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## Support Our Troops group to prepare care packages

The Support Our Troops support group will be meeting on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. in the Methodist Church basement for a work party to put together care packages.

Donations are still being accepted for the packages. A bank account is being set up at Bank of Eastern Oregon for monetary donations and boxes are located at St. Pat's Senior Center and BEO for all other items.

Suggested items for donation include: heat resistant candy; writing paper and envelopes along with pens or pencils; toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and mouthwash; instant coffee, powdered drink mixes and teas; beef jerky, canned fruit with pop-top

lids, Girl Scout cookies, Pop-Tarts and tuna kits; board games, preferably travel size, such as Checkers or Chess and playing cards; books, magazines, newspapers; baby wipes, Chapstick, eye drops, deodorant, foot powder, nail clippers, Q-Tips, sunscreen and toilet paper; ziplock baggies, batteries, fly swatters, pre-paid phone cards, socks, sunglasses; and seasonal items, such as unbreakable holiday decorations, etc. For a complete list of suggested items you can visit www.OperationShoeBox.com and click on Item List.

Anyone interested in joining the support group is welcome. For more information about this project or the group, contact Evelyn Sweek at 676-9483.

## ODOT schedules Lexington public information meeting

A public information meeting will be held on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Lexington Town Hall, located at 150 W. Main, Lexington. The meeting is being held as a follow-up to the Aug. 17 meeting regarding proposed 2005 roadway improvements to State Highway 52 in Lexington.

The improvements are scheduled from A Street to F Street and include pavement overlay and limited bicycle-pedestrian facilities. Improvements to the intersection of Highway 52 and Highway 207 in Lexington have been

included in the project based on earlier public input.

Anderson Perry and Associates, Inc., a consulting engineering firm contracted by ODOT to design the roadway improvements in Lexington, will be present to outline the project, answer questions and obtain further public input on the roadway improvements. Residents and business owners in Lexington and others interested in the proposed project are encouraged to attend. For more information about this meeting, please contact Howard Perry at (541) 963-8309.

## 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.)

### Symphony and Chorale bring entertainment to county

To the Editor:  
My wife and I attended the concert of the Willow Creek Symphony and Chorale at Ione yesterday afternoon. It was a very enjoyable concert and well worth the effort of driving to Ione to attend.

The Willow Creek Symphony and Chorale

provides a nice enhancement to life in our broader community in the Willow Creek Valley.

The musicians and their director are commended for their efforts to bring good entertainment to our citizens.

(s) John Edmundson  
Heppner

### Music strikes note in Ione

To the Editor:  
We were so pleased to attend the Willow Creek Symphony and Singers concert last night in Ione. We are fortunate to have such a talent performing here in our small community. The symphony and chorus conducted by R. Lee Friese related well to the packed audience in bringing back familiar melodies of yesteryear.

A group of the older "kids" from the Willow Creek Assisted Living sat in a reserved section and

listened intently to music that brought back memories of old movies and memories of their more active years.

All in all, our hats our off to the Willow Creek Symphony and Singers for an evening of solid enjoyment for young and old alike. For those of you who missed it, we understand that they will perform in Heppner on April 17. We will see you there.

(s) Bob and Suzanne Jepsen  
Heppner

## Christmas Tree auction and raffle generates over \$2000



Sally Larsen with the "Christmas Ball Bonanza" tree she won in the raffle.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Auction and Raffle generated \$2352. This year's event was sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and Pioneer Memorial Hospice. Fifty percent of the monies will go to support the Hospice.

Sally Larson, from the Post Office, won the raffled tree. She chose the Christmas Ball Bonanza created by Central Red Apple. Larsen donated the tree back and Sherree Mahoney purchased it.

Winner of the People's Choice award was the "Red Hat Extravaganza" created by the Red Hat Rowdies.

Tree sponsors and tree purchasers were: Heppner Hardware- Jerry Breazeale; US Forest Service Employees- Victor

Vander Does; Bank of Eastern Oregon- Jim Swanson, Wheatland Insurance; Bank of Eastern Oregon Mortgage Department- Greg Rietmann; Wheatland Insurance- Bank of Eastern Oregon; Sherrell Insurance- Merlin Hughes; U.S. Postal Service- Nancy Snider, Wheatland Insurance; Pioneer Humane Society- Howard Mullins; Central Red Apple- Sherree Mahoney; Peterson's Jewelers- Jim Hayes; Red Hat Rowdies- Rita Britt, Britt Excavations; Murray Drug and Country Rose- Erin Anderson; Morrow County Grain Growers- Kim Houweling, Central Red Apple; Heppner Elementary- Carri Grieb, Grieb Land Co.; and Mustang Pride- Greg Rietmann.

## HHS to sponsor Coat and Dollar Drive

The Heppner High School is sponsoring the Coat and Dollar Drive to collect winter clothing and dollar donations for the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

The drive will be held on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 1-4 p.m. Students should meet at the high school where groups will be created and routes will be handed out.



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~ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th ~  
**TOY DINNER at 6 p.m.**

Bring in a new, unwrapped toy and receive a free dinner! The toys will be given in Christmas baskets distributed by the Neighborhood Center for the Heppner, Lexington and Ione areas.



## Obituaries

### William Grant Handy

Word has been received that William Grant Handy, 74, died Nov. 27, 2004.

A memorial service was held Dec. 4 at Finley's Sunset Hills Mortuary.

Handy was born Nov. 30, 1929, in Ogden, UT. He served in the Air Force.

A graduate of the University of Utah, he moved in about 1969 to Portland, where he was a broker of raw materials and owned William G. Handy Associates.

He married Roselyn Raleigh, but they later divorced. In 1981, he married Vesta Kilkenny.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Ellie Benson, Margaret H. Martin and Laura H. Hammond; son, Thomas W.; stepsons, Russell Kilkenny, Patrick Kilkenny and John Kilkenny; stepdaughter, Kelly Hale; his former wife; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Remembrances may be made to the Clayton T. Handy Scholarship Fund at St. John Fisher School.

### Henrietta Marie Hermanns

Henrietta Marie Hermanns, 79, of Waitsburg, WA, passed away Dec. 4, 2004, at Booker Rest Home in Dayton, WA.

Recitation of the Rosary was held Dec. 7 and funeral services were held Dec. 8, both at Chapel Herring Funeral Home. Burial followed at Blue Mountain Memorial Gardens.

Hermanns was born April 6, 1925 in Touchet, WA to Frank M. and Mary Worden Watson. She attended grade school in Touchet and graduated from Touchet High School in 1943.

On Sept. 6, 1944, she married Clifford Hermanns in Walla Walla, WA. They farmed in Heppner for 10 years and then moved to Waitsburg in 1954. They lived in Waitsburg for 50 years.

Hermanns loved to play pinochle and Bingo. She also loved to travel and work in her rose garden. She was a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church, St. Mark's Altar Society, 55 Plus Senior Waitsburg Club and Denova Women's Club.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford Hermanns; daughter, Mary Andrews of Portland; son, Charles W. Hermanns of Irrigon; sisters, Lavina Myers of Touchet, Betty Lythgoe of Walla Walla and Rose Berglund of Pasco; brother, Cecil Watson of Walla Walla, WA; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, or to a charity of choice through The Herring Funeral Home, 315 West Alder, Walla Walla, WA 99362-2870.

Herring Funeral Home of Walla Walla is in charge of arrangements.

### HLL to meet

The Heppner Little League will meet on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

### Donald Max Pike

Donald Max Pike, 76, died Dec. 5, 2004, in Hermiston at the Good Samaritan Center where he lived for the last year.

Disposition was by cremation and no service will be held upon his request. The family will hold a private service at a later date.

Pike was born June 15, 1928 in Casper, WY to Orvis A. Pike and Evelyn L. Taggart-Pike. He attended school in Casper. He worked at various jobs in Wyoming. In Terrebonne he was a Telegram Delivery Boy and then was a pinsetter in a bowling alley in Alaska. He joined the Army on Nov. 25, 1950 and served in Korea.

On May 7, 1955, he married Barbara Geist in Casper, WY. They first resided in Boundurant, WY where he was Fence Foreman on the Little Jennie Ranch. Later, they returned to Casper where he worked at the Standard Oil Refinery. In 1969, they moved to Kinzua where they lived until one year after the mill closed. They moved to Heppner in 1979. He worked many years for the Morrow County Public Works Department before he retired in 1990 due to Parkinson's. He and wife, Barbara, were Park Hosts at Cutsforth Park from August 1990 until 1998. They then moved to the McNary area of Umatilla in October of 1999 to be closer to their family.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, at home in McNary-Umatilla; his daughter, Debby Van Meter-Simpson of Gresham; his son, Lance Van Meter, and his wife, Jeannie, who live in Suplpa, OK; his daughter, Patti Constantin and Bud Englert of Umatilla; his daughter, Gaylene Cazares, and her husband, Ignacio, and their family in Vancouver, WA; his son, Bruce Pike and his wife, Debbie of Portland; his daughter, LuAnn Letcher and her husband, Patrick and their family in Gresham; his brother, John; sister, Corky; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Orvis Pike and Evelyn Austin and by his son-in-law, Roger Simpson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

### Howard E. Gilliam

Howard E. Gilliam, 79, of Heppner, died Thursday, Dec. 2 at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Portland.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal in Heppner. Concluding services and interment will be held at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the All Saints Episcopal Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 246, Heppner, OR 97836 or St. Patrick's Senior Center, P.O. Box 266, Heppner, OR 97836.

A complete obituary will be published in next week's edition of the Gazette.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

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