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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.)

Must have left some of cards at luncheon meeting

To the Editor:

As I read the article "Commissioners Reject Residential Mental Health Treatment Facility" in last week's Eastern Oregon, I was confused, disappointed and angry.

I am confused because the article stated that John Wenzholz didn't think the facility would serve enough of the county with only eight beds. So does he think our county would be better served with no beds or more beds?

I'm disappointed with Ray Grace's "no vote," because I strongly agree with him when he stated, "There definitely is a need."

Earlier this month Ray Grace had given me a list of his questions and

concerns about the new facility. I shared that list with Kimberly Lindsay and she explained the answers to each and everyone one of those concerns. I was confident that her explanations would satisfy the commissioners.

I'm angry because there are no "valid reasons" that Wenzholz and Grace voted no. I think that they either had a card up their sleeves, which means they weren't playing fair, or they just weren't playing with a full deck. They must have left some of their cards at their luncheon meeting where only the two of them were playing.

(s) Mary Ann Elguezabal
Heppner

More comments to previous concerns

To the Editor:

In my previous letter to the editor, I didn't mention why she was attending city council meetings, it was because of the hollyhocks, which bloomed out in late summer.

Most of all the people around here told me how pretty and wanted seeds for starter in their own yards.

Oh, oh, oh, I know what is next, she'll be watching the forest service cross walk.

(s) Tom Gonty
Heppner

Chili feed and concert to be held

A chili feed will be held March 18 at 5 p.m., at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The meal will include chili, cornbread and a drink. Prices are \$3 for a large bowl and \$2 for a small bowl.

Following the feed, the Blue Mountain Old Time

Fiddlers will perform at 6 p.m. Prices for the concert are \$5 for adults; \$4 for senior citizens; \$3 for children ages 6-12; and \$15 per family.

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court are sponsoring both events.

Sheriff's Report

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

Feb. 22: MCSO arrested Deborah Wells, 41, on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended.

Feb. 23: Boardman PD arrested Tyler Davis, 32, on charges of Forgery, Theft II, Theft III, Harassment and ID Theft. Davis was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Robert Gollady, 43, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Parole Violation/Assault IV. Gollady was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that his shop was burglarized over the weekend and three power tools and other small items were taken.

-MCSO arrested Michelle Ann Stephens, 31, on a Salem PD warrant for Failure to Appear arraignment and on a Hermiston PD warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended. Stephens was cited and released to appear.

-MCSO arrested Luis Albano Nunez, 19, on a Umatilla County warrant for Failure to Appear/Attempt to Elude-Vehicle, DUII and Recklessly Endangering Another. Nunez was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report that Pedro Javier Bustamonte, 22, was arrested by Umatilla PD on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Attempt to Elude Police. Bustamonte was cited and released to appear.

-MCSO cited Vincente Resendiz Salas, 30, for Illegal U-Turn and No Operators License.

Feb. 24: Boardman PD arrested M. Ofelia Flores, 31, on a Morrow County Sheriff's Office warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Hit and Run-Property. Flores was cited and released.

-Boardman PD cited Joel Ernesto Rodriguez, 19, for Driving while Suspended-violation. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO arrested Antonio Chavez Herrera, 24, on a Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Misdemeanor treatment of a felony. Herrera was cited and released.

-MCSO cited Gonzalo Casillas Silva, 69, for Failure to Use Safety

Belt.

-MCSO cited C. Brent Paradiso, 33, for Driving while Suspended-violation.

Feb. 26: MCSO received a report from Pendleton PD that Scott Ray Bass, 21, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/MIP-Alcohol by Consumption. Bass was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-Boardman PD cited Fernando Ramirez Estrada, 19, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-Boardman PD cited James Benjamin Murray, 31, for Driving while Suspended/Misdemeanor. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Bobbie L. Wade, 21, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended.

-Boardman PD cited Francisco Javier Nunez Lezama, 20, for Driving while Suspended/Violation. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO cited Landon J. Wagler, 22, for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

-Boardman PD cited Megan Carol Taylor, 22, for Driving while Suspended-violation, No Insurance and Open Container; Juan Luis Ayala Garduno, 23, for Open Container and Erik Ramirez, 23, for Open Container. The vehicle was impounded.

-Boardman PD cited Ronie Renee Burden, 25, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 53 mph in a 30 mph zone.

Feb. 28: MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that the caller's in-laws had not come to Saturday dinner as was planned and couldn't be reached at home. The couple along with a neighbor were found by Morrow County Search and Rescue.

-MCSO received a report from Pendleton PD that Sherill Mark Garrett, 48, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Disorderly Conduct.

Correction

Last week's letter to the editor from Tom Gonty was published with two errors. The letter should have stated, "Your county's finest would drive through and look and at the next meeting they would report no problem." Also it should have said, "My dear old mother had a bad heart and if she would have witnessed the carnage on city property it would have done her in."

The Gazette regrets the errors.

Day embezzlement case continued

The pre-trial hearing for the embezzlement case against Sandra Day, originally schedule for Feb. 17, was continued said Morrow County District Attorney David Allen. Day's attorney, Ann Spicer, asked for the continuance due to the fact that Day is undergoing medical treatment, added Allen.

Obituaries

Donald W. Stanley, Sr.

Donald W. Stanley, Sr., 70, of Irrigon, died Monday, Feb. 21, 2005 at his home.

A living memorial to Stanley was held at his home in Irrigon on Feb. 25 for friends and family. Disposition was by cremation.

He was born Oct. 18, 1935, to W.G. and Mary Caulkins Stanley at Knoxville, IA, where he grew up. The family lived at Knoxville and in Colorado.

As a young man he rounded up wild horses until he was struck down with polio and was told he would never walk again, but he proved them wrong. He went on to break broncs and worked on ranches.

During his life he owned his own dairy farms and cattle ranches, he was ranch manager for absentee owners, shop foreman for a farm fertilizer company, mechanical engineer for hay press machines, worked security for a few years and for the last few years drove truck for Warnock Trucking.

He was a self-educated man who had a great sense of humor, loved telling stories, enjoyed the outdoors and "Old West Life."

On Jan. 5, 1992, he married Helen Davis Mabe at Prosser, Wash. They were together for 26 years.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; sons, Bill of Prineville and Kelly of La Grande; daughters, Sandra Valadez of Stanfield, Connie Martinez of Rupert, ID, and Lianne Martinez of Hayburn, ID; brothers, Lewis Stanley of Homedale, ID, Glen Casewell of Des Moines, IA, Keith Stanley of Bullhead City, AZ; sister, Dorothy Karadas of Des Moines, IA; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; stepchildren, Chuck Mabe of Vancouver, WA, Ray Mabe of Moro, Bev Osborn of Fossil, Pam Monahan of Battle Mountain, NV, and Nora Garcia of Moses Lake, WA; nine step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in care of arrangements.

Irvin Rauch

Irvin E. "Irv" Rauch, 82, of Lexington, died Feb. 22, 2005 at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, WA.

A funeral service was held on Feb. 25 at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner. Burial with military honors followed at the Echo Cemetery in Echo.

Rauch was born Nov. 1, 1922, in Pendleton, to Julian and Irene Moehinke Rauch. He was raised on the ranch that his grandfather homesteaded in 1918 in Lexington and has lived there for his entire life, continually adding acreage, leaving a great legacy to his family. He attended Morrow County schools and graduated from Lexington High School. He attended

Oregon State University for one year before serving his country in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He served overseas in the Philippines as a staff sergeant. Rauch returned after his honorable discharge in 1946 and attended Eastern Oregon College for a time before returning to the ranch in Lexington.

Rauch was united in marriage to his wife, Mildred "Millie"

Penney on April 20, 1947 in Pendleton. They lived on the ranch, dryland wheat farming and raising cattle.

Rauch was on the Morrow County School Board for 23 years. He was instrumental in obtaining the funding for the construction of Riverside High School in Boardman. He served eight years as a Morrow County Commissioner. As a commissioner he saw to the construction of the courthouse parking lot and the funding and completion of the Patterson Ferry Interchange on Interstate 84 among other projects.

He also helped to build the Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner as well as serving on the council for over 20 years. He was a member of the Ione American Legion Post 95 as well as serving on several committees and boards over the years.

He was an admired and respected businessman in the community. He had a great sense of humor and was beloved by all. He loved to travel around the world and all over to watch his grandchildren and great-grandchildren participate in activities. He enjoyed farming, hunting, reading history, computers, learning, going to machinery auctions, writing short poems, tinkering and making art out of junk. He was a lifetime student, not being afraid to learn new things and expand his horizons. He took college courses up into his late 70s.

Rauch had planned and arranged 42 Rauch family reunions, which he really enjoyed. He told his children the morning he passed away that he "was blessed to have such a wonderful family." He said, "Well, I've traveled to see more of the world than most people and have had about every toy a man could imagine, but my greatest treasure is my family."

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Millie of Lexington; sons, Stanley Rauch and wife, Jamie of Moses Lake, WA, Chris Rauch and his wife, Kathy of Lexington; daughter, Tana Hill and husband Stephen of Lexington; sister, Jean Pardue of Hermiston; nine grandchildren, Jeff, Jason, Jennifer, Dani, Josh, Brady, KayCee, Andre and Natalie; and six great-grandchildren, Justyn, Jerek, Colton, Faith, Kaydee and Emilie. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Those who wish may make contributions in Rauch's memory to the Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner or the American Cancer Society, c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.



Irvin E. "Irv" Rauch

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Wee Bit O' Ireland! (March 17 - 20)
See all the "Greens!"
Shamrock plants coming soon!

Irish gifts and party supplies, plus fun things to wear!
Don't miss CASINO NIGHT!
Friday March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club.

Purchase Your Lucky St. Patrick's Button (\$3) for 3 chances to win \$100!

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Hey, believe it or not, Leonard's 80 and the old gals think he's HOT!!
COME JOIN US!
Open House 80th Birthday Party Celebration
For Leonard Munkers, born March 13, 1925 and Leona Harpster, born March 12, 1925
at Munkers Farms (Barry & Mary Ann Munkers' home)
Saturday, March 12, 2005 from 1-4 p.m.