

Obituaries

Inez E. Miller

Inez E. Miller, 81, of Heppner, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at Hermiston Terrace Assisted Living Facility.

The funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 13 at the United Methodist Church in Heppner with concluding service and interment following at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Miller was born Sept. 4, 1923, at Baker City, to Homer and Lucy Hunt Wellman. She grew up and attended school at Baker City where she graduated from high school. She attended and graduated from Eastern Oregon College and began teaching at Riverside School in Pendleton.

On May 16, 1945, she married Sgt. Richard T. Meador who was stationed with the Air Corps at Walla Walla. The couple lived at Heppner for most of their married lives. Miller taught her first kindergarten in 1949, then continued teaching other classes in the Morrow County School District, retiring in 1976.

She especially enjoyed seeing students she had taught and was always proud of their accomplishments.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Meador in 1975.

In 1980, she married Robert A. Miller at Los Osos, CA. They lived at Brookings, where they operated a commercial fishing business. Mr. Miller died in 1999.

Survivors include daughters, Leslee Meador of Heppner and Tami Sneddon of Mount Vernon, WA; grandchildren, Genny Sneddon, Jeff Sneddon and Amanda Sneddon; brother, Stanley Wellman of Baker City; stepson, Robin Miller of Federal Way, WA; and stepmother, Effie Turner of Baker City. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Becky Sue Meador in 1959.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Howard Edward Gilliam

Howard Edward Gilliam, 79, of Heppner, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Portland.

The funeral was held Dec. 9 at All Saints Episcopal in Heppner. Concluding services and interment followed at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Gilliam was born July 28, 1925, at Heppner, to Earle and Mae Perry Gilliam. He grew up at Heppner and attended local schools, but he did not graduate from high school, but instead joined the Navy after the attack on Pearl Harbor and served during World War II. He later earned his GED, and then enrolled at Oregon State College, where he received a bachelor's degree in agriculture.

On Aug. 29, 1948, he married Helen Blake, also of Heppner, who graduated from Oregon State College a year ahead of him. Their daughter, Mary Jo, was born in Corvallis.

Gilliam pursued his lifelong dream and became a cowboy in Colorado, where he soon learned it was impossible to support a wife and daughter on a cowboy's wages. He returned to Oregon where he joined the state police as a game warden stationed in Baker. Their son, Paul, was born there.

The family later moved to Portland, where he worked for Swift and Company as a buyer, later transferring to Salem. He left Swift in 1964 and became a county agent for Washington County at Hillsboro. Less than a year later, after the voters removed the funding for his job, he moved to Colville, WA, where he was again a county agent.

Two years later, he was promoted to regional 4-H specialist, moving to Spokane. In 1968, he joined the Farmer's Home Administration, the lending arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was promoted and transferred to the western portion of the state, living at Puyallup and Auburn. He built his house in Auburn himself with the help of a friend, then helped the friend build his house.

After retiring in 1985, the Gilliams returned to Heppner where he built their current home.

Gilliam was an avid hunter, golfer and skier, was a gunsmith, built golf clubs and was a professional ski instructor. He never stopped learning new things. He took up the piano and computers after retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, of Heppner; daughter, Mary Jo Meyer of La Grande; son, Paul Gilliam of Hillsboro and granddaughter, Hallie May Lauhon. He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, the Right Rev. Jackson Gilliam.

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.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Roger Elmer Palmer

Roger Elmer Palmer, 69, of Heppner, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at his home.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 14 at Valby Lutheran near Ione, with concluding service and interment at the Valby Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 15, 1935, at Heppner, to Elmer and Muriel Patterson Palmer. He attended the Eightmile School, Rood Canyon School and attended school in Heppner where he graduated from high school in 1953.

On Dec. 18, 1955, he married Shirley M. Peck

at Heppner. The couple have farmed in the Eightmile area near Heppner for nearly 50 years.

He was a longtime member of the Valby Lutheran Church and was active in the Willow Creek Symphony after taking up the violin late in life.

He was selected Conservation Man of the Year in 1973.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing and photography.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Palmer of Heppner; daughters, Sandra Van Liew of Heppner, Paula Hickey of Bend and Cathy Hedlund of New Pine Creek; sons, Karl Palmer of New Pine Creek and Larry Palmer and Jason Palmer, both of Heppner; sister, Sally Dyer of Condon; and 16 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836, or the Valby Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 60492 Valby Road, Ione, OR 97843, or Inland Northwest Musicians/Willow Creek Symphony, 25 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Columbia Basin Zone cougar season likely to close prior to end of the year

The Columbia Basin cougar hunt zone in north-central Oregon is very close to reaching the harvest quota and cougar hunting is likely to close early, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announced today.

The Columbia Basin cougar hunt zone, also called Zone D, has a 2004 quota of 18 cougars. As of Nov. 29, 16 cougars from Zone D had been checked in at ODFW offices. Zone D includes the Fossil, Columbia Basin, Biggs, Maupin and Grizzly big game management units.

No other 2004 cougar hunt zones are near their harvest quota at this time. If the Columbia Basin cougar zone closes, hunters with an unfilled general season cougar tag may hunt in any of the other five cougar zones in the state.

Most cougars are harvested during deer or elk hunting seasons. Recent winter weather conditions may enhance harvest opportunities and hunters with valid cougar tags are urged to check the season status in the Columbia Basin Zone before going out. Hunters are also reminded that all cougars harvested must be checked in at an ODFW office. The total statewide allowed cougar sport harvest for 2004 is 562 cougars. As of Nov. 29, hunters have taken 217 cougars statewide. The

BEO to hold annual Ione Christmas Open House

The annual Ione Christmas Open House has been set for Friday, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione. Refreshments and door prizes will be offered at many locations around town, offering folks a great opportunity to socialize and graze.

Other activities of the day include a used book sale sponsored by the Ione Public Library, an Ione Middle School boy's basketball game starting at 1 p.m. and the Willows Grange Christmas party later in the evening.

Come and make a day of it.

4-H Horse Club to sing Christmas carols

The 4-H Horse Club will meet on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m. at Les Schwab's to sing Christmas carols on horseback around the community.

For more information, contact Jessica Hamilton at 676-5805.

Shop building proposed for Irrigon High School

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cleanliness, but disinfectant wipes were provided.

Smith said he was pleased to relate that one student commented that he went clean for two-months previous so that he would show up clean on the test.

Smith told the board that students don't know ahead of time when they will be tested and none of the students whose numbers were drawn was absent from school that day.

Heppner Schools Vice-Principal Daye Stone also made two presentations at the meeting, one on the efforts Heppner Elementary is making to improve attendance, which would improve the school's state rating, and another, with the assistance of HES teacher Sue Gibbs, on the Accelerated Reader program, which has been successful in improving students' reading and comprehension.

In other business, the board:

- recognized Heppner Elementary staff members: teachers, Karen Clough, who has been with the district 20 years, Mary Haguewood, who has been with the district 25 years, and Sharon Morris, 10 years, and ed assistant Ellen Rollis, 15 years.

- discussed allowing more time for review of the budget.

- learned from Burrows that OSAA will not change Riverside High School's classification from a 3A to a 2A school for next year, although RHS will become a 2A- sized school that year. Burrows said that a change to 2A is more likely the year after next because the classification is generally determined on a four-year basis and that four-year period is nearing its end. However, Burrows said that RHS will become independent from its current league in football next year and the 2A Columbia Basin Conference, of which Heppner High School is a member, has agreed to allow RHS in. Riverside will

New way to help the needy comes to Heppner

The Ministerial Association, with local churches and the Heppner Neighborhood Center, has joined with the Department of Human Services to further service the needy in the local area.

While there are organizations that are equipped to help with food or clothing, such as the Heppner Neighborhood Center, Agape House, Helping Hands, these organizations tend to lack in ways to help with personal care items.

Thus, DHS and the organizations are now asking for donations of items such as: Baby Items-disposable diapers, pacifiers, bottles or baby shampoo; Cleaning Supplies-dishwashing liquid, toilet paper, powdered cleaners, laundry soap or dish clothes; Personal Hygiene-toothbrush, toothpaste, brushes, bar soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream or feminine products.

If you would like to make a donation of these items, you can drop them off at the Heppner

Neighborhood Center or take them to your church. Once the donations are received, care kits will be created and given to persons in need who come to the Center. Kits will be specifically tailored to each persons need.

For more information about this project, you can contact Jan Skaggs at the Neighborhood Center at 676-5024 or Pastor Duane Jones at 676-5529.

Lexington Baptist Church will be having a Christmas Program this Sunday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m. Sunday school children will be acting out the traditional Christmas story followed by a modern day sketch performed by the teens and college students entitled "You're On the Air." Violin, harp and piano music will also be featured in the program. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- discussed problems arising with the district's alternative education program. Burrows said he would meet with officials from the Union-Baker ESD, which currently oversees the MCSD alternative ed program and report back to the board.

- approved the second reading and adopted the district's interscholastic and co-curricular activities program.

- accepted a resignation from Elvira Moore, A.C. Houghton Elementary English as a second language ed assistant.

- approved extra duty contracts for: Paul Keefer, Riverside High School assistant girls' basketball coach for C-team; Mark Rouska, Riverside Junior High School assistant boys' basketball coach; Tyson Pratt, RJH head boys' basketball coach; Keith Price, Heppner Junior High assistant girls' basketball coach; and Randy Barton, RHS head softball coach.

- heard the following announcements: Boardman, Irrigon and Heppner Community Education Committee meetings all cancelled for December; board work session cancelled for December due to Christmas; next regular board meeting Monday, Jan. 10, Irrigon High School, 7 p.m.

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Thanksgiving is over, and Christmas is near. Sooo, Ron Hagueswood's 70th Birthday is almost here!! We're getting together To wish him well. If you can join us, That would be swell!!! Hope to see you there!! Heppner Elks Lodge December 28, 2004 4 to 7 p.m. No Gifts - Just "Tall Tales" No-Host Bar

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