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~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT 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.

United Farm Workers Union threaten boycott

To the Editor:

For months now, the United Farm Workers Union has attacked one of this region's outstanding agricultural operations; Threemile Canyon Farms in Boardman. The UFW has threatened to boycott products that use potatoes or milk from Threemile Canyon Farms, has picketed a bank which loans money to the Farm, and raised questions about how the Farm treats its workers.

I am appalled at the union's threatening tactics. Eastern Oregon takes great pride in businesses like Threemile Canyon Farms. It employs hundreds of workers with very good wages and benefits, offering language and skill training. It adds about \$250 million to our rural economies. Threemile Canyon is a leader in how it treats its employees and should not be slandered by the union's outrageous propaganda.

The UFW's tactics

hurt working families that depend on strong agricultural businesses for jobs, wages and property taxes.

Threemile Canyon Farms offered to be a "test case" to help Governor Kulongoski resolve conflicts between farm management and labor. The United Farm Workers balked at the idea and they helped kill a bill in the legislature to treat farm workers like all other employees under Oregon law. Basically, UFW doesn't want workers to vote on (with a secret ballot) whether they want union representation.

The union doesn't adhere to the basic beliefs of democracy where individuals can vote, in secret, without having someone looking over their shoulder. That's all Threemile Canyon Farms is asking. Seems like a reasonable request to me.

(s) Greg Smith
Salem

Oregon Republican Party and Republican Legislators Working Together

To the Editor:

In the spirit of bringing Oregon Republicans closer together on the issues and for the common good, the Oregon Republican Party (ORP) has been taken up on its offer to the Oregon Senatorial Caucus to share some of the ORP's space in its Salem office.

ORP Chairman Vance Day and Republicans across the state see this mutually beneficial sharing of space as a tremendous step forward in enhancing two directional communication of the thoughts and issues of the Grassroots of State Party and the Republican Senators.

In today's political world of high cost campaigns and complicated legislation tempered or sometimes dominated by judicial activism, the efficiency of thought, communication and financing brought about by this cooperative Party/Caucus effort is a bright and shining beacon for the future of the GOP in Oregon. As Executive director Amy Langdon has said, the close proximity of the two bodies working together has created a tremendous synergy.

All Republicans should commend Chairman Day, Senate Minority Leader Ted Ferrioli and ORP Executive Director Amy (Casterline) Langdon for their efforts and leadership in this collaboration.

(s)Tim Smith
Harney County, Oregon

Obituaries

Corabelle L. Norene

Corabelle "Cork" L. Norene, 75, of Heppner died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. At her request no service will be held and disposition is by cremation.

She was born November 1, 1930 at Walla Walla, Washington, the daughter of Clyde and Ruth Eichinger Nutting. She attended school at Toppenish, Pilot Rock and then Heppner where she graduated in 1948. She was on the Condon Rodeo Court in 1946 and the Heppner Rodeo Court in 1947.

On June 10, 1950 she married James Norene at Mitchell, Oregon. The couple lived at Pullman, Washington while he attended graduate school in Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University. The couple operated a Veterinary Clinic in Heppner, where she worked for 43 years.

She enjoyed painting, working in her yard and garden, and most of all being with her family.

Survivors include her husband Dr. James Norene of Heppner; daughter Tracey Bunch and her husband Mike of Heppner; and granddaughter Audra Huntington and her husband Sam of Portland.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Home Health, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner, in charge of arrangements.

W. Marie Beshears

W. Marie Beshears, 95, died Dec. 10, 2005 in her home at Rose Arbor Assisted Living in Hermiston. W. Marie Beshears was born on August 7, 1910 in Issaquah, Washington to parents, Alfred and Jennie Lenover Barzee. Marie was raised and attended school in Myrtle Point, Oregon. She married Leland McNair in July 9, 1926 in Myrtle Point, Oregon. He died July 13, 1937. She went to Beauty College in Eugene, Oregon and later operated a beauty shop in the 1940's in Myrtle Point, Oregon. Marie married Bruce Henry August 2, 1941 in Myrtle Point, Oregon. They later moved to John Day, Oregon and Ontario, Oregon where they owned and operated ranches. They moved to the Hermiston area in 1950. They owned and operated the Phillips Service Station and Store at Buck's Corner. They later managed Oregon Trail Ranch on Buttercreek until 1967 when Bruce died.

She married Wilson Beshears Nov. 9, 1968 in Springfield, Oregon. They moved back to Hermiston in 1970 where she has lived since. Wilson preceded her in death in 1985.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Hermiston, Oregon and the Stanfield Study Club. She enjoyed crafts, traveling, spending time with her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great

great grandchildren. Marie won several Blue Ribbons for her homemade bread at the Umatilla County Fair. Marie's family is so grateful for the staff at Rose Arbor for their care and compassion given their mother.

She is survived by her sons: Kenneth W. McNair & wife Bonnie, Echo, OR, Robert Henry & wife Nancy, Hermiston, OR; daughters: Kathryn Lorance & husband Jim, Saugus, CA, June Jones & husband Paul, Heppner, OR; brothers: Kenneth Barzee, Weaverville, CA, Marvin Barzee, Myrtle Point, OR; 9 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and 12 great great grandchildren.

Marie was preceded in death by her husbands: Leland R. McNair, Bruce Henry, and Wilson Beshears; son: Bruce E. Henry, grandson: Ricky P. Jones.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. First Christian Church, Hermiston, Oregon.

Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Marie's memory to the First Christian Church.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

Rocket Club meets this Thursday

The meeting will be at Ione High School, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in Dale Holland's science room.

Election of officers will take place at this Thursday's meeting. All those running for an office will need to prepare a short speech about why they would like to become an officer.

Adam Collin, Zach Orem, and Brad Kenison will be giving us brief reports of the launch activities this last weekend.

Spencer Smith will be giving a Team America contest team status report, also. There will be a short organizational meeting for the TARC team after the regular meeting.

Everyone needs to bring their X-13 rockets and a notebook. Pat Struthers will bring extra kits and parts so that the damaged rockets can be repaired.

Participants will be deciding on their club name.

Pheasants Forever organizational meeting set

The first organizational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Pettyjohn office conference room. Gabe McMasters, Pheasants Forever Regional Biologist, will be on hand to give a presentation, answer questions and help organize a Chapter here in Heppner.

School board deals with concerns

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Learner program and was recently honored by the Oregon School Boards Association for achieving test scores in the 90th percentile at A.C. Houghton Elementary in Irrigon and Sam Boardman Elementary in Boardman, despite having a large number of students who are still English language learners.

In other business, the board received an outline of new athletic districts from the Oregon School Activities Association. In the redistricting, which has six classifications, rather than the previous four, Riverside High School in Boardman, with 301 students, was placed in the 3A classification for District 5, along with Vale High School, with 310, Nyssa with 307, Burns with 306, Umatilla with 296 and Grant Union with 271. The 3A classification has 37 schools and five districts with student populations ranging from 236 to 400 students each.

The new Irrigon High School, with 230 students, was placed in the District 5 2A classification, along with Heppner with 142 students, Weston-McEwen with 216, Union with 157, Enterprise with 154, Stanfield with 146, Elgin with 131 and Pilot Rock with 130. The 2A classification has 41 schools and five districts with student populations ranging from 116 to 235.

Irrigon High School Principal Ron Anthony told the board that Irrigon will remain in the 2A classification for four years, although it will probably have 236 students in only two years. He said that Irrigon will move into the 3A classification along with Riverside at the end of the four-year period.

In other business, the board:

-heard a report from assistant superintendent Wade Smith, Theresa Proctor-Reece, English Language Learner teacher at Windy River Elementary, Dave Fowler, Heppner High School technology teacher,

and Joel Chavez, who traveled to Dallas, Texas, to visit and glean knowledge about model schools there, and to Houston for workshops on SIOP, which is a staff development program being implemented in the Morrow County School District.

-heard a report from Matt Combe on the district's alternative school, which currently has 77 students with 50 of those students from Morrow County. He said that the school could handle all 77 students at one time. The school has two classrooms, a PLATO lab and could expand to include one more classroom if needed.

-learned that the new shop building at Irrigon High School is around 50 percent completed.

-learned of concerns about negotiations with the city of Irrigon with regard to the proposed sewer system and the utility easement. The board agreed to let Burrows negotiate with the city.

-approved policies concerning: a tobacco free environment, field trips, alternative education programs and evaluation of alternative ed programs.

-discussed policy on reporting of suspected child abuse.

-discussed policy concerning field trips.

-approved the first reading on discipline-suspension-expulsion.

-approved having board members assigned to attend CEC meetings on a permanent rather than revolving basis.

-heard concerns about the Irrigon PA system and agreed to let administration work out the details.

-held an executive session concerning personnel.

-heard the following announcements: Heppner, Boardman and Irrigon Community Education Committee meetings for December have been cancelled; winter break is from December 19 to January 2; the next board meeting is Monday, January 9, at Heppner Elementary School at 7 p.m.

Ione Lighting Contest begins

Columbia Basin Electric sponsors this year's lighting contest in Ione. All of the winners will receive a \$25.00 electrical gift certificate. The categories will include Best Use of Lighting, Most Original Set, Mini and Bright Lights, Spirit of Christmas, Best Decorated and Judge's Favorite. All entries will be judged on Dec. 21.

For more information you may contact Gayle at Ione City Hall 422-7414.

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