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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.)

Don't be threatened, vote NO on higher taxes

To the Editor:

Do Oregon's economic problems stem only from a lack of revenue for Salem to spend? Or don't we suffer from runaway spending by the State and onerous regulations and land use laws hampering new and existing businesses?

From recent articles and letters in the paper, it sounds like there is simply not enough money for Salem. Up for a vote is a new tax earmarked largely for schools and public safety. These should be priorities for the State budget, not afterthoughts or blackmail.

If this tax measure were packaged with solid spending caps to curb overspending in the good years, or land use reform, or a much more friendly environment for businesses both large and small, it would be worthwhile. But no, it's just more money for the Salem bureaucracy to dole out.

Voting for this tax will send Salem the message that any time the State wants higher taxes they just need to threaten education and public safety to get the public to vote for them. I urge you to vote no on higher taxes.

(s) Joel Peterson
Ione

Continue to work on safe travel

To the Editor:

I sincerely appreciate the City of Heppner and Morrow County Road Department for their response following the letter written Dec. 31, 2003. Whether it was due to the letter or to availability of men and equipment it was and is much appreciated.

The safe travel of our school youth, bus drivers and residents over this road is often

in jeopardy- the traffic flow pattern to this area needs to be evaluated, not only during weather events, but also on a long-term basis. Spruce Lane is the main two-way artery for traffic to and from our Jr/Sr High School and all its events.

I will continue to applaud your efforts in addressing the problems of this area.

(s) Dick Sargent
Heppner

ISEA to hold fundraiser

ISEA (Ione Supports Educational Assemblies) will hold its yearly fundraiser by making and delivering tasty foot-long sub sandwiches on Super Bowl Sunday, which this year is set for Feb. 1.

All profits from this event are spent on educational assemblies held throughout the year at Ione School. For the past two years, three assemblies per year have been presented and enjoyed by the entire Ione student body.

Order forms for sandwiches, detailing the tasty

choices, are available around Ione. Completed order forms need to be deposited at the school office no later than Jan. 29.

For more information, contact Duane or Linda Neiffer at 422-7325 or Anne Morter at 422-7429.

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Obituaries

Leland Edward "Lee" Hastings

Area farmer and 1974 Oregon Farmer of the Year, Leland Edward "Lee" Hastings, 67, of Stanfield, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at Kennewick General Hospital.

The funeral for Hastings was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21 in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston with burial to follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Hastings was born Aug. 17, 1936, at Walla Walla, to Glenn and Erma Millett Hastings. He grew up at Walla Walla and graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1954. After graduation he moved to Stanfield where he began farming. He farmed in the Stanfield area all the rest of his life. In 1974, he was named Oregon Farmer of the Year.

Hastings enjoyed fishing and camping with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Helen, and daughter, Debbie Hall, both of Stanfield; son, Michael Hastings of Irrigon; four grandchildren; his mother, Erma Hastings of Stanfield; sisters, Darlene Cook of Hermiston and Glenda Sparkman of Renton, Wash. He was preceded in death by his father and by a sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Duane Carba Sisk

Longtime Cascade Natural Gas employee Duane Carba Sisk, 51, of Pendleton, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at his home.

A graveside funeral service was held on Jan. 20 at Skyview Memorial Park, Highway 395 south of Pendleton. A potluck luncheon

for family and friends was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Pendleton following the graveside service.

Sisk was born May 3, 1952, at Pendleton, to Carba and Alba Huckabee Sisk. He grew up and lived in the area all of his life. He graduated from Blue Mountain Community College and was employed as a welder by Cascade Natural Gas where he worked for 27 years, the last 10 as a serviceman.

He and his wife, Donna, were married July 15, 1991.

Sisk loved cooking and canning many of the vegetables he enjoyed growing in his garden. He entered his canned goods in local fairs and always won first place. He enjoyed anything to do with the outdoors: camping, hunting, and for some time even tried his luck at skeet shooting. He had also raised

He was a member of the Pendleton Elks Lodge and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Sisk, of Pendleton; son, Justin Sisk of Heppner; daughter, Nicole Sisk of Heppner; brother, Ed Sisk of Pendleton; twin sister, Deloris Rueber of Hermiston and sister, Carol Newton of Vancouver, WA.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pendleton Elks Lodge or Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation through Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Richard Timothy "Tim" Carr

Richard Timothy "Tim" Carr, 63, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A private memorial service was held on Jan. 14. Disposition was by cremation.

Carr was born Feb. 19, 1940 at Yakima, WA to

Raymond and Verla Snowden Carr. Carr was a 1958 graduate of Stanfield High.

Carr was active in the Stanfield Moose Lodge, was a charter member of the Hilo Elks Club of Hawaii and was a private pilot and scuba diver. His hobbies included computers, fishing, family and friends.

Carr served in the U.S. Air Force from 1958 to 1961.

Survivors include sons, Ric Carr of Umatilla, Bryan Carr of Yakima; daughters, Sandra Price and Rose Ruff, both of Yakima and Thea Carr of Umatilla; sister, Diane Watkins of Redding, CA; nine grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Tyson and Shawn Edderson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Verla Carr.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Dixie Dawn Wiley

Dixie Dawn Wiley, 78, of Hermiston, died Jan. 13, 2004 at her home, Rose Arbor Assisted Living Facility in Hermiston.

A graveside funeral service was held Jan. 16 at Haystack Cemetery in Spray. Wiley was born Dec.

31, 1925 in Condon to Albert A. and Mary A. Hines Williams. She attended schools in Spray.

Wiley was united in marriage to Albert K. "Al" Wiley on Sept. 5, 1953 in Kinzua. They lived in Portland, and then Bend, before moving to Echo where they had a ranch. They moved to Pilot Rock in the early 1980s before moving to Hermiston in the late 1980s where she has lived since. Albert preceded her in death in February of 1997.

Wiley was a member of the Baptist Church. She also enjoyed reading, flowers, her yard and loved her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Ronny Brisbois, Heppner; daughter, Randy Rae Britt, Echo; sister, Wilda Freeman, Fossil; four grandchildren, Marty Britt, Shawn Massey, Libby Lewis and Nikki Jo Robertson and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, by her parents and by her brother, J. Lee Williams.

Those who wish may make contributions in Wiley's memory to Vange John Memorial Hospice at 645 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Milton R. Morgan

Milton R. Morgan, 90, of Ione, died Jan. 10, 2004, at Columbia Basin Care Facility in The Dalles.

A funeral was held Jan. 15 at the Ione United Church of Christ. Concluding service and burial followed at Highview Cemetery in Ione.

Morgan was born Dec. 15, 1913 at Ione, to Milton and Dora Baker Morgan. He grew up and attended Ione schools, graduating from Ione High School in 1931.

On Nov. 20, 1937, he married Margaret Crawford at Oregon City. The couple farmed near Ione until their retirement in the 1980s. Mrs. Morgan died in 2001.

Morgan was a 60-year member of the Heppner Elks Lodge and a past Exalted Ruler. He was also a member of the McNary Yacht Club.

Morgan was a past president of the Federal Lank Bank of Pendleton and past chairman of the Oregon State Board of Agriculture and Pacific Northwest Grain Standards and Quality Committee. He also served as a past president for the Oregon Wheat Growers League, the Western Wheat Association and the Morrow County Wheat Growers. He was also active in school matters serving as past chairman for both the Ione School Board and Morrow County Rural School Board.

Survivors include daughter, Marilyn Peck of Portland; son, Gary Morgan of Milwaukie; grandchildren, Natalie Peck, Brian Peck, Todd Morgan, Jamey Morgan, Troy Morgan and Wendy Morgan; and great-grandchildren, Spencer Peck and Garrett Peck. A son, Jackie Morgan, a brother, Edison Morgan and sisters, Bertha Nelson and Ina Bartlemay preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione United Church of Christ Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 346, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Helen M. Kruger

Helen M. Kruger, 88, of Lexington, died Jan. 12, 2004, at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

A graveside service was held Jan. 16 at the Gibbs Cemetery in Sherwood.

Kruger was born Dec. 2, 1915 at Kent to Alex and Zeta Andrews McLeod. She attended country schools, and then attended high school at Grass Valley.

In 1934, she married George Kruger. The couple farmed and later managed motels.

She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, leading Brownie troops and she loved kids.

Survivors include sister, Lee Wagenblast of Lexington and brother, Corliss McLeod of Vancouver, WA. She was preceded in death by her husband, George in 1988, by her parents, by brothers, Alex McLeod and David McLeod and by sisters, Anne Stevens, Marie Martin and Patricia Corwin.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Blue Mountain Wildlife meeting to be held

Blue Mountain Wildlife's annual membership meeting will be held at 2 p.m., on Jan. 31, at the First Christian Church in Pendleton (across from the Arts Center). The program will include introduction of new board members, election of officers, a review of 2003 rehabilitation activities and educational programs as well as a look at 2004 volunteer opportunities. One of the center's education birds, an ambassador to the world of raptors, will also be present. Refreshments will be served.

Blue Mountain Wildlife, a nonprofit, volunteer organization serving eastern Oregon and southeast Washington, is dedicated to the rehabilitation of orphaned, injured or sick wildlife, primarily birds of prey, and to public education. For information call Lynn Tompkins at (541) 278-0215.

ABOUT THE HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES NEWSPAPER

News articles

The Heppner Gazette welcomes news articles that are of interest to the communities of Ione, Lexington, Heppner and the surrounding area.

You can submit your article through mail, fax, email or bring it to our office (see below under how to contact us).

There is no charge for news articles, but if the article is a money-making activity for a person or business other than a non-profit or community service organization, it must run as a paid advertisement.

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Display ads are the boxed ads that run throughout the newspaper and are charged for by the amount of space. The larger the ad the more it costs. Photos and graphics may be used in display ads.

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Letters in poor taste or libelous will not be published.

Photos

The Gazette welcomes photos to run with news articles. We accept either black and white or color photos and they can be returned. We also accept digital photos. Email or bring the digitals to the office on a disk. We also accept digital camera "chips" to download the photos from your camera. Please contact us if you are unsure how to submit your photo.

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