

Obituaries

Arlen Jones

Arlen Jones, 58, of Irrigon, formerly of Wallowa County, died of cancer Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004 at the Veterans Nursing Skilled Care Unit (NSCU) Hospice Center in Vancouver, WA.

There will be a private family service held later.

Jones was born Aug. 10, 1946, at La Grande, to

Claude and Mildred Jones. When he was 10 years old, the family moved to Drain, where he attended grade school. When he was 13 years old, he came to Wallowa County to live with his sister, Ellen and brother-in-law, Bill Crow, at Lostine.

He attended high school at Lostine and Enterprise and in his senior year, he left school to join the Marines. From 1966 to 1973 he belonged to the Marines,

earning many medals including two Purple Hearts. He served in Vietnam for two hitches and then in Japan and stateside until he left the service.

In California, he met and married Ruth Larson. They were divorced in 1987. He then moved to Irrigon to work at Oregon Potato until he became disabled. When he became ill with cancer he returned to Wallowa to again live with his sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Bill Crow.

He loved to go to the Snake River to catfish and he loved spending time in the great outdoors.

Survivors include nine sisters and three brothers, Ellen Crow, Wallowa, Edythe Kube, Pendleton, Sharon Blaylock, Vale, Janet Kauwe, Albany, Charlotte Linquest, Sweet Home, Susan Bouse, Albany, Jackie LaMar, Roseburg, Kathy Rand, Roseburg, Linda Barnett, Oakland, Robert Nash, Curtin, Jerry Nash, Springfield and Claude Jones, Albany; also many nieces and nephews and an aunt. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his ex-wife.

Ray Davis

Francis Ray Davis, 85, of Spray, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Prineville.

At his request there will be no funeral service. Disposition was by cremation. A celebration of life gathering for Davis will be held in December.

Davis was born Feb. 15, 1919, at Redmond, to Jess and Rene Robbins Davis. The family later moved to Winlock, OR where he grew up.

On April 15, 1939, he married Marjorie Sams of Winlock.

He served with the Army during World War II.

Davis had been employed as a lumber piler, a truck driver and a timber faller, retiring at age 73. When he was 75, he got a well driller's license and worked drilling wells until he was 85.

Davis was an avid hunter who liked camping and being in the outdoors.

His family was said to be most important in his life and it was said he had a heart as big as himself, that he touched everyone and never met a stranger.

The couple had been married for 65 years and lived at Winlock until June when they moved into Spray.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie of Spray; children, Jean Gurrero of Portland, Wayne Davis and his wife, Judy of Heppner, Shawn Davis and wife, Linda, of Spray, Elizabeth Davis of Spray and Tyson Davis with the military, special daughter, Diane Peterson of Spray; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and sons, Gaylord Davis and Harold Davis.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Marie G. Wadholm

Marie G. Wadholm, 74, of Hermiston, died Oct. 13, 2004 at the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004 at 11 a.m. at the

Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner.

She was born on Feb. 17, 1930 in Scottsbluff, NE to parents, Barney and Minnie Wilson Oldfield. Her family moved to Heppner when she was a little girl. He mother died as the result of an accident and her grandmother, Cora Wilson then raised her. She was raised and attended schools in Heppner. She lived in Heppner for most of her life.

She moved to Hermiston several years ago and had lived at the Good Samaritan Center in assisted living and later the nursing home.

Wadholm was a former member of the Heppner Assembly of God Church. She enjoyed walks to town while living in Heppner, watching soap operas, getting flowers and going out to eat.

She is survived by her son, Richard Wadholm of Emerald, ND; daughter, Carolyn Bookman of Portland; half-brother, Bob Oldfield in Indiana; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Assembly of God Church directly or through Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Earl James Frazure, Jr.

Earl James Frazure, Jr., 73, of Irrigon, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at his home in Irrigon.

A funeral will not be held at this time. Disposition was by cremation.

Frazure was born Aug. 5, 1931, at Walla Walla to Earl James and Sadie Maude Collins Frazure, Sr.

He worked for the Walla Walla County Road Department as an equipment operator for a number of years before moving to Irrigon where he worked for Simplot Potato as an equipment operator.

He was a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Association and also a member of the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his children, Mark Frazure and Kelly Robinson, both of Anchorage, AK; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Frazure of Milton-Freewater; sisters, Hazel Lytle and Carol Royce, both of Walla Walla, Joan Carlile of the Tri-Cities and Diane McMillen of Tampa, FL. He was preceded in death by a daughter, his parents and a sister.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Child safety course to be held

An eight-hour Child Passenger Safety Installer training course will be held on Friday, Nov. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Boardman. The class will be held at the Riverfront Center (Port of Morrow), 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

Registration for the class is required. There will be no fee and the class is a DPSST certified course. To register, contact Sheree Smith with the Morrow County Public Health Department at 676-5421.

Shamrockettes winners announced

Cindy Doherty of Heppner was the winner of the Shamrockettes dance group raffle of \$100 of groceries. She won a \$50 gift certificate from Central Red Apple Market and \$50 in groceries.

Cheyenne Rogers was the winner of the Oktoberfest raffle of a "peacock quilt," also sponsored by the Shamrockettes.

Garbage still being dumped at Neighborhood Center



Stained clothing and other garbage left over weekend.

Despite numerous attempts to curb the problem, garbage is still being left at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. This time four large garbage bags were left at the far entrance over the week.

"Only nine pieces out of four big bags were recovered," said Neighborhood Center coordinator Janice Skaggs, who took the time to try to go through the bags.

Most of the clothing was severely covered with paint stains, or was ripped and shredded and not even usable as rags.

"Just because people don't have a lot of money doesn't mean they want to wear junk," added Skaggs. "Please only donate good, usable items."

The Neighborhood Center works to help low-income families receive food and clothing when needed. The food and clothing comes to the Center through donations. When garbage is left it takes time, and money, away from the Center and those in need.

Ponies win against Panthers



(L-R): Stephanie Rill, Stephanie Cutsforth, Sheryl Peck, Melissa West and Kathryn Strouse.

By Kim Cutsforth

Ponies played Athena-Weston Panthers on Friday, Oct. 22.

The C-team played well and won their match with the best scores in two out of three games, scoring: 24-26, 25-15 and 15-4.

The B-team won their match in two games, scoring: 27-25 and 25-19.

The A-team finished their league season winning their match in two games, scoring: 25-16 and 25-18.

Ione JV defeats Echo

By Marie Key

Ione JV girls defeated Echo in two games at Echo on Tuesday, Oct. 19. The scores were 25-14 and 25-16.

Brittnee DesBouillons led the team with nine points, three aces and 10 passes. Kylee Svetich and Emily Rietmann had eight points each. Svetich also had one ace and 11 passes. Rietmann had three

aces, two dumps, eight set assists and seven passes.

Others assisting the win were Kaylee Palmateer and Kayla LaRue with four points each. Palmateer also had two aces, one kill, seven passes and five set assists. LaRue had three aces and eight passes. Teonna Vandever contributed two points and seven passes and Julianna VandenBrink had two passes.

Morrow County School District shares position on Ione charter school plans

By Mark Burrows, MCSD Superintendent

I read with interest the headline, "Morrow County School District Opposes Ione School District Charter School Move." I was disappointed to find nothing in the article that explains Morrow County School District's position. Despite the headline, except for one second-hand quote alleged to a MCSD board member, the article is essentially about actions taken by the Ione School District. I thought Gazette Times readers might be interested in Morrow County School District's point of view.

As the superintendent of Morrow County School District, I am interested in educating children, not pursuing a feud. Ione's separation is a fact. They are a sovereign school district and our neighbor. My desire is that the ISD acts as a responsible public agency and a good neighbor embracing the spirit and letter of the law. If the Ione School district believes that certain MCSD resident students should attend school in Ione, the Morrow County School District is certainly willing to negotiate in a neighborly manner. The Ione School District has not asked for a public discussion, instead they have engaged in questionable, un-neighborly practices:

1. Arranging for buses to cross district lines and transport Morrow County School District resident students to Ione without the knowledge or permission of MCSD officials.

2. Accepting athletic participation from unreleased Morrow County School District resident students in violation of Oregon State Athletic Association regulations.

3. Refusing to acknowledge that on June 26, 2003 at a school district boundary board hearing held at the Umatilla-Morrow ESD, the Ione Self-Determination Committee represented by Joe McElligott, Anne Morter and Jerry Rietmann agreed to the boundaries of their new school district. The argument advanced by some Ione residents that Lexington/Pine City kids traditionally attended Ione refuses to recognize that Ione requested and received new legal status and new legal boundaries. I would liken their argument to a man requesting a divorce from his wife. Then, after the decree was final and the assets divided, showing up at his formal domicile and telling his former spouse, "You know traditionally I have certain rights and privileges in this house."

ORS 338 allows for the development of charter schools for the purpose of creating new and innovative educational programs. Other charter schools in the state have defined themselves by curriculum in the fine arts, science and technology; or have pursued flexible, alternative ways to educate certain populations of students that have traditionally not done well in public schools. The Ione charter is not about innovative education. The charter speaks to community involvement and research-based curriculum, the hallmarks of any effective public school.

If the Ione School District wishes to engage in innovative educational practices, more power to them. But this is simply not the case. The Ione charter is yet another example of questionable, un-neighborly practices. Although ISD agreed to boundaries, they want to receive state basic support dollars for students that are residents of MCSD. The Ione School District charter plan is simply a means to an end. The end as stated in the Sept. 22, 2004 and Oct. 20, 2004 Gazette Times, and the only reason reported for becoming a charter school is receiving state basic support from Morrow County School District resident students. The Morrow County School District is not against charter schools. The Morrow County School District is not against innovation in Ione. We have submitted a resolution to the Oregon School Board Association dealing with charter school inter-district transfers because we are against the subversion of charter school legislation for the purpose of expanding district boundaries.

I'm passionate about all students receiving the best possible education. It is my job to see to it that education be delivered in the most economical, effective manner. Currently, the Ione School District has enrolled over 20 Morrow County School District resident students. They receive no state basic support for these students. Morrow County School District receives no support for these students. The result is that well over \$100,000 remains in Salem and does not support our children or flow into the Morrow County economy. The logical solution is that the school districts do not employ "back door" tactics, but sit down and talk about reaching a mutually satisfying agreement. There is precedent for inter-district agreements across the state. I am aware that an attempt to reach such an agreement failed last year. Rep. Greg Smith has agreed to facilitate another meeting soon. I am hopeful that we can do better this year.

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