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Obituaries

Loa M. Snyder

Condon native Loa M. Snyder, 77, of Irrigon, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at her daughter's home in Truth or Consequences, N.M.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon. Disposition was by cremation.

Snyder was born Sept. 28, 1926, at Condon, to Willard Warren and Alice Loa Crall Keeney.

On May 19, 1943, she married Sam Irving Snyder at Condon. The couple had two children, a boy, Michael and a girl, Alice.

Snyder was a homemaker and was supportive of her children through 4-H leadership. She was said to be the backbone of her family and an inspiration to her children and grandchildren. Her family memoirs and genealogy are published in a book entitled "Wagon Ruts West," written by her brother, Ralph Keeney.

Snyder lived in Oregon most of her life and at Irrigon for many years, moving to her daughter's home in Truth or Consequences when she became ill with cancer.

Survivors include her son, Michael Ray Snyder of Irrigon; daughter, Alice E. Bryan of Truth or Consequences, N.M.; brothers, Ralph Ray Keeney of The Dalles and William Warren Keeney of Klamath falls; sisters, Ida Dee Kely of La Grande, Billie Fae Lacey of Heppner and Bessie Joe Lamoreaux of Renton, WA; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and many other relatives. She was preceded in

Marget M.

Dubuque

Marget M. Dubuque, 79, of Heppner, died Sunday, March 21, 2004, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. A graveside memorial service will be held Friday, March 26 at 1 p.m. at Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living Facility, P.O. Box 610, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Correction

The winners of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Irish Character Junior (Under 12) category were Mackenzie Hughes and Macy Gibbs, both girls were first as they entered together.

death by her husband, Sam in 1987, by her parents and by a brother, Jack LeRoy Keeney.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Doris Jean Jolliff

Doris Jean Jolliff, 74, of Pilot Rock, formerly of Heppner, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

At her request no service will be held. Inurnment will be at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Jolliff was born May 20, 1929, at Weston, to Oren and Pearl Orwick Brace. She attended school at Weston and Ione before moving to Heppner where she graduated from high school. She lived on the family ranch at Eightmile near Heppner.

On Sept. 23, 1976, she married Bill Jolliff at Reno, NV. The couple moved to Pilot Rock in 1983.

Jolliff was a homemaker throughout her life.

She enjoyed crocheting, working in the yard, riding four-wheelers and extensive travel with her husband.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Jolliff of Pilot Rock; sons, Glenn Jolliff and Keith Jolliff, both of Pendleton; brother, Bill Brace of Irrigon; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and by a brother, Jerry Brace.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

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.)

Don't let the BBC elect our next president

To the Editor:

When visiting pro-American friends in England very shortly after George Bush's election, I was surprised by their negative attitude towards President Bush. Due to the French airline strike at that time, I stayed in England longer than I intended. While passing time I watched a panel discussion on a TV station. I was literally stunned by the animosity shown towards the U.S. by the TV audience.

George Bush had barely been elected. He had no track record at that time by which the British public could judge his performance in office. The negative public reaction appears to have been promoted by the BBC.

Purchase of Klamath 1st building will be regrettable

To the Editor:

We have proudly lived and worked in this town since 1962, volunteering for many groups and committees for the betterment of the community and its residents.

But we honestly feel that if the city purchases the 'old Klamath 1st building,' we will all regret it for many years. We are not saying that the City Hall is fine, because it's not, but it could be improved. The down payment money (approx. \$79,000) would be a good start on up grading the old building. It doesn't need to cost \$300,000.

Let's not go in debt for an expensive building to maintain and support. Utilities alone will be more than double of what we pay now. Then there will be maintenance of the outside, painting the trim every 2-4 years, the roof repair (I understand the lower roof already needs some repair), upkeep of the carpet area and the expansive wall area won't be cheap to keep painted. Insurance on that huge building will become a large issue. The bank has done well at re-doing this building in the past. They have redecorated extensively about ever 10 years. That would have helped City Hall, a little up-dating periodically.

The second floor has not been touched since the remodel in the 1970's; it's much worse than City Hall. We want to buy a second story building that is half unusable? Can we afford to

renovate the second floor to make it useable? Then add an elevator to make it useable to the public? After we spend \$325,000 for the first floor? Also, the rental income that the city is counting on to put towards the payment to help convince you that this purchase would be a 'great deal' is a month to month situation, no signed lease, so no guarantees beyond 30 days that the income will be there.

We will be losing all the storage room (garage style) that the City Hall has and the maintenance crew's shop area. You can't drive into the bank to store a piece of machinery.

Mr. Sykes could purchase, or trade for another building to free up his land for the Fire Dept.'s needs. Also, keep in mind that the Bank of Eastern Oregon will occupy the bank building if they don't sell it to the city. They will remodel and use it as a processing center or offices for themselves. It will not sit vacant.

Please ask the city to publish all of the figures, buying, selling, and all of the expenses in the paper together and maybe let us vote on the project via our water bills. Do you know that we are already one of the highest taxed towns per capita in the state of Oregon? How much more can we stand, no matter which 'fund' it's for?

Maybe the mayor wouldn't be embarrassed about City Hall if he and his crews would have invested as much time and money in updating it, instead of the new 'Heritage Plaza' - another expense to the city for maintenance. Please call your city council members. (s) Jerry and JoyceKay Hollomon Heppner

MCS D down to two candidates

The Morrow County School District learned March 19, that superintendent candidate Mark Mulvihill has withdrawn his application.

Mulvihill, the principal of Desert View Elementary in Hermiston had taken an extensive tour of the district and gone through two interviews, but decided the job would not fit his needs.

The remaining two superintendent candidates are Duane Yecha of Reedsport and Mark Burrows of John Day. The decision on who will receive the position is still forthcoming.

Chamber supports City Hall presence on Main Street

To the Editor:

No new taxes, no new taxes, no new taxes, no increase in any city rates, no increase in any city rates, no increase in any city rates. Sometimes clarity comes from a little repetition.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce encourages our community to get the facts on the proposed City Hall move to the Klamath First Building from any of the Heppner City Council members or the remodel committee. As many of you know, the Bank of Eastern Oregon has offered to sell this building to the City.

At the request of the Heppner Chamber, a presentation was given during the past Tuesday meeting on the financial aspects of the proposal. The membership voted to support the project. It is the Chamber's understanding that there will be no additional taxes or fee increase to pay for the move. The City Hall Reserve Fund plus other funds set aside for the remodeling project help to lower annual payments to \$8,119 a year. If the move occurs, the Heppner Gazette has offered to purchase the

City responds to Sperry St. resident

To the Editor:

To show how quickly City Government can respond to the concerns of the individual, this is a letter I wrote to the city (which was somehow overlooked for last week's front page article in the GT), and the City Manager's response:

To the Mayor, City Manager and City Council:

I have some concerns about the City Corporation Yard, other than the ugliness. Does industrial zoning mean this property can be used for a landfill? Some residents of NW Sperry St., including myself, have witnessed a large amount of material being buried there in the past. Did the city have an EPA permit to bury this material? Was the burial site lined with anything prior to this burial? Why was the large pile of asphalt patching material spread over the ground within the City Corporation Yard, instead of being used to fill potholes? Should I be concerned about the possibility of contamination from this asphalt material, and the buried material, leeching into Willow Creek? I would appreciate an answer to these questions, because I fish in this part of the stream, and use the fish I catch.

Signed: Gene Sonstegard

Dear Mr. Sonstegard: Thank you for your letter regarding the City corporation yard on Riverside Avenue. The City council reviewed your letter at the March 8th meeting and asked that I write you a letter in response.

We are aware of the view of the property from Sperry Street. The City has, over the last few years, put considerable effort into cleaning up the property and

Births

Breanna Nicole Reyes Purcell- a daughter, Breanna Nicole, was born March 10, 2004, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Brandi Nicole Purcell and Jesus Cesar Reyes of Boardman.

Payton Ryne Xigenis- a son, Payton Ryne, was born March 14, 2004, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Jennifer Jannette Baldwin

City Hall, which would free up the Gazette space for the Fire Department. That would prevent having to locate the Fire Department in two separate places to meet space requirements. Sounds positive for all entities.

The Chamber feels that the City of Heppner would have a better presence on Main Street, would be more visitor friendly, offer additional space for public and council meetings, and create more people traffic. It is so important to keep Main Street vital and inviting to visitors. One of the first places visitors go for information about starting a business or moving to town is the City Hall. Often they form opinions about a town from that initial visit. We all want that to be a positive experience.

Please, if you have questions, see the City Council members who have the financial facts, and join the Heppner Chamber in supporting the project. (s) Victor Vander Does, Pres. Heppner Chamber of Commerce P.S. No new taxes and no rate increases.

have removed large piles of dirt and concrete and other unsightly materials. We will continue to make the property more attractive as time goes on. It is however, a working property in an industrial zone, and it may not always be the best looking property in town.

Your complaint regarding the alleged buried material is being investigated. As this reported material was buried many years ago, it will probably take some time to find it. We are working with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to unearth the material and check to see if there is any hazard involved with the burial. This operation should be completed by the end of June of this year. We have no reason to think that there is any contamination occurring in Willow Creek due to substances buried at the site of the City corporation yard.

The asphalt that was spread on the property was old cold mix, which was no longer suitable for pavement patching. The asphalt was spread on the site as the best way to use the material. There is no hazard associated with spreading asphalt on the property.

Because we are concerned with the way the corporation yard may appear when viewed from the residential properties on Sperry Street, we will be planting trees and shrubs along the creek bank. These plants will serve to screen the view, and will be environmentally friendly.

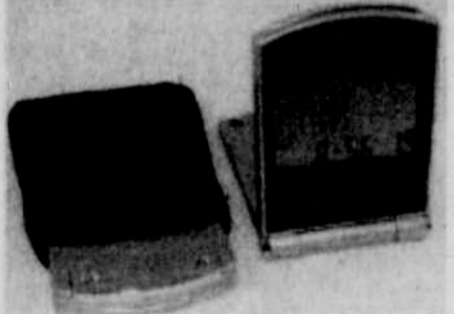
Thank you for your interest in the City of Heppner. Signed Gerald W. Breazeale

(s) Gene Sonstegard Heppner


and Christo Clarence Xigenis of Irrigon.

Kellen Joseph Joyce- a son, Kellen Joseph, was born St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2004, at Holy Rosary Medical Center in Ontario, OR. Kellen weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. His parents are Philip and Tina Joyce of Ontario. Grandparents are Gary and Marcia Kemp, Lexington and Kitsie Joyce of Ontario. Kellen joins a sister, Julianna Marie, 15 months, at home.

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