

Obituaries

Norman Eugene "Gene" Case

Norman Eugene "Gene" Case, 64, of Baker City, died May 11, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Health Services.

A memorial was held May 16 at the Baker City Christian Church. Graveside services followed on May 17 at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Case was born on Aug. 18, 1940 at Salem to Norman and Edith (Parsegian) Case. When he was 7 years old, the family moved to Heppner and he lived there with his parents until his mother's death in 1995. He lived two years at "The Gingerbread House" before moving in December 1997 to Baker City to the home of Steve and Linda Tipton. He attended school in Heppner until the age of 14. He had no occupation and never married.

He enjoyed gospel music, church services, western movies, parades, rodeos, Sunday drives, ball games, travel, family gatherings and watching TV. John Wayne was his hero. Case could make one basket after another when shooting hoops and he enjoyed bowling. He was always keenly aware of the weather and loved to watch trains and everyday traffic. When he was healthy, he walked through the neighborhood acknowledging all he met. He was always sweet in nature and whether you asked him about his food, his day or his health, he always answered "pretty good."

Survivors include an extended "foster family" that came to love him very much. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Shirley Burkenbine and brother, Kenny.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation through Coles Funeral Home, 1950 Place Street, Baker City, OR 97814.

Juanita O. Zielinski

Juanita Odom Zielinski, 84, of Gervais, died Monday, April 25, 2005, surrounded by her family.

Recitation of the rosary was held April 28 and Mass of Christian Burial was held April 29 at Sacred Heath Catholic Church in Gervais. Interment was at Restlawn Mausoleum.

Zielinski was born on Oct. 30, 1920 to Alfred and Edith (Wiese) Odom in

Portland, the younger of two children. The family lived on a small farm in Happy Valley near Portland and then moved to Salem when Zielinski was in the third grade. The family then moved to a farm in Eastern Oregon, 18 miles southeast of Arlington, where they raised wheat. Zielinski attended Ione High School for her freshman and sophomore years. When her father's health declined, her brother, Foster, took over the farm. The rest of the family then moved back to Salem, where she graduated from Salem High School. She then went on to Mrs. Haily's Beauty School and later opened her own beauty shop in Salem.

She married her high school sweetheart, Robert S. Zielinski on June 1, 1944. They bought a farm and built their home in Gervais. They had two sons, Robert Jr. and John. She continued to work in town at the beauty shop until her sons graduated from college. She then retired and worked on the farm where they grew strawberries, boysenberries, bush beans, sweet corn, grain and cherries and raised beef cattle, milk cows, chickens, turkeys and pigs.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing, baking and spending time with her family. She loved her family and cared deeply about her friends.

Survivors include her sons, Robert Zielinski, Jr., and his wife, Pam and John Zielinski and his wife, Vicki, all of Gervais; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert S. Zielinski, Sr., and her brother, Foster Odom.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sacred Heart Building Fund in Gervais.

Keizer Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Vallis Luella Jones Washburn

Vallis Luella Jones Washburn, 90, of Albany, formerly of Philomath, died Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at Albany.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner. Services will be held at Heppner First Christian Church at 2 p.m., Friday, May 20, with concluding services at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born on the Jones Ranch, 3-1/2 miles south of Heppner, the third

of six children of Charles Newton and Marvell Minnie (Miller) Jones. She was a descendent of pioneering families who traveled by wagon train to the Oregon Territory in the 1840s.

After completing high school in Heppner, Washburn attended Eastern Oregon Normal School in LaGrande. During this time she met her future lifelong husband.

She married Norman O. Washburn on Oct. 9, 1935 in Heppner. He preceded her in death on April 25, 1988.

Washburn remembered riding to school on horseback, wheat harvesting with 20 mule teams and camping out in the fields with the cook wagon, family trips to the Oregon Coast, church, grinding her own wheat for cereal during the Depression, the help of Eleanor Roosevelt to obtain an electric range during World War II rationing and the joy of her brother, Marcel, returning safely from World War II.

He loves included her family, her Bible, her faith, creative stitchery, pretty dishes, flower gardens and traveling. She criss-crossed the U.S. in a motor home well into her 80s with her sister Lois.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Valnora Joyce and G.L. Weaver of Brookings, Janet Kay Petersen of Vancouver, WA, John N and Gloria Washburn of Tillamook, Charles James and Kathy Washburn of Elgin, Jody A. and Don Jenks of Tangent and Jean M. and Ken Nieman of Las Vegas, NV; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; brother, Floyd Jones of Heppner; sisters, Loma Mae Chalfant of Morristown, IN and Lois Graybeal of San Ramon, CA; and a large extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband, son-in-law, Leonard Petersen and brothers, Paul Jones and Marcel Jones.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 158, Heppner, OR 97836.

Arrangements are by Fisher Funeral Home of Albany and Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

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.)

Rent at St. Patrick's Senior Center shouldn't be raised

To the Editor:

I am writing because of my concern for the elderly who rent apartments at St. Pat's in Heppner. I suppose before I express my opinion, I should have found out why the apartments are there, since I am a rather new comer to Heppner. Are they for people who need assistance with their daily expenses? Are they for the elderly who are struggling to exist on a very low income? Are they for people who have no one who is financially able to assist them with their financial needs? The couple of people I know who live there fall into this category. It must be very hard and a great worry when you cannot afford to pay for very expensive prescriptions and have to choose whether to eat or buy a prescription. I have not been there yet, but living on a low, fixed income is different than having an income or maybe two coming in.

Isn't there some way to handle this problem rather

than increasing the rent? Were the apartments intended to bring in a profit? Is there not some other solution rather than putting these people out of their homes? Can expenses be cut somewhere? Is there no compassion in Heppner? Hasn't just one of the city council members been in the position of not having enough at some time or another? The message I got from some who attended the city council meeting was that no one showed concern or compassion. They didn't even seem to care and even laughed and suggested that they could just shut the building down.

Perhaps there will be a letter explaining the circumstances differently. But even if there is, it seems to me that the council could have handled the situation a little better and with a little empathy.

A disappointed citizen of Heppner.

(s) Ruth Donohoe Heppner

Spray Rodeo and Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon to be held

The 58th annual Spray Rodeo will be held May 28 and 29 along with the 41st annual Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon.

The popular Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon, a 13.2-mile run from Service Creek to Spray is the longest running half-marathon in the state and will begin at 8 a.m., near Service Creek. Water will be available at several locations along the way and the race will end in front of the school at Spray.

A "Buckaroo Breakfast" will be held at the school cafeteria from early morning to 11 a.m., Saturday and Sunday and will be prepared by the Spray High School Athletic programs and their parents to help pay for athletic activities.

The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, at the Spray General Store and will be led

by Queen Cassie Sanders from Prineville.

The rodeo will feature cowboys and cowgirls from all over the Northwest who are members of the Northwest Professional Cowboy's Association and Pro-West Rodeo Association. The events will begin with the grand entry at 1 p.m., Saturday and will feature the American Thunder drill team from Molalla, an all girls' team who will perform a drill during the rodeo.

The stock will be furnished by 2004 Rodeo Stock of the Year B-Bar-D Rodeo's. Returning for his eighth years in the 2004 Announcer of the Year, Scott Allen from Klamath Falls. New this year will be 2004 Clown of the Year, Ike Pryor from Yakima, WA and Jason Buchanan from Powell Butte with his Pro Rodeo Music and Sound.

A new event for the kids will be Mutton Busting, which will begin at 12:30 p.m., Saturday. Those interested should call 468-2442 to enter. Also for the kids will be a pig scramble on both days. Saturday will be for kids up to 9 years of age and Sunday will be for ages 10 to 13. If a child catches a pig and chooses not to keep it, it will need to be returned to its cage and the child will receive \$25 instead. The scramble will be halfway through the rodeo and there will be two pigs each day, which are being donated by Joe, Pat and Mark Kintz.

A cowboy church service will be held Sunday at 9 a.m., in the rodeo arena grandstand and the final performance will begin at 1 p.m.

Births

Disire Sari

Contreras Serrano- a daughter, Disire Sari, was born April 25, 2005 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Jennifer Serrano and Roberto Contreras of Boardman.

Arianna Karely

Velsaco- a daughter, Arianna Karely, was born April 28, 2005 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton to M. Carmen and Carlos Velsaco of Boardman.

Sallie Anne Orem-

a daughter, Sallie Anne, was born April 30, 2005 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton to Lindsay and Marc Orem of Heppner.

Richard Salas

Arellano- a son, Richard, was born May 4, 2005 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Esther Sandoval and Eduardo Garcia of Irrigon.

Piper Joy Dilley-

a daughter, Piper Joy, was born May 6, 2005 at St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla to Brienne and Josh Dilley of Irrigon.

Laila Jasper

Sample- a daughter, Laila Jasper, was born May 14, 2005 at 11:30 a.m., in Bend, to DeAnna McBride and Matt Sample of Bend. Laila was 8 pounds 13 ounces and 19-3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Cheryl McBride, Dan and Sally Jo McBride, Kay Cyphers and Roger Sample.

Water outages to be expected in Heppner

The City of Heppner wants to remind all residents that the water may be shut off unexpectedly during the construction of the Water Improvement Project. While the contractor, Moore Excavation and City of Heppner public works employees will make their best effort to notify customers of planned outages, some unplanned shut offs will occur.

Because of the age and condition of the water system, just getting near an old line may cause it to fail. If that happens, the water must be shut off to do an emergency repair. Often a large area must be isolated to finally get the water to where it can be controlled. When the contractor is working in an area near you, it is very probable that you will find that the water is shut off without any warning. If that happens, you can be assured that it was not planned.

To help avoid any problems when the water is unexpectedly shut off, customers are advised to have an emergency supply of water on hand. If you have a five-gallon container filled with water, it should get you through most outages without too much inconvenience.

City Manager Jerry Breazeale advises that if you find yourself in an emergency situation and without any backup supply of water, please call City Hall at 676-9618 for assistance.

Wedding Tables

Tyan Sanderson & Luke Swanson
Wedding - Saturday, May 21st

Lena Gossett and Benjamin McElligott
Wedding - Saturday, June 4th

Melissa Cutsforth and Olaf Pedersen
Wedding - Saturday, June 18th

Tricia Coe & Jon Lorence
Wedding - Saturday, June 25th

Bobbie Rankin & David Bates
Wedding - Saturday, July 2nd

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