

Obituaries

Gregory Allan Groshens

Gregory Allan Groshens, 42, of La Grande, a Heppner native, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, at his home in La Grande of natural causes.

A graveside memorial service will be held May 20 at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Disposition was by cremation.

Groshens was born Dec. 23, 1961, at Heppner, to Victor L. and Judy Darnielle Groshens. He grew up in Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School in 1981. After graduation he enlisted in the Navy, beginning a 17-year career as a Seabee.

He received several meritorious commendations during the time he was stationed in Adak, AK; MuMurdo, Antarctica; San Jose, CA; and Corpus Christie, TX. As a Seabee he operated heavy equipment, which helped with the relief effort after Hurricane Andrew in Florida as well as another project involving a natural disaster in the Philippines.

After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to Oregon in 1998. He drove truck for Swift Transportation and Hale Trucking in Hermiston, Gary Smith Trucking in Baker City and Eastern Oregon Fast Freight in LaGrande until the time of his death.

He enjoyed spending time in the mountains and loved to fish. He loved to watch old movies and was very good at trivia on the subject. He liked to spend time with his extended family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Judy; brother, Scott W. Groshens; paternal grandfather, Vic Groshens and maternal grandparents, Burt and Eunice Darnielle.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Vic and Wanda Groshens of Baker City; brother, Harry Groshens of Pendleton; stepbrothers, Steve Hawkins and Scott Hawkins of Baker

City; grandmother, Virginia Groshens of Hermiston and other relatives.

Memorial contributions may be made to Doernbecker's Children's Hospital in Portland through Daniels Chapel of the Valley, 1502 7th Street, La Grande, OR 97850.

Ruth Lindstrom Dixon-Gess

Ruth Lindstrom Dixon-Gee, 92, of Hermiston, a resident of the area since 1994, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at a Hermiston care home.

A graveside service for Dixon-Gess was held May 6 at the Bonney Cemetery near Colton.

She was born Dec. 24, 1912, at Colton, to Edwin and Matilda As Lindstrom. She grew up in the Colton area and graduated from Colton High School. She later moved to Oregon City and then into Portland, where she lived for more than 50 years.

She was employed as a housekeeper for a few privileged families in Portland.

She was a devoted member of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

In 1994, she decided to retire and move to Irrigon to live with her daughter.

Survivors include a son, Carl Donald Dixon of Haines, AK; daughter, Wanda Marie Dixon-Greenslitt of Irrigon; grandchildren, DeAnn Dixon, Don Dixon, Katrina Shaw, Ronda Bratlie, Carl Gittings, Cindy Garman and RoxAnn Gittings-Peterson and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arnold Edward Melby

Arnold Edward Melby, 91, a longtime Heppner resident, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Deana's Adult Foster Care in Irrigon.

Disposition was by cremation. A private family scattering of cremains to be held at a later date.

Melby was born on a farm 10 miles from Minneota, MN on March 30, 1913 to Clarence and Katherine Jensen Melby. He

graduated from grade and high school at Bowdon, N.D. in 1932. He then attended and graduated from Concordia College with a bachelor of arts degree in music education in 1936. He received a master's degree in music education from Pacific University. He also attended University of Idaho, University of Colorado and University of Oregon.

He was a teacher for 33 years.

He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army from April 2, 1942 to Feb. 26, 1946. He served in both the European and Pacific Theaters of War.

Melby was a member of the American Legion Post #87, Elks Lodge #358 and life member of the Masonic Lodge #64 of Heppner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Avon, in 2003.

Survivors include daughters, Kathy Turner of Boardman and Sue Timm of Pocatello, ID; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Llewellyn Evans

Llewellyn Evans, 89, of Portland, who passed away May 3, 2004, was featured in The Oregonian in their Friday, May 7 edition.

Evans, born April 15, 1915 in Spokane, WA, grew up on a wheat and sheep farm in Lexington.

He started out in the newspaper business, but after 22 years, he left his editorial job at the Daily Journal of Commerce and bought Rose's Ice Cream restaurant in Portland. He ran the business for 12 years and had his six children help in the business. Rose's was in the family until the 1990s.

Before the newspaper and ice cream business, Evans moved to Los Angeles on a whim and there meet his wife, Marian. The couple had five girls and one boy.

After the death of a friend, Evans enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was a gunner with the 409th Bomb Group in Europe and flew more than 50 missions in A20 Havocs. After his time in Europe, he returned home to finish his journalism studies and was editor of the Daily Emerald at the University of Oregon in 1947.

Survivors include daughters, Kate Evans, Deborah Connell, Jeanne Moser, Sandra Frank and

Jane Johnson; son, Lew Evans Jr.; sister, Grew Thompson; and 10 grandchildren.

Remembrances may be made to World Harvest Mission Orphanage.

ODFW Offers Firearm & Skills Workshop

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in partnership with the Snake River Sportsmen is presenting a Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) workshop "A Day At The Range" on Saturday, May 22 at the Snake River Sportsmen Range near Vale.

Designed for women, BOW is a national outdoors skills program teaching introductory hunting and shooting skills, fishing and other outdoor activities. Several workshops are scheduled throughout the state offering a variety of outdoor skills instruction and experiences.

According to ODFW Education Coordinator Mary Hoverson, this workshop will provide instruction in firearm safety and give participants lots of time on the range to discover the excitement of shooting handguns, small bore rifles or shotguns. Classes in outdoor survival, big game hunting and orienteering are also available at the workshop. Although the workshop is designed for beginners, all skills levels are welcome.

"Members of the Snake River Sportsmen will teach and assist in the classes and are highly qualified and experienced instructors," said Hoverson. "The range facilities are as good as they get and participants can expect a quality educational and enjoyable experience."

The \$60 workshop fee provides participants with instruction in firearms safety, their choice of two classes, use of firearms, ammunition, safety equipment, meals and campsites if desired.

Registration forms and information about BOW's scheduled workshops are available at local Oregon fishing and hunting license vendors, or on-line at www.dfw.state.or.us under Outdoor Education, then click on Becoming an Outdoors Woman or by calling ODFW at (503) 947-6018 or (541) 963-2138.

Time is growing near," said Hoverson, "and those interested in participating should register as soon as possible."

Bridge to be fixed by next week



A new bridge replacing the one destroyed at Main and Campbell streets in Heppner should be completed next week, says city manager Jerry Breazeale. The repair job is a joint effort between the city and the county. A cement truck went through the bridge April 23. Residents have been driving up through Columbia Basin to get out from their homes.

Cardinal Booster Club discusses summer school improvements

Ione Cardinal Booster Club met May 3 at the Ione School library, with 10 members present.

It was reported the cost of the fence around the track practice area keeps going up, with the material now up to \$1800. It was agreed a professional should be hired to install it. Bids have not yet been received. Members suggested putting up signs to keep bicycle racers off the area over the weekend.

Coach Del LaRue announced he has eight people signed up to help sponsor the track meet at Condon on May 4. Dean Robinson and some of the eighth graders will also help.

Club members looked at Fourth of July t-shirt designs provided by Tom Shear's art class and made suggestions.

The gym floor will be redone over the summer. Dennis Stefani created floor designs, which club members discussed and approved. It was suggested Cardinal boosters may be willing to help pay for wording on the gym floor by buying a letter to offset the cost. In other gym improvements, the Big Sky Conference sign will be taken down and lettering repaired as well as new teams added. The Les Schwab sign will also be repainted to match the Cardinal red stripe on the

wall. The Wheatland Insurance sign is complete and ready to be placed in the gym.

Coach Dennis Stefani is still trying to organize a summer league tournament June 12-13. He will report to the club at the next meeting.

Two Site Council parent positions are up for reelection as well as the community position. Members will be contacted to see if they are interested in running again.

Members agreed they would like to sponsor the summer raft trip on the Deschutes River. Kari Morgan will be contacted to see if she is willing to organize the event. The money will help defray the cost of fencing the track area.

It was agreed the club will provide sports drink and bottled water for the playoff teams. The club will donate \$25 for each of those athletes going on to state competition.

Del LaRue reported there will be less Recreation District money coming in to Ione School to support athletic programs. Several suggestions were made to increase revenue, but no final action was taken.

The next meeting of Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at the school library.

ISD to hold Kindergarten Visitation

Ione School District will have a 2004-2005 Kindergarten Visitation Day on Thursday, May 20. The visitation will start at 10 a.m. and finish at 11:30 a.m. Students must be five years old by Sept. 1, 2004 to attend.

The children will be visiting the kindergarten classroom, participating in fun activities and may attend lunch in the cafeteria. Lunches are \$1.50.

There will be a brief meeting for the parents at 10 a.m. in the elementary faculty room. Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, Social Security number and immunization records to register their

child. For more information, call Dick Allen at 422-7131.

Murray receives Willamette University award

Luke Murray, a senior at Heppner High School, was selected as one of the 2004 Willamette University Scholars. With this selection he received a scholarship award of \$11,000. This award is renewable through his senior year.

Murray is the son of John and Ann Murray of Heppner.

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