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Morrow County School District blocks MySpace.com

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after further investigation, a Morrow County administrator was able to gain access to a number of "private" student sites inadvertently through other students' "open" sites, shedding light on the dangers and misconceptions of internet safety. One principal noted that all they had to do was log on to MySpace.com, type in a student's name, and they had complete access to her age, cell phone number, where she goes to school, where she likes to hang out, etc.

As Alexandria Rocha, news columnist from the Palo Alto Weekly reported, "besides posting personal information...., some students are also putting highly suggestive sexual and drug and alcohol related content on their

profiles." Nancy Pasternack of the Santa Cruz Sentinel reports that, "Playboy's current campaign, the Girls of MySpace, solicit nude photos...to be considered for publication in the magazine." Jim Boyce, dean of student affairs at White River High School in Buckley, Washington, states, "We have seen a very negative impact with MySpace.com as students from our school and others use it for negative purposes such as threats, harassment and malicious gossip."

Most PTA and parent-help organizations strongly encourage parents to educate themselves thoroughly by visiting the site to see how it works. Some sites of help to parents may be: netnanny.com, getnetwise.org and safekids.com.

~ 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.

Cyclist expresses appreciation for Heppner participation

To the Editor: Dear Residents of Heppner, They say it is never too late to do something. In my case, I hope "do something," means writing a letter of appreciation for something in 2005 that I should have written in 2005. I wanted to give my appreciation to your community for the sponsorship, donations, volunteers and support on the 2005 Columbia Plateau Cycling Race. I appreciate the warmth your town gave towards myself and my cycling peers during the athletic competition. It is really your involvement and cooperation that makes

these cycling races happen. Your help promotes a healthy alternative for kids and adults to spend their free time. Your support fosters an environment for our future Olympic athletes and even Tour de France riders. If it was not for your community, I would not even get the future opportunity to tell my grandkids all the wacky stories that go along with cycling races.

My New Year's resolution is to write these letters for events like this that I take a part of in a more timely fashion. (s) Jay Freyensee West Linn

Help needed for litter pickup

To the Editor: Due to doing a rather silly thing on skis, I am unable to head up the Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pickup on the state highways through town prior to the St. Patrick's Celebration.

I would like to appeal to the residents and businesses on the state

highways to do their usual great job of cleaning up their highway frontages prior to the St. Patrick's Celebration.

The next "formal" litter pick up will be prior to Memorial Day weekend.

I appreciate your assistance. (s) John Edmundson Heppner

Obituaries

June Anderson McInnes

June Anderson McInnes, 89, of Redmond, WA, formerly of Heppner, died on Feb. 28, 2006 in Bellevue, WA.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 11, 2006 at the Heppner Cemetery, next to her mother Nellie and her brother, Gay, Jr. The service will be officiated by Pastor Keith Brudevold.

She was born on June 23, 1916 in Heppner, the daughter of Gay and Nellie Anderson. She was raised in Heppner and graduated from Heppner

High School. She lived in Menlo Park, CA prior to moving to Redmond, WA in 1992 to be near her son.

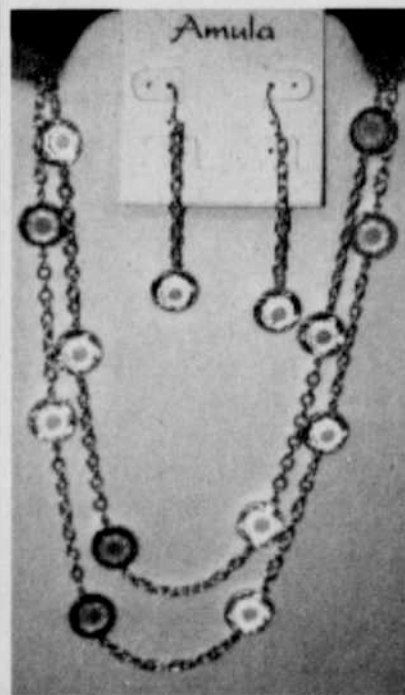
Survivors include her son, Richard G. Roller, of Redmond, WA; nieces, Sharon E. Shipley of Aurora, UT and Jill Spears of Talent. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas F. McInnes.

Remembrances may be made to Heppner Hospital Foundation.

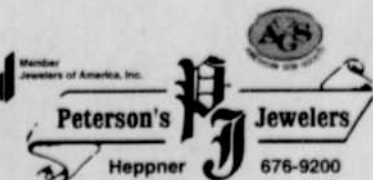
Arrangements are under the direction of Flintoft's Issaquah Funeral Home.

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Letha W. Rippee

Letha W. Rippee, 95, formerly of Heppner and Condon, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006 at Providence Centralia Hospital in Centralia, WA, from complications of pneumonia.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 11 at The Manor at Canyon Lakes in Kennewick, WA at 1 p.m. Interment will be at the Heppner Cemetery at a later date. Disposition was by cremation.

She was born on July 26, 1910, in Heppner, to John and Elma (McFerrin) Hiatt.

After graduating from Heppner High School in 1928, she married Oscar Rippee on Aug. 30, 1928, and they had two sons. They lived in Heppner until 1949, when Oscar transferred to Condon with the Oregon State Highway Department. Letha was active in Condon in many areas. She served as City Treasurer of Condon during the 1970s and worked for many years as a bookkeeper for Condon Motors.

She was a member of Eastern Star and the United Church of Christ. She enjoyed playing bridge and bowling and took up golf when the Condon course was completed. She enjoyed her garden and outdoor activities, spending many treasured days at the family cabin at Reed's Mill. Her needlepoint work was especially prized by her family.

Letha and Oscar celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Condon in 1978. She moved to Kennewick, WA, after his death in 1990, and to Centralia, WA, in 2003 to be near her son.

Survivors include: a sister, Doris Hodge of Kennewick, WA; son, Don and wife Loretta of Chehalis, WA; daughter-in-law Beverly Rippee of Milwaukie; grandsons, Tim Rippee and wife Judy, also of Milwaukie, Chris Rippee and wife Valerie of Vancouver, WA and Calvin Rippee and wife Patty of Palouse, WA;

granddaughter, Corienne and husband Larry of the Tri-Cities; great-grandson, Jeffrey Rippee and wife Erin of Vancouver, WA; great-granddaughters, Heather Adams of Albany, Chelsie of Tri-Cities and Sarah Rippee of Portland, and great-great-granddaughters, Katelynn and Kylee Adams of Albany, and Haley Jo Rippee of Portland. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son Lowell in 2003.

American Burial and Cremation of Tumwater, WA was in charge of arrangements.

Irene Anhorn

Irene Anhorn, 87, of Heppner, died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at Willowbrook Terrace in Pendleton.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Monday, March 13 at First

Christian Church in Heppner.

She was born Jan. 21, 1919 at Heppner, the daughter of Wm. Jefferson "Jeff" Beamer and Clara Reid Gertson. She attended Heppner schools, playing trumpet in the high school band. She graduated from Heppner High School in 1936, then continued her education at Pacific University for two years.

With a home economics education degree from Oregon State University, she secured a teaching position at Central Point High School, where she met Carl William "Willie" Anhorn. They were married on July 27, 1941 at Heppner. The couple started their married life in Central Point and raised four sons and a daughter.

Anhorn began working in education as a substitute teacher. She was a 4-H leader in Jackson County and an honorary FFA member of the Scenic and Crafter school FFA chapters.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1970 and she returned to Heppner in 1976.

She became very active with 4-H at the Morrow County Fair. She was a volunteer at the Heppner Library and answered phones at the Senior Center. She was a RSVP volunteer, visiting the nursing home, driving retired citizens to the doctor's offices and running errands. The city of Heppner recognized her commitment to volunteering in the community by selecting her Woman of the Year in 1983.

Her favorite pastimes included researching the family history and family trees, her cats, miniature horses, miniature goats, sewing, crafting and collecting anything associated with owls. She was a member of the Heppner First Christian Church helping with Sunday school and vacation bible schools. On Sundays she helped with the church services and played the piano at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home. She was living at Willowbrook Terrace in Pendleton, Oregon at the time of her death.

Survivors include sons, William G. Anhorn and wife Pat of LaGrande, Jeffrey C. Anhorn and wife Bonnie of San Jose, CA and Michael J. Anhorn of Medford; daughter, Catherine Christensen and husband Rex of Pilot Rock; sister, Mary Beamer Goheen of Heppner; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Anhorn, son, James B. Anhorn, parents, Jeff and Clara Beamer and brother, James Beamer.

Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the Anhorn Scholarship Fund in care of The Crater Foundation, PO Box 5172, Central Point, OR 97502.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner in charge of arrangements.

Taylor's Restaurant in Ione -- Saturday, March 11th -- BLACKJACK! Check out Taylor's full menu and dinner menu ~ TAYLOR'S RESTAURANT • 422-9800 ~



Public Encouraged to Attend Meetings on Water Quality Planning for Willow Creek Basin

First Tuesdays in March, 5 p.m. at the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Office, 430 Heppner/Lexington Highway

DEQ is studying water quality in Willow Creek and its tributaries. Temperature and pH measurements in Willow Creek periodically exceed State water quality standards. Bacteria levels in the Balm Fork are above standards as well. The study will determine target levels of pollutants or other controls needed for streams to meet standards. Plans will then be prepared by land and water management authorities to achieve those goals.

We want to hear your questions and concerns. On March 7 and subsequent meetings, DEQ staff will present findings and will be available to answer questions and discuss what this may mean to you. After the discussions and draft documentation are completed, a formal public comment period and hearings will be held, as early as June of 2006. Comments can also be made to the Pendleton DEQ office any time during the development of these "Total Maximum Daily Loads and Water Quality Management Plans."

Please join us at any or all of these sessions to talk about the plan to restore and protect water quality in the Willow Creek Subbasin.

For more information, please contact Don Butcher, with DEQ in Pendleton, at (541) 278-4603 or (800) 304-3513. Information is also available through your local Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District at (541) 676-5452.

Information about DEQ's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program can be found at: http://www.deq.state.or.us/WQ/TMDLs/UmatillaBasin.htm