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Judge Tallman to speak at WCVEDG meeting

Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman will be the featured speaker at the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group meeting Wednesday, March 3.

Tallman will speak about the recently installed wireless Internet access in Boardman and its coming activation in Heppner. He will also speak on other economic

development issues of concern to the county.

WCVEDG meets at 8 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Forest Service building in Heppner. The public is invited to attend. Anyone wishing to become a member of WCVEDG should contact either Marsha Kemp or David Sykes. Yearly dues are \$25.

DA's Report

Joseph Lorin Lachapelle was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance 2, a Class-C felony. His driver's license was suspended for six months and he was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$916 in fines and fees.

Curtis Ray Perkins pled no contest to Recklessly Endangering, a Class-A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 365 suspended days in jail, 40 hours of community service, 24 months bench probation, no contact with victim, completion of Anger Management and a misdemeanor alcohol package to be provided by Morrow County Behavioral Health and Tim VanCleave and payment of \$591 in fines and fees.

Donald Lee White was convicted of Sexual Abuse 2, a Class-C felony. He was sentenced to three years supervised probation, 90 days in jail, no contact with female/male under the age of 18 without prior court approval, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$916 in fines and fees.

Albert James Gandy was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance 2, a Class-C felony. His driver's license was suspended for six months and he was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$914 in fines and fees.

Jody Lea Hendricks was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance 2, a Class-C felony. Her driver's license was suspended for six months and she was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$916 in fines and fees.

Hendricks was also convicted of Harassment, a Class-B misdemeanor. She was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, one year bench probation, 20 hours of community service, completion of an Anger Management program and payment of \$526 in fines and fees.

Joseph Cart Corliss was convicted of Fraud-Credit Card/\$750, a Class-A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, 24 months bench probation and payment of \$1138.31 in restitution, fines and fees.

Mayra P. Ruelas was convicted of Harassment, a Class-B misdemeanor. She was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, one year bench probation, 20 hours of community service and payment of \$524 in fines and fees.

HLL still accepting registrations

Heppner Little League is still accepting registrations for Baseball, Softball, T-ball and Wiffle ball. Boys ages 4-12 and girls ages 4-15 can sign up until Friday, March 12; there will be no names taken beyond this date.

Also Little League, Inc. requires all coaches and

parents to fill out a volunteer form every year even if you only plan to work in the snack shack.

If you have any questions or want a registration packet, contact Robyn Skaggs at 676-8225 or Renee Yocom at 676-9821 or 676-9474.

Heppner Fire Advisory Committee to hold meeting

The annual Heppner Fire Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m., at the Heppner City Hall.

Among the items to be discussed will be the renewal of the contract for Rural Fire Protection.

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.)

"Run down" can be changed

To the Editor:

This is in defense of my previous letters to the Editor. The portion of the article in the East Oregonian I was referring to is where some officials describe City Hall as "a few run down rooms." In Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary the definition of run-down is: "dilapidated." Webster's definition of dilapidate is: "To bring (a building) into a condition of decay or partial ruin by neglect or misuse." This section of the article did not use words like antiquated, not modern, not up to code, outdated, or fire trap, to describe the condition of the City Hall; instead the words used were "run down." If this building is a "potential fire trap," as suggested by one Heppnerite, this fact should be brought to the attention of the state fire marshal, so the building can be condemned

and razed.

The picture the words "run down" brings to my mind's eye is: ceilings falling down, broken and missing floor tile, broken light fixtures, peeling paint, doors hanging by one hinge, damaged woodwork, etc. That is what I would describe as run down, and a shame for people to see. These things can be corrected.

One building that I feel could be described as run-down is the building in the City Corporation Yard.

One more thing. I would love to live in a five million dollar mansion, but I have to live within my means. I believe all levels of government should be required to do the same. After all it's our money.

(s) Gene Sonstegard
Heppner

Correction about Patterson Drug Store

To the Editor:

I well remember the Patterson Drug Store, which stood next to what was then the First National Bank of Oregon, when I was a little kid. Ben and Addie Patterson had the store, and my favorite sales clerk there was named Peg, and she was a cousin of Jim Prock. Patterson Drug was a Rexall pharmacy at the time, and my experiences there were from 1938 to 1943, when Benjamin R. (Ben) Patterson owned the store. He and his wife Addie lived in an apartment in a sort of closed-off mezzanine up a steep flight of stairs. They gave me my first sled as a Christmas gift.

There are several facts about John Patterson and his son Ben that need correction. John didn't marry Addie Bean, his son Ben did. His son Ben was a member of Heppner High School's first graduating class. I've seen the picture, and I'll bet it is in the Morrow County Museum. Addie Bean Patterson was about a second cousin of my mother, and she and Ben were the ones who introduced Mom (Helen Ames) to Harold Cohn, my Dad. Addie died at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in either late 1951 or early 1952, while I was away at school.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

At the February meeting of the Senior Citizens Board of Directors, the rules for use of the dining room were refined. Specific instructions about lights, garbage, cleaning and room arrangement are spelled out in an agreement, which each user is asked to sign. A base non-refundable deposit of \$20 for any use of the facility was approved. Additional charges are established according to use of dining room in connection or combination with kitchen, foyer, office and lounge. The contract agreement will spell out the specific needs and conditions for each user.

The Senior Center facilities have been use for public meetings, memorial services, receptions, and many kinds of celebrations. The refined rules are intended to insure that continuation of these traditional uses can be carried on with needs of all parties considered. "The Center fulfills its mission for being by its public use," is a comment frequently made by Pete Swarzin, president, as members review the activities. The Board approved

Obituaries

Mary Agnes Doherty

Mary Agnes Doherty, 83, of Pendleton, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004 at her home.

A funeral was held Feb. 24 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton with burial at Olney Cemetery.

Doherty was born Jan. 22, 1921, to James and Kate Daly.

She lived in the Lena area as a child and attended school at Pleasant Point and Pine City. She moved with her family to Butter Creek in 1936 and attended and graduated from Heppner High School in 1940.

After high school she attended nursing school in Pendleton for one year before marrying William J. Doherty on May 1, 1941. Together they lived and farmed at Sand Hollow near Lexington.

She enjoyed cooking for harvest crews and raising her children, William J., JoAnne Marie and Bernard Phillip.

She lived at Sand Hollow until the death of her husband in 1978, then moved to Pendleton and became active in Altrusa.

She enjoyed her family, the Blue Mountains and traveling.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Altrusa, Catholic Daughters and the Lexington Altar Society.

Survivors include her son, William J. Doherty and his wife Joan of Lexington; sisters, Patricia Boyd and Kathlene Stuvland, both of Pendleton; brother, Charlie Daly of Butter Creek; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Blanche O. Jones

Blanche O. Jones, 90, of Heppner, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at her home.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

The youngest of seven children, Jones was born Aug. 6, 1913, at Hardman, to John and Nellie Merrill Howell. She was a lifelong resident of the area, attending schools in Hardman and Heppner.

Her favorite childhood recollection was when the Indians would come to Hardman, set up their teepees and trade with her father and other residents of the area.

In 1930, she married Clarence "Cody" Wise. The couple was parents of a daughter, Darlene Wise Arrington. Mr. Wise died in 1970 and Darlene died in 1997.

During her lifetime, Jones had many occupations, including employment at a Heppner Bakery owned by the Wise brothers, waitressing, sales clerk and secretary. Her least favorite occupation was as a chicken plucker in a Swift's factory in the 1940s.

She enjoyed the outdoors, camping, and hunting with family and friends.

Around 1976, while working at the Morrow County Courthouse, she became reacquainted with a childhood friend who happened to be Morrow County Judge Paul W. Jones. The couple was married in 1977. During their years together they enjoyed camping in their RV and traveling the country, visiting family and friends. They also spent many hours working together on several projects for the senior

citizens of Morrow County. Mr. Jones died in 2000.

Survivors include granddaughters, Kathy Hedman, Dale Arrington and Bonnie McElmon; six great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, three stepchildren, Gary Jones of Heppner, Sandra Blake of Kent, Wash., and Ray Jones of Hermiston; seven step-grandchildren, and nine step-great-grandchildren.

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

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Joseph Kempas

Richard Joseph "Dick" Kempas, 61, of Lexington, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at his home.

A memorial service was held Feb. 21 at First Christian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 158, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Pool Calcutta benefit to be held for Ron Schwartz

A Pool Calcutta benefit for Ron Schwarz will be held Saturday, Feb. 28 at GD's Restaurant in Heppner. An auction, beginning at 4 p.m., will be held before the Calcutta. Those interested in playing in the Calcutta can sign-up at GD's Restaurant.

Schwarz was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in March of 2002. After chemo during the summer of 2002, an August scan showed he was tumor free. Later that year the tumors had returned and he was told he would have to undergo a stem cell transplant.

In October 2003 the transplant took place, but he suffered from "graft versus host" disease in which the grafted cells didn't mesh with his cells. This was very serious, but things began to turn around and at the last bone marrow biopsy 95 percent of the cells where from the graft.

Schwarz is feeling a lot better every day, but cannot be out among crowds yet as his immune system is still not up to par. He also has to go to Portland once a week. The next year and a half is still risky and if no problems come about in three years, they doctors will determine the transplant a success. His family believes with his positive attitude and sense of humor it will be.

Al Heppner passes away

Word has been received that Al Heppner, a descendent of Heppner founder Henry Heppner, recently passed away.

Heppner, a competitive race walker training for the Olympic team, visited Heppner in 1999 after meeting Jenny Krein in Chula Vista, CA when she interned for the Olympic Training Center. He had never been to Heppner before even though he was the great-great-grandnephew of the city's founder. While here in Heppner he was able to learn about his family's history and learned that his father, Max, had visited Heppner 30 years prior.

A full obituary for Heppner will be in next week's edition of the Gazette.

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