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Obituaries

Obituary

Lorena A. Miller

Lorena A. Miller died on June 12, 2005, at the age of 103 years and eight months.

She was born in Lake City, CO, on October 28, 1901, and lived in Colorado until 1913 when she and her widowed mother moved to Portland, OR. She attended Washington High School and then graduated from Oregon Normal School, Monmouth. After attaining her teacher's certification, she taught at a one-room school house in Lena, OR, and in Heppner. While there she met John J. Miller, a farmer who raised dry land wheat North of Lexington. They married in 1924. After ranching a few years, the family moved into Lexington. All of their children were born in Lexington or Heppner, and most attended school at Lexington. She was active in the Lexington PTA and served as president one year. She and her family moved to Portland in 1942, when her husband accepted a job at the Kaiser shipyards. He died in 1967, and was preceded in death by a son, Jack Miller, a long-time resident of Lexington and Ione, who died of Leukemia at the age of 39.

Mrs. Miller is survived by two daughters and three sons, Roberta Matches of Lubbock, Texas; Marjory Stanley of Friday Harbor, Washington; Bill Miller of Portland; Harry Miller of Beaverton; and Kenneth Miller of Beavercreek, OR. In addition she is survived by 14 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. The remaining close relative in the Heppner-Lexington area is nephew Tad Miller, who farms North of Lexington, and still owns some of the original Miller Family ranch.

HHS Class of 2006 plans car wash

The Heppner High School Class of 2006 will be washing cars and selling baked goods on Saturday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. behind Les Schwab Tires in Heppner.

Funds raised will go towards an after-graduation activity for their class next year.

For more information, call Heather Yocom, 676-9821, or Krystal Naims, 676-9252.

Over the Tee Cup

The Willow Creek Ladies' Golf Club held its Tee Bird Nine-Hole Invitational on Tuesday, June 28. Clubs from Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington joined them for a morning of golf and a delicious salad luncheon.

Low Gross of the Field was Eva Kilkenny, 36, Willow Creek C.C. Low Net of the Field was Kathy Beecher, 24, Meadow Springs CC.

Other winners by club were: Canyon Lake, First low gross, a tie between Inez Mowery and Marlene Shaw. First low net, Helen Graham, Columbia Park. First low gross, Crystal Freeman. First low net, Marla Fox, La Grande C.C. First low gross, Stephani Messersmith. Second low gross, a tie between Betty Hyde and Judy Sherman. First low net, a tie between Carol Summers and Freda Herron. Meadow Springs C.C., First low gross, Liz Corning. First low net, Eileen Ewart. Pendleton C.C., First low gross, Nora Lee Holdman. Willow Run. First low gross, Lovella Conboy. First low net, Sharon Mantle. Willow Creek C.C., First low gross, Pat Edmundson. Second low gross, a tie between Lynnea Sargent and Loa Henderson. Third low gross, Karen Bishop. First low net, Corol Mitchell. Second low net, Jackie Allstott. Third low net, Lorrene Montgomery.

Special events:

KP: Guest, Freda Herron, La Grande; Home, Bernice Lott.

Long Putt: Guest, Sharon Mantle, Willow Run; Home, Carole Hamilton.

Long Drive: Guest, Inez Mowery, Canyon Lakes; Home, Pat Edmundson.

Chip-ins: Guest, Marlene Shaw; Home, Luvilla Sonstegard, Pat Edmundson, and Lorrene Montgomery.

Birdies: Home, Eva Kilkenny.

Births

Madison Lena Orem- A daughter, Madison Lena Orem, was born June 22, 2005, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton to parents Eric and Brandi Orem of Ione. She was 8 lbs. and 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Bob and Bonni Ball and Joe and Anita Orem, all of Ione. The baby joins a sister, Morgan, four, and a brother, Matthew, two, at home.

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 C-T office. The C-T reserves the right to edit. The C-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 \$10.)

As Heppner goes... so goes the nation.

To the Editor:
"When in the Course of human events..." Two centuries, and twenty nine years, and we still revere and repeat these words that changed the course of history. The Declaration of Independence stands as a document that expressed the ideas, and the sentiments of a large body of people. It also stands as a permanent witness to the total commitment of a small group of people who pledged: "...our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." Those words say it all; everything is being put on the line. The document and ideas we value today as treasure, could as well have survived as treason. In fact, several of those who signed the Declaration did die, or lose family fortune, as a result of their action. The document, and our ensuing Nation survived by the help of countless individuals who

stepped forward and dared to be counted.

The legacy created has now become the stewardship inherited. From farm land, town, and urban dwelling must come the courageous who can envision the kingdom, even in the midst of the chaos. The United States of America, from Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., to the town of Heppner in the State of Oregon, still needs men and women who are willing to put their name, their very being, on the line. As Heppner marches boldly into the two hundred and thirtieth year of our nation, so too will our nation be viewed as embracing, or rejecting, the principles that set us in motion. It is indeed true: as Heppner goes...so goes the Nation.

With a firm reliance on the God of all divine Providence as our guide, I remain faithfully, Pastor Keith Brudevold.

Keith Brudevold

Story on childhood home good with correction

To the Editor:

That was a very good article on the Fishburn Family/Heppner June Yard of the month in the June 22 issue.

I'd like to make one correction. The home belonged to Bruce and Vera Bothwell. He was a carpenter and he built the home. (Wade was their son).

During the War (II) they had a large Victory garden. Mom used to can 100's of quarts of fruit from the trees. Dad brought the original walnut (that started

the tree) from Montana. He also brought back a spruce tree start in a tobacco can in his pocket. He went there each year to shear sheep. Mom had beautiful gladiolas and dahlias and gave a washtub full to several neighbors to be used at weddings.

It's nice to know that my childhood home is in good hands and receiving loving and tender care.

Sincerely,
(s)Joanne Bothwell
Weisenbach
Pendleton, OR

Irrigon Watermelon Festival July 30

The 22nd annual Irrigon Watermelon Festival will be held Saturday, July 30, at the Irrigon Marina Park.

The festival begins with breakfast from 6:30-9 a.m., followed by a softball tournament beginning at 7 a.m. The festival parade begins at 10 a.m.

Continuous entertainment will be offered throughout the day, with arts and crafts booths, bingo, dunk tank, food booths, kids' games and a giant raffle. There will also be a Show-n-Shine car show, boat rides provided by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, the

Round-Up City Cloggers, Hispanic dancers, and ducky races. Music includes Gorge Winds (a 50-piece concert band), "Fenderbenders," Ted Vanderford and his Amazing Sax, Tony Madrigal, Entertainer Extraordinaire, and more. A street dance and light show with Dan Burns 3D Productions starts at 9 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy fun, family entertainment and plenty of watermelon.

Entertainment is provided by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Watermelons are donated by Walchli Farms and Bellinger Farms.

Setting the record straight

To the Editor:

Dear Citizens of the Town of Lexington,

June 29 the council held a job review for the recorder. Two indicated that because the sentence on the last page of the water report says, "Nothing is currently being done in securing a new well or reservoir" that the recorder should be fired. I take full responsibility for that statement as I helped the recorder with the report. These people asked that I write this letter to inform you. I asked them what we were doing on the project and one replied that we had a "needs and issues" request for money for the project and a request in for Tippage Fee financial help. This is true but I would like to defend the statement.

When the Safe Drinking Water Department determined that the 70,000 gal. airport reservoir was cause for concern for safe drinking water and it was taken off line, Gary Burnett from the SDWD went to bat for us to secure a loan of \$96,000 at 4 percent interest through the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund. The town was put in the top 10 on the list and was asked to accept or reject the loan in October of last year. Two meetings went by and I repeatedly was told that we couldn't accept the loan without consent of the town's people, but no one made any attempt to find out what you, the town's people, thought.

Thus, the development of the Water Survey in December 2004. Surveys were sent to 123 meter numbers and 43 responses came to me for a 35 percent return.

Only two respondents choose option number 4—to do nothing. But the council wouldn't

even hear the results. One councilor called some of you and requested that you not fill out the form. A couple even wrote a letter to Big Bradbury, complaining that their voting rights had been violated. The Secretary of State wrote back stating that it was a survey with choices and one of the only ways councilors can find out the wishes of their constituents.

In the meantime, the recorder was instructed to write a letter stating that we weren't ready to use the funds at this time. The council had not approved such an action.

If a water project is in progress, these are the requirements as determined by the Oregon Department of Human Services:

1. "For community water systems, plans must be prepared by a professional engineer licensed in Oregon." No talk of securing a professional engineer for the project has come before council.

2. "Plans must be submitted to and approved by the Health Division prior to construction of a new water system...major additions or modifications." Page 10-1 of ODHS Drinking Water Program Water System Training Course.

I could go on but since no engineering firm has been solicited, I consider the statement, "Nothing is currently being done in securing a new well or reservoir" as a true statement.

Town Councilor,
Jean M. Brazell, 989-8132

Country Club barbecue date changed

The Willow Creek Country Club family golf barbecue has been moved from July 10 to Sunday, July 17, at 4 p.m.

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