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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.)

Mayoral position should be filled by qualified candidate

To the Editor:

In the near future, it will be time to vote for someone to fill the office of Mayor of Heppner. I will not place my name on the ballot for mayor, as has been suggested by some, because I do not feel qualified to fill the position, but there is someone that I believe is well qualified.

As a member of the city council, he has demonstrated a sense of fiscal responsibility. From articles I've read, it appears he was instrumental in reducing the cost of upgrading the city water system by an estimated \$3,000,000 and his was the only vote cast in opposition of spending \$325,000 to purchase a building in need of costly repairs. This seems to show a genuine concern for the taxpayers, property owners and all residents of this fair city. That person is

Tom Wolff. Now, if someone could convince him to place his name on the ballot for mayor it would be a big plus.

Isn't it great to live in a country where everyone is guaranteed the freedom of speech, the freedom to express an opinion whether it is pro or con? Both the U.S. Constitution and the Oregon Constitution guarantee us all this freedom, with absolutely no requirement to be a member of any group, or participate in any project whatsoever. I believe that government at every level must be held accountable for its actions—that government is not infallible, and does sometimes make decisions that are not in the best interests of the people and should be challenged by the people. God bless America and all its freedoms.

(s) Gene Sonstegard
Heppner

Update on Deanna Peck

To the editor:

For those that want to encourage and support and touch Deanna Peck she can receive visitors between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Marquis Care Center, Mt. Tabor, 6040 SE Belmont in Portland.

It will take months for her injuries to heal and only God knows whether she will recover from her brain trauma.

I believe she is encouraged by every prayer and hears every card and note written to her that will

be read by the nursing staff at Mt Tabor. Prayer works miracles, and cards touch the heart with love. Never give up hope.

(s) Stuart Dick
Pendleton

New times for Kids' Quest Crusade

The Kids' Quest Crusade will be held Aug. 11-13 from 6-8 p.m. at Christian Life Center in Heppner.

The Crusade is for Kindergarten through sixth grade aged children. There will be games, prizes, dramas and many "fun and crazy" characters.

All youth are invited to attend. For more information contact Christian Life Center at 676-5581.

Obituaries

Arnold James Braat

Arnold James Braat, 88, of Boardman, died Monday, Aug. 2 at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Hopewell Community Church, 21600 S.E. Church Road, Dayton, OR. Graveside inurnment of cremains will follow at the Hopewell Cemetery in Hopewell.

Braat was born April 17, 1916 at Dayton to Maarten and Leah L. (Rusk) Braat. He lived in Dayton/Unionvale until 1959 when he moved to Eastern Oregon and enjoyed developing raw acreage into farmland.

On Feb. 3, 1952, he married Mary Lou at the Unionvale Community Church.

Braat never officially retired from farming or telling jokes and tall tales. He was known by everyone as the "Storyteller." He always enjoyed watching crops and animals grow and had an amazing ability to predict the weather through his acute observation of nature.

He was a life member of the Farm Bureau Association and served as the president of the Umatilla-Morrow chapter for 10 years. He was the judge for the tractor pulling contest at the Umatilla County Fair for many years.

He spoke to the Oregon State Legislature several times as a representative for the farmer's side of the issues, but only after he told the Legislature a joke. He enjoyed studying law and used his knowledge in court. He is the author of the shortest legal brief submitted to the Oregon Supreme Court (and won the case).

Braat wrote a joke book, "Bits of Braat's Baloney" and his jokes were also published in Farm and Ranch, Nostalgic and Reader Digest magazines and were read internationally. He also won first place in the Pendleton Rendezvous Liar's contest. One German fan compared Braat's tall tales to the famous Baron von Munchhausen.

He enjoyed music and performed in the USO clubs during World War II. It's believed that he owned the first semi-truck in the Willamette Valley. He enjoyed attending the annual Umatilla Electric Co-Op meetings.

Braat always took the time to help other people.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Mary Lou Braat, of Boardman; son, Loren Braat of Fairbanks, AK; daughters, Dr. Lynel Braat of Portland, Gelene Brizendine of Enterprise and Connie Braat; granddaughter, Brady Brizendine of Eagle, ID; and great-grandson, Samuel Peterson of Eagle, ID. He was preceded in death by five sisters, Doris Braat,

Pauline Fowler, Agnes Jensen, Delphine Finnicum and Shirley Lee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Unionvale Community Church, 18725 S.E. Wallace Road, Dayton, OR 97114 or the Boardman Senior Center at 209 N.W. 1st Street, Boardman, OR 97818.

Burns Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

John Louis Smith

John Louis Smith, 72, of Walla Walla, died on July 23, 2004 at Walla Walla General Hospital.

A private family gathering was held July 25 at Walla Walla.

Smith was born July 25, 1931 in Heppner to William Clark and Myrtle Wilkerson Smith. He attended Heppner schools.

He served in the United States Army from March 7, 1949 to Nov. 20, 1953.

He was married to Irene Heintz and later divorced.

He moved to Walla Walla in 1971. He worked for Martin Roofing and retired with the company.

He married Roberta L. Belo on May 20, 1989, then divorced and then remarried Nov. 23, 1997 in Walla Walla.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta, at the home; four daughters and sons-in-law, Genie and Fred Emerson of Walla Walla; Tina Dickerson; Kathy and Tim Patten of Kennewick, WA; Tresa and Mike Dennis of Coolie City, N.C.; one son, Berry L. Smith of Kennewick, WA; one stepson, Bill Belo of Walla Walla; three sisters, Adine Stone of Heppner, Maxine Jenkins of Benson City, WA and Hazel Easter of Mt. Airy, N.C.; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son and a sister.

Fred Pointer

Fred Pointer, 90, of Hemet, CA, died July 28, 2004.

A memorial service was held Aug. 1 at the Colonial Country Club in Hemet, CA.

Pointer was born Nov. 24, 1914 at Lexington to Charles and Maude Pointer.

He operated Pointer Seafood in Corvallis for over 30 years before retiring to Hemet in the early 1970s. He was a lifetime member of the Corvallis Elks.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Pointer; children, Larry Pointer of Longview, WA, Joe Pointer of San Francisco, CA; Carole Koenig of Seattle, WA; Ann Hankins of Elephant Butte, N.M. and Jim Pointer of Lebanon; sister, Harriet Batty of Heppner; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, George and Donald.

Betty O. Beebe

Betty O. Beebe, 71, of Lexington, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at her home.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Aug. 12 at 11 a.m., at the First Christian Church in Heppner.

She was born May 18, 1933, at Trading Post, KS, to Buel Alonzo and Anna Lee Wisdom Turpen. She grew up and attended school at Trading Post and lived in the Midwest until moving to Washington in 1944. She moved to Oregon in the early 1970s.

On Oct. 9, 1988, she married Gerald Beebe at Bingen, WA. The couple lived at The Dalles and Boardman before moving to Lexington.

Beebe enjoyed cooking and was noted for her great apple pies.

She was a Christian woman and attended church regularly.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald Beebe of Lexington; son, Charles Arnold in Wisconsin; daughter, Letha Dyer of The Dalles; sisters, Fern Tyron of Independence, MS, Dorothy Kendrick of Warrensburg, MS and Letha Cumiford of Prescott, KS; brothers, Lonnie Turpen of Pleasanton, KS, Clifford Turpen of Tucson, AZ and John Turpen of Pasco; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brothers, Joe Turpen and Roy Turpen and unnamed triplet brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Robert William Campbell

Robert William Campbell, 83, of Lexington, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Lexington Cemetery.

He was born May 13, 1921, at Heppner, to Roy and May Severance Campbell. He attended rural Social Ridge School for three years then Lexington School, graduating in 1939 from high school. Outstanding in athletics and academics, he received the citizenship award. He attended Pacific University for one semester before returning home to assume operation of the family ranch. A severe case of rheumatic fever prevented his participation in World War II.

His nieces and nephews delighted in visiting Uncle Bob's room where a large chalkboard hung on the wall and he taught each one math, algebra and trigonometry.

In 1980, he and his younger brother, Roger, were named Soil Conservation Members of the Year in Morrow County.

After his retirement, he took classes at Blue Mountain Community College in computer science, business, bookkeeping and other subjects.

He and his companion, Audrey Stanley, traveled extensively throughout Central Oregon.

His great accomplishment in retirement was genealogy,

with massive amounts of paper remaining to be studied.

Survivors include brothers, the Rev. Donald Campbell and wife, Evelyn and Roger Campbell and wife, Iris, both of Lexington; nieces and nephews, Dr. Greg and Laura (Campbell) Mlynarczyk of Santa Rose, CA, Bill and Patti Campbell of Sandy, Nancy Nash of Pendleton, Debbie Russell of McAllen, TX and David Campbell of Riverton, WY; 11 great nieces and nephews and a great-great-niece and a great-great-nephew; and his longtime companion, Audrey Stanley, and her caregiver daughter, Janette Gowan.

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

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Marriage Licenses

Aug. 3: Virgil Duane Seeley, 79, Irrigon and Arland LaVerne Williams, 66, Irrigon; Daniel Robert VanSchoiack, 44, Heppner and Rita Teresa Amadoro, 45, Lake Oswego.

Aug. 4: Jason Scott Patterson, 31, Heppner and Amy Lee Grove, 26, Heppner.

Aug. 6: Troy John Johnson, 24, Irrigon and Shannon Darlene Verley, 26, Irrigon; Benjamin David Reynolds, 26, Tigard and Desiree Renea Hendricks, 26, Richland, WA; and Bradley Hues Beaty, 21, Irrigon and Crista Lee Brickey, 19, Irrigon.

Justice Court

Simon Winters, 57, Lexington, DUII Diversion. Catherine M. Robey, 18, Heppner, VBR 65/45, fine \$108.

DA's Report

Juan Jose Garcia Gomez was convicted of Possession of a Forged Instrument-1, a Class-C felony. Gomez was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$914 in fines and fees.

Chaunesy Lynn Allen admitted to violation of probation allegations for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Allen's probation was revoked and he was sentenced to six months in jail and 12 months probation.

Sherill Mark Garrett was convicted of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, a Class-C felony. He was sentenced to three years supervised probation and payment of \$166 in fees.

Births

Yazeli Diony Lomas Ayala- a daughter, Yazeli Diony, was born Aug. 3, 2004 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Norma Lomas Ayala and Roberto Lomas Hernandez of Boardman.

Faith Eva McMillan- a daughter, Faith Eva, was born Aug. 5, 2004, at North Collier Hospital in Naples, FL. Parents Marion and Meredith McMillan of Lehigh Acres, FL, will be finalizing the adoption of Faith within the year. Faith joins sister, DomN'quie and brothers, Joey and Bryan at home. Grandparents are Myrtle McMillan of Lexington and Loretta Menending of Fort Walton Beach, FL.

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