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Adopt-a-Teacher receives donation from local churches



Hope Lutheran, with help from Valby Lutheran and All Saints' Episcopal churches donated \$500 to the Adopt-A-Teacher foundation. The donation was made in part from the dinner at the high school as well as matching funds from the Lutheran Thrivent Financial organization. (L-R): Chris Rauch and Shelli Britt, both of Hope Lutheran, presented the donation to Jeannie Collins of the Adopt-A-Teacher foundation.

Free flowering trees available from Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2005.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The 10 trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Redbuds and two Golden Raintrees.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bi-monthly publication, Arbor Day and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31, 2005. Or go online to arborday.org.

Obituaries

Michael G. Hedman

Michael G. Hedman, 53, of Union, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland as the result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident at La Grande.

A memorial service was held Jan. 15 at the Heppner United Methodist Church.

Hedman was born Dec. 28, 1951, at Marquette, MI, to Arnie and Rita Belmore Hedman. The family later moved to Athena, then to Ione, before settling at Heppner in 1963. He graduated from Heppner High School in 1970. He attended Eastern Oregon College at La Grande and Oregon State University at Corvallis, where he graduated in 1975.

In 1976, he married Cheri Whittaker at Pendleton. The couple were parents of two daughters. They later divorced.

Hedman lived in the Pilot Rock area where he raised cattle for 17 years before moving to Union, where he worked as a fence contractor and in the off-season worked for Bechtold Construction.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge and the United Methodist Church.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing and hunting and the mountain.

Survivors include daughters, Mellisa Hedman of Portland and Joni Hedman of Lake Oswego; his mother and stepfather, Rita Hedman DeZeote and Leo DeZeote of Heppner; brothers, Steve Hedman of Santa Rosa, CA, Jon Hedman of Danville, VA, Dale Hedman of Mattawa, WA, and Tim Hedman of Heppner; and sister, Dee Miller of Hillsboro. He was preceded in death by his father, Arnie Hedman, in 1999.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mike Hedman Memorial Fund, c/o Community Bank, 539 S. Main, Union, OR 97883, or at any Community Bank branch.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Elbert W. "Eb" Stroud

Elbert W. "Eb" Stroud, 99, formerly of Irrigon, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at Portland.

A celebration of life gathering was held Jan. 15 at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Irrigon.

Stroud was born April 2, 1905, at Fordland, MO.

In 1928, he married Elizabeth Anne Jones. The couple had two daughters, Norma Jeanne and Margaret Joyce. In 1929, they moved

to Nebraska. While living in Nebraska, his wife died.

In 1942, he moved to Portland where he was employed as a carpenter working out of Union Local 247. While in Portland, he met Gladys Lewis Beezley and they were married Nov. 12, 1952. In 1982, he and his wife moved to Irrigon where he was a member of the Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was involved in helping to oversee the construction of the new church.

The couple returned to the Portland area in 1995. After his wife's death in 1999, he moved to Court Yard Plaza in Portland.

Survivors include his daughters, Jeanne Kline and Joyce Gago, both of Portland; stepson, Charles "Chuck" Beezley of Irrigon; brother, Charlie in Illinois; sister, Opal Grossman in California; 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wives, Elizabeth Anne and Gladys; by four brothers, four sisters; by stepdaughters, Linda DeBrie in 1987 and Treva Kister in 2001 and by a stepson, S. Ray Beezley, in 2003.

Barbara Jean Simpson Larsen

Barbara Jean Simpson Larsen, 71, of Eugene, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005 at South Hills Rehabilitation Center in Eugene.

A memorial service will be held at Rest-Haven Funeral Home in Eugene on Feb. 4, 2005.

Larsen was born Feb. 7, 1933, in Hood River, to Francis Clyde and Jessie (McLeoud) Simpson. She grew up in Hood River and The Dalles, graduating from The Dalles High School in 1951.

In 1955, she married Ervin D. Larsen in Springfield. He died in 2002. She retired in 1971 from the retail fashion business.

The Larsens love of travel kept them busy throughout the years, taking several trips a year and extended trips to Ireland, England and New Zealand, besides the Oregon and California coasts. Including her love of travel, she was an amazing gourmet cook, entertaining many friends and family throughout the years. In their early marriage, the couple belonged to a sports car club and participated in car rallies in the Eugene and surrounding area.

Their open hearts helped a niece and nephew further their education at the University of Oregon.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, Judith Laughlin of Heppner, Thomas Cox of Santa Barbara, CA, Janice Harper of Adams, Steven Nelson of Texas, Kris Wehe of Bellevue, WA and Ellen Quinn of San Bruno, CA. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters

Bette L. Spaulding and Maxine Cox.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Kathleen M. Lynch

Kathleen M. Lynch, 72, of Heppner, died Friday, Jan. 14 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 21 at the Heppner Elks Lodge at 11 a.m.

She was born May 21, 1932, at Heppner, to Loren and Cecelia Mahon Matteson.

A lifelong resident of Heppner, she attended the Matteson School, then Heppner High School, where she graduated in 1950. After graduating, she worked at the Heppner hospital for seven years.

On Sept. 21, 1957, she married Buzz Lynch at Pasco. The couple lived at Heppner, where they owned and operated Cal's Restaurant and Lounge for many years.

Lynch enjoyed the mountains, fishing and hunting.

Survivors include son, Michael Lynch of Colton; sister, Dorothy Scott of Heppner; grandchildren, Aerin Marie Lynch and Ashley Nicole Lynch; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1995, by a son, Curtis, in 1984 and a granddaughter, Amber Lynch, in 1999.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., Suite C101, Portland, OR 97201-4047, or the Pioneer Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to a charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Sheriff's Report

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

Jan. 11: MCSO received a report from Pendleton PD that Seth T. Wheeler, 27, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

-MCSO received a report from Umatilla PD that Jason John Trickle, 25, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Parole Violation/Assault in the Fourth Degree. Trickle was also arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended.

Jan. 12: MCSO cited Gary Dean Shutts, 44, for DUII and Driving while Suspended-misdemeanor. The vehicle was impounded.

Jan. 13: MCSO received a report from Umatilla County Sheriff's Office that Travis L. Grigsby, 24, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Grigsby was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

Jan. 14: MCSO cited Darby Ray Taylor, 19, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report from Umatilla PD that Erik Griggs, 22, was

arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

Jan. 15: MCSO cited Aela Herrera Alvarado, 36, for No Operator's License and No Insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO cited Austin Joseph Haney, 18, for Unsafe Passing on Left.

-MCSO received a report from OSP that Andrew Benjamin Kauffman, 40, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Criminal Nonsupport and on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail on local charges, with the hold placed for Morrow County.

Jan. 16: MCSO received a report from Umatilla PD that Gary Lee Murphy Jr., 31, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance II.

-MCSO cited Janell Smith, 38, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 78 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO arrested Jose Alfredo Garcia, 19, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

-MCSO arrested Ruby Franco, 19, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Interfering with a Peace Officer. Franco was also arrested on local Probable Cause charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance II and lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

Former deputies to face separate trials

Published in the **Hermiston Herald**, Jan. 14, 2005

From **WesCom News Service**

Two former sheriff's deputies facing charges of sexual abuse and delivering drugs to two 17-year-old girls will be tried separately.

Judge Michael Adler denied a motion, filed by Deschutes County Deputy District Attorney Victoria Roe, to consolidate the trials of former reserve deputy Mark J. Rietmann, 29, and former deputy Michael Patrick Malloy, 38.

Rietmann was last employed by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

Malloy's month long trial on 143 counts filed against him is scheduled for April 5. Rietmann is to stand trial on 11 counts on June 21.

In a brief in support of the motion, Roe asserted that the charges against both men are "of the same or similar character; are based on the same act; are based on two or more acts or transactions connected together or constituting parts of a common scheme or plan."

The brief also stated that the same witnesses are required for each case and that the alleged criminal acts involved the same victims.

Rietmann's attorney, Jonathan G. Ash, filed a response in opposition to the motion, arguing that because his client was only alleged to be involved in one incident involving the girls, Rietmann's right to a fair trial would be "substantially prejudiced" if he were tied at the same time as Malloy.

Adler denied the motion filed by Roe and scheduled separate trial dates for Malloy and Rietmann.

Both men are released pending trial.

Merilee she rolls along, rolls along, rolls along; Merilee she rolls along... isn't life just nifty! Whoa Nellie... Until she hits the falls and finds she's turning 50!

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