adequate. Finally, it's a state truck that comes to the rescue after the fact.

Somebody take responsibility and quit passing the buck.

Am I upset? You better believe it. I've seen this situation happen to often and we've been very lucky that someone hasn't been seriously hurt or worse.

(s) Dick Sargent
Heppner

NEW YEAR'S DAY SPECIAL

Free 2-liter pop with purchase of two large pizzas



**HOWE'S ABOUT PIZZA
111 South Court, Heppner
676-5210**



HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

Wednesday, December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

Crab Feed Dinner starting at 6 p.m. Party Favors and Live Music with 3 Quarters Short. For Elks members and out-of-town guests only.

