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**City Council**

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grade on an alley near Lynden way.

-voted to accept the mayor's recommendation on the following appointments:

Jerry Gentry, Suzanne Jepsen and Rod Wilson to four year terms on the city planning commission; John Gochnauer, Gayle Gutierrez and Steve Rhea to three year terms on the budget committee; Andrea Denton and Karen Dubuque to five years terms on the housing authority board; Tim Van Cleave, Kay Proctor, Chuck Bailey and Nancy Gochnauer to one year term on the Beautification Committee; Mike Jones and Dean Robinson to four year terms on the Fire Department Advisory Committee; Claudia Hughes and Cara Osmin to one year terms as Saint Patrick's Celebration chairpersons; Cliff Green, Parade of Lights chairperson; council members Glenn Baker as the police commissioner; Kay Robinson as Fire Department commissioner; Judy Buschke to Parks and Land Commissioner and Tom Wolff as utility commissioner.

**Marriage Licenses**

**Dec. 28:** Josh Leigh Koertje, 22, Boardman and Rocio Macias, 20, Irrigon.

**Dec. 30:** Stacey Lee Jessen, 36, Ione and Theresa Lynn Crawford, 44, Ione.

**Jan. 4:** Oscar Martin Ayuso, 38, Boardman and Irma Salazar, 30, Boardman.

**Jan. 7:** Jose Luis Campos, 23, Umatilla and Salvd G. Mendoza, 18, Umatilla.

**Obituaries**

**James Patrick Kenny**

James Patrick Kenny, 80, a former resident of the Heppner area, died Dec. 5, 2004 in Portland.

A funeral mass was held for him at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Oswego on Dec. 9. He was buried with military honors at Willamette National Cemetery.

Born on Aug. 15, 1924 at the family ranch in Sand Hollow near Heppner, Kenny was the son of John and Bridget (Mollahan) Kenny and grandson of early Morrow County pioneers Michael and Mary (Doherty) Kenny. Among the earliest of Heppner's Irish settlers, the Kenny and Doherty families emigrated from County Leitrim and Donegal, Ireland respectively in the 1880s to establish stock and wheat ranches.

Kenny was educated in the Heppner schools, graduating from Heppner High School in 1943. An active student, he held many positive memories of those years including his membership on the 1942 Heppner football team and its trip to the state championship game. After graduation, he was drafted into the army and served in the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, fighting in the Pacific during World War II. Kenny received a Bronze Star for bravery in the Battle of Okinawa.

He attended Eastern Oregon College, graduating with a bachelor's of arts degree in education in 1950 and the University of Oregon, where he earned a master's degree in education in 1956.

While attending college in LaGrande, he met Judith Keyes of Wheeler County. They married at St. John's Catholic Church in Condon on Aug. 19, 1950 and settled in Fossil. Kenny taught for five years in the Fossil Grade School and five years in Hermiston before moving to Lake Oswego where he taught seventh grade science and math for 23 years.

He is survived by his wife, Judy of Lake Oswego; children, Anna Kenny of Lake Oswego, Judith Kenny (Tom Hubka) of Milwaukee, WI, Mary (Kent) Norville of Oregon City and Kevin Kenny of Lake Oswego; grandchildren, Joshua and Jamie Norville of Oregon City; sister, Patricia Erwin of Sherwood; brothers, Emmett Kenny of Pendleton

and William Kenny of Heppner; and numerous nieces and nephews. His brothers, Edward and Matthew Kenny and sister, Ilene Richards preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, his family suggests a memorial donation to the "218<sup>th</sup> Battalion Family Services Program," a fund established to provide financial support for the families of deployed military personnel of the Oregon National Guard. The address is: Attn. Battalion Coordinator, 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd., Portland OR 97218.

**William Joseph Mitchell**

Word has been received that William Joseph Mitchell, 85, of San Francisco, CA, an annual St. Patrick's Day attendee, passed away, Sept. 5, 2004 in San Francisco.

A funeral mass was held Sept. 7, 2004, followed later by a gathering of family and friends in his honor.

Born in Ireland, on Nov. 13, 1918, Mitchell was very fond of Heppner and considered it his home away from home. He enjoyed coming yearly to the St. Patrick's Day festivities and had hoped to bring his children this coming year.

Survivors include his wife, Claire Mitchell; his daughters, Joan Thomas, Maureen Mitchell and Cindy Muzio; his sisters, Kathleen Mitchell and Margaret Prindle; his grandchildren, Tyler and Emily Thomas, Ryan and Molly Garrett and Madeleine Muzio; and a large extended family from the Bay Area, Oregon and Ireland.

Those wishing to honor his memory are asked to consider making a donation to their charity of choice.

**Michael Hedman**

Michael Hedman, 53, formerly of Heppner, died Monday, Jan. 10 at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland as the result of a motor vehicle accident.

A memorial service will be held at the United Methodist Church in Heppner on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m.

A full obituary will appear in next week's edition.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

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**Sheriff's Report**

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

**Jan. 4:** MCSO cited Charles Brian Barker, 32, for Possession of a Controlled Substance-2.

-MCSO received a report from the Umatilla County Jail that while in Tribal Custody Jade Riah Alexander, 19, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/DUII.

-MCSO cited Nathan Alan Arbogast, 34, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

**Jan. 6:** MCSO cited Eric Mendoza, 18, for Expired License.

-MCSO received a report from the Portland PD that Robert Lee Linder, 42, was arrested on Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

**Jan. 7:** MCSO arrested Andrew Scott Gomez, 20, on a Hermiston warrant for Violation of Release Agreement/Criminal Mischief II. He was also arrested on a Gilliam County warrant for Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle. Gomez was lodged at Umatilla County Jail, there were no local charges.

-MCSO received a report from Beaverton PD that Lloyd Arthur Costello, 39, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended. Costello was lodged at Washington County Jail.

**Jan. 8:** MCSO arrested Elizabeth M. Weis, 30, on a Central Linn County warrant for Contempt of Court. Weis was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with no local charges.

**Jan. 9:** MCSO cited Robert Wade Eastep, 44, for Driving while Suspended-misdemeanor. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Craig Dee Hibdon, 28, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance II.

-MCSO cited Joshua Brandon Richmond, 23, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 74 mph in a 55 mph Safety Zone and No Operator's License. The vehicle was impounded.

**Jan. 10:** MCSO received a report from the Junction City PD that Bobby Gene Erwin, Jr., 48, was arrested by JCPD on local charges, with information received about an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended. Erwin was lodged at Lane County Jail.

-MCSO arrested Kevin Wayne Smith, 31, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended, with an additional citation for Driving while Suspended. The vehicle was impounded.

**No school on MLK day**

There will be no school on Monday, Jan. 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Due to the holiday, classes will be held on Friday, Jan. 21.

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**DA's Report**

John Martinez Frutos admitted to violation of probation allegations for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Frutos' probation was revoked and he was sentenced to 120 days in jail and 12 months probation.

Gregory Wayne Terry was convicted of Unauthorized Use a Vehicle, a Class-C felony. Terry's driver's license was revoked for 90 days and he was sentenced to two years supervised probation, 30 days in jail and payment of \$916 in fines and fees.

Darren W. Williams was convicted of Menacing, a Class-A misdemeanor. Williams was sentenced to 90 suspended days in jail and 24 months bench probation.

Matthew Bradley Townsend admitted to violation of probation allegations for Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle. Townsend's probation was revoked and reinstated and he was sentenced to three days in jail, an extension of one year on his probation and 20 hours community service.

Shane Joseph Reeb was convicted of Menacing, a Class-A misdemeanor. Reeb was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, one year bench probation and payment of \$626 in fines and fees.

Hank E. Wetzel was found in violation of probation and was sentenced to two suspended days in jail, with his probation revoked and reinstated on the same terms and conditions as previously imposed.

James Benjamin Murray was found in violation of probation. Murray's probations was revoked and reinstated with an extension of one year from original expiration date. He was also sentenced to 30 days in jail.

**Investigation continuing in Irrigon death**

On Jan. 9, at 5:02 p.m., the Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a subject in Irrigon advising that a male subject, later identified as Tyler Dean Harris, 18, of Umatilla, was lying on the ground near his pickup on Division Street near the intersection of Pheasant Lane. The reporting party approached Harris and reported it did not appear that he was breathing.

A MCSO deputy was dispatched and arrived at the scene at 5:07 p.m., with the Irrigon ambulance responding at 5:11 p.m. The initial investigation determined that Harris was deceased and appeared to have died from a single shot of a firearm. Supervisors were dispatched to the scene and the Morrow County District Attorney David Allen contacted the officers at the scene.

The investigation is ongoing but the preliminary investigation and interviews conducted at the scene do not indicate that Harris died as the result of foul play.

Harris' family contacted officers at the scene and he was transported to Burns Mortuary in Hermiston.

The investigation is continuing and follow up interviews are being conducted by members of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

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