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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 \$10.)

OTPR joins Northwest Professional Rodeo Association

To the Editor:
The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo committee has decided to become an NPRA (Northwest Professional Rodeo Association) rodeo rather than a PRC (Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association) rodeo. There are several reasons why the committee decided to change associations.

The main reason for the change is to improve the quality of the show. The PRC has adopted a policy of a 50 rodeo limit for all of the cowboys and cowgirls. Rodeo is not only a sport for the contestants but a full time job, as a result they are choosing to enter the larger, higher paying rodeos.

Because of our small area and limited amount of sponsorships available, we are not able to add enough money per event to compete with the bigger shows. This has caused a reduction in the number of cowboys who enter our rodeo, which affects the quality of the performance that the OTPR is known for.

By becoming an NPRA rodeo, we can still draw top professional cowboys and cowgirls, as well as the Columbia River Circuit Cowboys. It will open the entries to more

Donations being accepted for sports' participation fees

To the Editor:
Another worthwhile opportunity for our community is to contribute to the school sports' programs. With school activities soon upon us there will be several students who will not have funds for registration to participate in various sporting activities over the coming school year. Any donated amount will help.

cowboys and cowgirls, producing a better rodeo experience. The OTPR is a well-respected rodeo and we are looking forward to a great turnout.

The OTPR committee is composed of all volunteer workers who help year round to plan and organize the rodeo. I appreciate the many other volunteers who show up to help during rodeo. Without the committed volunteers this great rodeo would not be possible. I also appreciate our sponsors for their continued support and loyalty. Your dedication to our rodeo and community is very much appreciated. Please recognize and support these local businesses as they generously support us.

I would like to encourage and invite everyone to bring their families to the rodeo this weekend. The performances begin Friday night, Aug. 19 at 6:45 p.m., with the mutton bustin', continues on Saturday and finishes on Sunday with the Morrow County Rodeo. We look forward to seeing all of our Morrow County talent on Sunday at the MOCO.

(s) Ken Bailey
OTPR Rodeo Co-Chair

Money will be distributed throughout the year for both junior and senior high aged students. You can send donations to one of the following:

Ione High School Booster Club, Pay to Play Program, 445 Spring Street, Ione, OR 97843; or Heppner High School, Wild Horse Club, 710 W. Morgan Street, Heppner, OR 97836.

(s) Rev. Duane Jones
Heppner

Ione school board

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data will be corrected with the Oregon Department of Education. Teacher Jim Raible is in charge of correcting errors. (The AYP shows compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act.)

Joe Vandever has donated plumbing work and supplies to the district. Another volunteer, who prefers to be unnamed, is continuing to work on the boiler system.

Browning commended the CAPECO workers for their added assistance.

The district's 2005-06 intergovernmental agreement with the Morrow County Unified Recreation District has been approved. MCURD has agreed to pay ISD \$84,000 for funding of extra-curricular activities.

The board also met in executive session to review performance evaluations.

In other business, the board:

- learned that the district's general fund has received two months of Basic School Support totaling \$466,266.

- reelected Joe McElligott as board chair and Joel Peterson, who was not in attendance, as vice chair.

- learned that new coaching and athletic handbooks have been completed.

- learned that the Booster Club barbecue will be held on Sept. 6 at 6 p.m.

- learned that the school annuals have been received. Browning said that the annuals were "awesome" and at a cost much less than in previous years. Raible directed the annual project.

- approved the following staff contracts: Jill Martin, assistant high school volleyball; Brandi Orem, head high school volleyball; Josh Browning, assistant high school football.

- accepted the following staff resignations: Duane Neiffer, high school teacher.

- approved annual designations for 2005-06 (designation of superintendent/clerk and executive officer, chief financial officer/business manager and other housekeeping designations).

- heard the following announcements: next board meeting, Monday, Sept. 19; Oregon School Boards Association conference, Nov. 11-13, Portland.

Morrow County School Board meeting rescheduled

The Morrow County School District board of directors has rescheduled their regular monthly board meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

The regular meeting will be held at A.C. Houghton Elementary on Aug. 25, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The board will meet for a work session, prior to the regular meeting, at 6 p.m.

Births

Noah Robert-Taves Torre- a son, Noah Robert-Taves, was born Aug. 2, 2005 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Angela and Gregorio Torre Sr., of Irongton.

Obituaries

Betty Lou Pettyjohn

Betty Lou Pettyjohn, 80, of Portland, passed away July 31, 2005.

Services were held Aug. 11 at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

She was born Oct. 12, 1924 in Portland to James Lindsay Pettyjohn and Mary Bacon.



Betty Lou Pettyjohn

The following was written about Bettyjohn by her son, Jim. "Always."

That was mom and dad's song and it epitomized my mother. She was a woman of commitment. As a girl, she was committed to her school and graduated valedictorian. As an employee she dedicated herself to her job at the Oregon Legislature and at Simonds Saw Factory, where she met her lifelong best friend, Vermita. As a wife and mother, she was the rock, the person you could build your life around.

Mom was exceptionally self-disciplined and tough enough to back-up a drill Sergeant, yet tender enough that Coly the dog, Mittens the cat, and Scrooge the duck were all family members.

Though mother really died of a broken heart after the death of my father, [Roy Pettyjohn], ending 60 years of marriage, her will was beyond resolute.

Mom radiated a dynamic energy. Her physical energy never stopped. She 'just did it,' 24/

Queen Jessica Wainwright has roots in fair and rodeo

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rode for last year's court activities. Jessica, who says she practically "lives" on her horse, bought the sorrel from Tag Ashbeck nine years ago. Her mom has a black driftwood mare named Wendy out of an old palomino mare, Pretzel. "I'm usually the one who rides her, but we don't see eye-to-eye," says Jessica with a mischievous twinkle in her own blue eyes.

This summer 18-year-old Jessica has also been working at the Morrow County Grain Growers convenience store in Lexington pumping gas. "It has been really busy this summer," says Jessica. Jessica, who graduated from Heppner High School this June, plans to attend Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton to pursue a transfer degree.

Queen Jessica was born in Hermiston, but the family moved out to Blackhorse and ended up at the Hayes' place out Buttercreek, where they have lived for the past 11 years. Jessica's home is only a few miles from Princess Heather Yocom's. "It has been a lot of fun," says Jessica. "Heather and I kind of grew up together, living only 10 miles apart. We give each other a hard time."

Jessica's favorite experience so far has been at the Elgin Stampede. "I liked the run-in and the suicide races. They have a real good rodeo there," she says. The court had a fun experience at LaGrande, where they stayed getting ready for the Stampede. "We went

7, long before Nike thought of doing it.

That energy also snapped through her barbed and playful wit, a skill necessary for survival in the Pettyjohn and Lindsay families.

Mom's traditions brought a sense of relief and fulfillment, even in the hardest times. There was always a meal for this occasion, a dessert for that occasion, well-rationalized excuses for any kind of holiday, and—of course—Christmas. Mom's greatest gift may have been making things special.

Christmas was mom's favorite of all the seasons. Among other things, I have a Christmas ornament representing almost every year of my life.

Mom belonged to a number of community organizations, was a Valentine's Girl and Rodeo Princess because of her beauty and personality, but the best thing about her, besides being a great mother, was that she was a simple, straight-forward person.

Mom taught the values of hard work, organization, commitment, follow-through, humility, honesty, forgiveness, frugality, and being a Good Samaritan.

I followed those values pretty well, and did a few things of significance in my life. Except for her partnership with dad and being a successful wife and parent, I think that would be her greatest pride."

Survivors include son, Jim; sister, Helen Crawford of Ione; 11 grandchildren; and her border collie, Lobo.

Donations can be made in her name to the

Oregon Humane Society or Willie Nelson's Farm Aid.

Lincoln Memorial Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Wilbur Dean Lingafelter

Wilbur Dean Lingafelter, 74, of Irrigon, died Monday, Aug. 8, 2005, at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, WA.

At his request there will be no funeral service. Disposition was by cremation.

Lingafelter was born Oct. 19, 1930, at McPherson, KS, to Willard Hosea and Velma A. Mullinax Lingafelter.

He was employed as a deputy sheriff for Lane County and was also a criminologist.

An avid hunter and fisherman, he loved wildlife, the outdoors and his camping buddy, Lucky the cat.

He was a veteran of the National Guard and then served with the Navy.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Deanna and Sammy Hamilton and his grandson, Mike Hamilton, all of Irrigon; brother, Keith Lingafelter of Wichita, KS; sisters, Helen Sweeney of McPherson, KS and Joan Bizzle of Denison, TX; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Dick Lingafelter.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

mock suede shirt with blue jeans and the vests. For casual wear the court wears "hick shirts", which are blue and red plaid shirts with Rockies tank tops underneath and blue jeans. They also have a brown mock suede shirt. The outfits are topped off by Silver Belly hats. Queen Jessica has a silver hat and Princess Heather has a black hat. "A lot of courts have really shiny outfits," laughs Jessica. "So we kind of look like hicks. We do have one shiny shirt, though, a brown pinstripe shirt with rhinestones," she adds.

Queen Jessica is really excited about their own Morrow County Fair and Rodeo activities. "Heather and I have been telling everyone about the new Northwest Pro Rodeo. It's supposed to be a lot bigger for contestants. It's the third highest paid rodeo," says Jessica. "And they have the all-around saddle back this year." Jessica is also excited about the fair activities which include: Kids' Day, the Tractor Pull and Mad Science on opening day Wednesday; Ed Dailey and his Talent Review, Murray's Wine Tasting and Micro-Brew, with the Barbecue by John Gochnauer from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursday; Oregon Trail NW Pro Rodeo Performance at 7 p.m. on Friday and 1:15 p.m. on Saturday; the Fair and Rodeo Parade at 10 a.m., the Livestock Auction at 6 p.m. and Music on the Grass from 9 p.m. until midnight, all on Saturday; and the Morrow County Jackpot Rodeo Sunday at 1:15 p.m.

Please Join Us for a No-Host Celebration
In Honor of
FRANK HALVORSEN
Frank is the Grand Marshal for the 2005 Morrow County Fair & Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo
See you there on Friday, August 19th, at 5 p.m., at the Heppner Elks Lodge