

Obituaries

DeLois Jean Larson

DeLois Jean Larson, 69, of Irrigon, died Friday, June 4, 2004, at her home.

A funeral service was held 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 9, in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Interment will be at Skyview Memorial Park, Highway 395, south of Pendleton.

She was born Dec. 29, 1934, at Garvin, OK, to Eugene and Lois Belvin Jones. She grew up at Ada, OK.

In 1967, she received her nursing degree. It was said nursing was her lifelong passion, that the most joyful thing in the world for her was caring for people, young and old, and that she wholeheartedly threw all of her energies into nursing. She was known for being "always for the underdog."

She met Edward Larson, from Pendleton, at Modesto, CA. They were married May 27, 1980, at Yuma, AZ and lived at Dayton, AZ, for approximately 15 years before moving to Irrigon.

She loved fishing, crossword puzzles and bird watching. She loved all people, especially her patients.

Survivors include her husband, Edward Larson of Irrigon; daughters, Wynell Thomas of Ukiah and Viciki Lipke of Modesto, CA, stepdaughters, Lisa Ruiz and Shara Salverde, both of Pendleton; sons, Larry Walker of Irrigon and Charles Taylor of Shallow, AZ, stepson, Henry Larson of Pendleton; sisters, Kay Groover of Modesto, CA and Shirley Buker of Victor, MT; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard, Hermiston, OR 97838, directly or through Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Wheat Foundation announces scholarship

The Oregon Wheat Foundation awarded a \$500 scholarship to Megan Elizabeth McCabe, daughter of Kevin and Lori McCabe.

A graduate of Ione High School, McCabe was active with the Morrow County Rodeo Court, Ione Church Youth Group, 4-H, and was an assistant junior high volleyball coach. She plans to study agri-business at Blue Mountain Community College.

The Oregon Wheat Foundation sponsors scholarships to high school seniors whose parents are members of the Oregon Wheat Growers League or whose parents OWGL members employ. Scholarship applicants are asked to submit an essay about the wheat industry in addition to their scholastic and activity resumes.

Applications for 2005 scholarships will be available at www.owgl.org this fall.

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Kids' Fishing Derby results

The Heppner Kids' Fishing Day event was held on June 6 at Willow Lake. The event was co-sponsored by the Heppner Lions Club and the U.S. Forest Service, Heppner Ranger District. Attendance was very good, with 72 kids registering. The weather was interesting, with threatening clouds that held off until the event was finished.

This year, all kids received a packet at registration, with Smokey Bear items from the U.S. Forest Service and tackle courtesy of The Mid-Columbia Bass Club and High Desert Marine. The Heppner Lions Club contributed all of the refreshments. Many donations were received from the Mid-Columbia Bass Club, High Desert Marine, the John Day Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders, and Bi-Mart Corporation. In addition to first, second and third place prizes for each age group in the casting contest, all kids who registered qualified for a raffle at the end of the event. Every kid was a winner.

Results of the casting contest are as follows:
Under six years old - first place, Devon Brittner, winning a Zebco 404 Rod and Reel Combo; second, Kai Arbogast, Zebco 202 Rod and Reel Combo; third, Phillip Fishburn, FS Fishing Hat.

Seven to nine years old - first, Tyrel Fox, Zebco 404 Rod and Reel Combo; second, Jaden Orr, Zebco 202 Rod and Reel Combo; third, Skylar Hawks, Zebco Rod/Reel Combo; and Brandon Peck, FS Fishing Hat.

10 to 12 years old - first, Joanna Patton, Zebco 404 Rod and Reel Combo; second, David Owen, Zebco 202 Rod and Reel Combo; third, Tomas Zabel, FS Fishing Hat.

Lewis and Clark commemoration coming

The Oregon National Guard will present a Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Bicentennial Commemoration program on Friday, June 18. The program will be held at the Heppner Library, 444 N. Main Street, starting at 1:30 p.m. There is no charge and everyone is invited to attend and hear Lewis and Clark stories, see a grizzly bear paw print, use a sextant, or try on a uniform coat and hat. The Discovery Box has exact replicas of items taken on the expedition or encountered along the way.

For more information, contact Special Projects Officer, Major Alisha Hamel, at Alisha.Hamel@orngh.army.mil or call (503) 584-3573.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Executive Director

It seems impossible that it has been a year since the 100-Year Flood Commemoration and the dedication of the flood victims' memorial. On this 101st anniversary of the devastating event, one and all are invited to the dedication of the Willow Creek Dam/Lake sign. This dedication will be held at the lake overlook on Monday, June 14 at 5 p.m. The sign, donated by the Corp of Engineers, with just a little of John Edmundson's famous perseverance, is a great informational asset providing history for visitors. See you above the lake, next Monday.

History is an important part of all communities. Marsha Sweek left a legacy of hard work in the Morrow County Museum with hours of research, filing, acquisition of valuable display items, as well as her input in the creation of the Heppner Flood Video. I often think that it was her discussion with the Cascadia Folk Quartet, back then the Whamadiddle Dingbats, that inspired them to write the Heppner Flood Song. She will be missed by many and her efforts will continue on for years to come, with the help of dedicated volunteers. We appreciate her family sharing her during those years and our thoughts are with them.

And, for the most current history: Congratulations to our fine baseball players. Heppner is proud of them. It's not easy traveling across the state on the same day as graduation, a milestone in seven of their lives, and then racing back for the postponed event. It's a lot to ask in one day, and Heppner is proud of these young men as well as the other graduates who patiently waited to walk down the aisle. Success to all in becoming the person you wish to be. Come back.

Chamber businesses will welcome the dual sports riders who will be in Heppner this weekend for yet another OHV event. The Umatilla State Visitor Center called today for more information about Morrow County's new park. Seems that Washington visitors are stopping in to find their way to riding adventure. We hope they are hungry and want to stretch their legs in our stores as they travel this direction.

Thought for the week: "The man who never changes his opinions never corrects his mistakes."

Hospice Basket winner announced

The winner of the Pioneer Memorial Hospice "Basket for Books" raffle was June Harriger. June, her husband and their two teenage boys live southwest of Cecil. The family is enjoying every delectable morsel, especially June, who is partial to chocolate. June and her husband purchased their tickets from the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Arlington.

The basket was raffled to raise funds for a new grief program called "Sad is not Bad." The program instructs our teachers, as well as other interested groups, on children's grief, and provides age-appropriate books about grief and death to be given to children who have suffered a loss.

The staff members of the Bank of Eastern Oregon branches in Heppner, Condon, Arlington, Boardman, Irrigon and Ione were the driving forces behind the success of the raffle. They sold tickets in each branch and moved the basket between the branches via their couriers. Their hard work, and everyone's ticket purchases, earned \$685 to be used for the purchase of children's grief books. The program also caught the eye of the Morrow County employees ALSCME Union Local 2497. They liked the project and donated \$350 to "Sad is not Bad," bringing the purchasing power to \$1,035.

The Pioneer Memorial Hospice staff would like to extend appreciation to everyone for their support. "Sad is not Bad" will be an ongoing community outreach by the hospice staff and volunteers. You can donate to the project at any time by dropping your check in the mail to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836. For more information on the program please contact Molly Rhea, Hospice Director, at (541) 676-2946.

Elks to hold annual Father's Day picnic

Sunday, June 20, the Heppner Elks Lodge will again be hosting the annual Father's Day Picnic at Cutsforth Park for all current Elks members and their families.

The festivities will begin at 11 a.m., with hot dogs and beverages provided by the Elks. Salads and desserts are potluck.

Games and fun for all ages will be held. Games include: Coins in the Straw, egg toss, football accuracy

competition, softball and the annual horseshoe pitching match.

Pack up the kids and head to the mountains to enjoy a day with the family and some outdoor fun.

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Ione honors graduates at commencement ceremony

Fifteen students graduated June 4 from Ione High School. George Murdock, interim superintendent gave a message as did co-valedictorians Natalie McElligott and Paul Neiffer. Community members presented awards, the senior class gave special presentations and Emily Key presented a senior video.

Superintendent Murdock, Ione School District Board Chairman Joe McElligott and Ione Schools Principal Dick Allen handed out diplomas.

Scholarships were also announced at the ceremony. The following students received scholarships:

Johnny Collin- Ione Volunteer Firefighter's Association (\$200), Ione Youth Group (\$100), Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Carl W. Troedson (\$1000), and Mid Columbia Bus Company (\$300).

Tim Doherty- Swede and Frances Carlson Memorial (\$200).

Billy Gates- Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Ione American Legion Post #95 (amount unknown), Elk's Scholarship (amount unknown), Outstanding Senior Athlete (no monetary amount), OSAA Scholar Athlete Award (amount unknown), Mike Mathews Memorial Scholarship (\$1000), South Morrow County Trust (amount unknown), Bank of Eastern Oregon (\$500) and Carl W. Troedson (\$1000).

Emily Key- Ione Youth Group (\$100), Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship (\$500), City of Ione (\$200), Mike Mathews Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) and Class of 1968 Memorial (\$250).

Megan E. McCabe- Oregon Wheat Growers (amount unknown), Carl W. Troedson (\$1000), Red and Gena Leonard Scholarship (\$2000) and Blue Mountain Tuition Waiver (amount unknown).

Meghan McCabe- Ione Youth Group (\$100), Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Ken Snider Memorial Scholarship (\$1000), Swede and Frances Carlson Memorial (\$200), Willow Valley Service Club (\$600), Bank of Eastern Oregon (\$500), Class of 1968 Memorial (\$25), Carl W. Troedson (\$1000) and Umatilla Morrow Farm Bureau (\$50).

Natalie McElligott- Army Reserve Scholar Athlete (amount unknown), Ione Youth Group (\$100), Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Ione Booster Club (\$300), Class of 2000 (\$100), Elk's Scholarship (amount unknown), Outstanding Senior Athlete (no monetary amount), South Morrow County Trust (amount unknown), Bank of Eastern Oregon (\$500), Carl W. Troedson (\$1000) and Top Gun Challenge (\$400).

Paul Neiffer- Army Reserve Scholar Athlete (amount unknown), Ione Youth Group (\$100), Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Ione Booster Club (\$300), Class of 2000 (\$100), Elk's Scholarship (amount unknown), OSAA Scholar Athlete Award (amount unknown), Mike Mathews Memorial Scholarship (\$1000), South Morrow County Trust (amount unknown), Carl W. Troedson (\$1000) and Sam Walton Community Scholarship (\$1000).

Bill Ross- Carl W. Troedson (\$1000).

Heppner honors graduates at commencement ceremony

Thirty-one students graduated June 5 from Heppner High School. The group was welcomed by Principal Wade Smith. Members of the class presented the honored guests and gave a video presentation. Les Payne, former HHS teacher, was the honored speaker at the service. Brooklyn Olin and Brian Haguewood gave a musical performance and class advisor and teacher Mark Dowdy presented awards. Morrow County School District Board Chairman Barney Lindsay gave an affirmation of graduation.

Principal Smith and interim superintendent George Murdock presented diplomas.

Scholarships and awards were also presented during the ceremony. The following students received scholarships:

Blake Allstott- HHS Student Council (\$500), Heppner Booster Club (\$300), Heppner Lion's Club (\$250), Heppner Elks Most Valuable Student (\$350) and Carl W. Troedson (\$1000).

Justin Botefuhr- Kemp Family Scholarship (\$500) and Carl W. Troedson (\$1000).

Tanner Britt- Stan Kemp Memorial (\$500).

Lindsey Clough- American Legion Post #87 (\$150) and Red and Gena Leonard Foundation (\$2000).

Chuy Elguezabal- MCEA Scholarship (\$500), Jim Barrett Award, Kristi Haguewood-Huber (\$500).

Brian Haguewood- Hilda Yocom Memorial (\$200), Willow Valley Service Club (\$600), Heppner Booster Club (\$300), Heppner Lion's Club (\$250), Heppner Elks Vocational/Technical (\$1000) and Carl W. Troedson (\$1000).

Judd Lemmon- Heppner Booster Club (\$300), Heppner Lion's Club (\$250) and Carl W. Troedson (\$1000).

Chantea Macaulay- American Legion Auxiliary (\$150), Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home Auxiliary Association (\$200), Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation (\$350), Heppner Booster Club (\$300) and Heppner Lion's Club (\$250).

Luke Murray- South Morrow County Trust (\$500), American Legion Auxiliary (\$150), Heppner Booster Club (\$300), Heppner Elks Most Valuable Student (\$700) and Carl W. Troedson (\$1000).

Kiel Nairs- Mid Columbia Bus Company (\$300) and Heppner Garden Club (\$500).

Courtney Nelson- Masonic Lodge (\$500) and Carl W. Troedson (\$1000).

Brooke Rust- HHS Student Council (\$500) and Heppner Elks Most Valuable Student (\$300).

Erik Torres- Red and Gena Leonard Foundation (\$2000).

Cody Walton- South Morrow County EMT Association (\$200), Masonic Lodge (\$400), Mike Currin Memorial (\$400), Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation (\$350), Heppner Booster Club (\$300) and Heppner Lion's Club (\$250).

Ivy Zimmerman- Red and Gena Leonard Foundation (\$2000) and Carl W. Troedson (\$1000).