

Obituaries

Donald G. Gideon

Donald G. Gideon, 83, of Fossil, formerly of Corbbet, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, at his home.

A memorial service was held Oct. 7 at the Fossil United Methodist Church.

He was born April 15, 1923 in Drumright, OK to Charles and Nannie Morgan Gideon. After graduation from Drumright High School he enlisted in the United States Navy and served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters during World War II.

In 1943, he married Irma Wallace who died in 1970.

He was called back into military service during the Korean Conflict and served in Guam.

On Jan. 28, 1972, he married Barbara Slifer at Portland.

Gideon retired in 1985 from Howard Cooper Corporation in Portland. He worked as a heavy equipment field mechanic, traveling through out Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska. The couple moved to the Winlock area near Fossil in 2002.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Gideon; sons, Terry Gideon and Randall Slifer; daughters, Cleo Slifer and Patty Knapp; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild; sisters, Delores Patton, Lou Ella Hays, Juliene Dorsey and Sue Weatherford. He was preceded in death by his brother, O'Del Gideon, sister, Charlene Cox, daughter, Laryn Slifer and son, Barry Slifer.

Contributions for those who wish may be made to the Gideon Bible International, P.O. Box 28, The Dalles, OR 97058.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.

Jesse M. Childers

Jesse M. Childers, 78, of Ione, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at Legacy Emmanuel in Portland.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Ione Legion Hall.

Childers was born Aug. 11, 1928 in Shattuck, OK to Jesse and Coy (Bowman) Childers. As a child he moved to Washington with his family, where he graduated from Mabton High School.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1946. While in the Navy, he served aboard the USS Midway. The USS Midway was on a peacekeeping mission and toured the Mediterranean. While in the service he married Vivian Ballard and had two sons, Jesse and Dennis. They later divorced.

In 1956, he married Alice Glaizer. Alice died in 1990 in Longview, WA.

Childers worked as a ranch hand and did welding and maintenance for different dealerships. He also worked as a welder and blacksmith for Reynolds Metal in Longview, WA. After 25 years with Reynolds, he retired and moved to Ione to be near family.

Survivors include his sons, Jesse and Dennis Childers; brother and sister-in-law, Cleo and Marilyn Childers and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 95, Ione, Oregon, in care of, Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton handled arrangements.

Benjamin Henry Rauch

Benjamin Henry Rauch, 53, of Pendleton died Tuesday, Sept. 26, as a result of a car accident near Echo.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Pendleton. A reception will follow at the Pendleton Elk's Lodge.

Rauch was born June 21, 1953 in Heppner to Henry "Hank" Rauch and Patricia L. Pierson Rauch.

Rauch graduated from Pendleton High School in 1972 and pursued a life-long career of being a mechanic and farming. His hobbies and interests were tinkering with anything mechanical, playing pool and horseshoes, bowling, searching for antique bottles and mechanical pieces, cars and anything with an engine. He married Debi Allen of Pendleton and they had three children, Jeremy, Ashleigh and Gavin.

On Jan. 24, 2003, Rauch married Jill Fisher of Tri-Cities, WA.

Rauch was an immensely loving man and loved his family above all else. He also loved to meet new people, no one was a stranger for long. Once

friends, he would always stand up for them and never forget them. Rauch had a gift for never forgetting a face or a name. A simple trip to the store with him was never simple because he seemed to know everyone in every aisle. He had a great ability to tell stories, and they never failed to improve with each telling. Rauch's sense of humor was remarkable as well and his laugh could be heard across a crowded room. He loved a good joke and would slap his leg and laugh uproariously.

Survivors include his wife, Jill Rauch; children, Jeremy of Tumwater, WA, Ashleigh and Gavin, both of Walla Walla, WA; step-children, Steven and Jennifer Fisher; siblings, Kay Bailey of Athena, David of Athena, Karl of California, Bill of Fort Collins, CO and Ted of Portland; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Rauch's parents preceded him in death this year.

Elwyn Leroy "Roy" Hughes

Elwyn Leroy "Roy" Hughes, 68, of Heppner, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006 at his home.

A private family memorial service was held Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006.

He was born July 4, 1938 at Heppner, the son of Elwyn and Maude Bailey Hughes. He was raised and attended school in Heppner.

Hughes served with the United States Coast Guard for a number of years. He was a long haul truck driver until his retirement.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his mother, Maude Hughes of Condon; son, Brian Hughes of Albany; granddaughter, Sierra Hughes of Albany; sister, Margaret Hamm of Richmond, VA; brother, Don Hughes of Vancouver, WA; former wife, Leora Barham of Albany; and longtime friend and partner, Glenda Hess of Heppner.

Contributions for those who wish may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 380 SE Spokane Suite 110, Portland, OR 97202

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

~ 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.

Measure 48- Back to the Future

To the Editor:

It's little known, but it happens to be a fact, that Oregon already has a spending limit for state government. If that's the case, why all the fuss over this fall's Ballot Measure 48, which would limit the growth of state government to inflation plus population?

In the 1970s, Oregon's Legislature went on a spending binge. During that decade, state spending jumped dramatically as Oregon's timber-based economy boomed. In response, voters went to the polls in 1980 and overwhelmingly approved our "2 Percent Kicker" program, and another provision tying state government spending increases to increases in personal income. The two were a perfect match- the Kicker would limit revenue and the spending limit would limit well-spending.

Unfortunately for the voters, both these measures were only statutory- that is, they were "only" laws. Since passed, the Kicker has been violated by the Legislature several times- and threatened every time it "kicked"- until voters got fed up and put it in the state constitution a few years ago.

The spending limit suffered an even worse fate. Since its adoption in 1980, legislators have not allowed that spending limit to limit one penny of spending. The Legislature has voted to violate the voter-approved spending limit in every single Legislative session since 1981. That's 13 straight times.

Any questions about why Oregonians distrust the government?

Ione prepares for homecoming

Ione Community School is celebrating homecoming this week, with the homecoming sports games being held on Friday, Oct. 13. The varsity volleyball game will begin at 5 p.m., with the varsity football game starting at 7 p.m. The teams will be playing against Sherman County.

The homecoming court will be announced during halftime of the football game. A dance will follow the game, beginning at 9:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall.

Morrow County needs representation on the bench

To the Editor:

Morrow County is joined with Umatilla County in more than one way. For example, we're both part of the BMCC District. Morrow County voters and taxpayers have supported BMCC since its inception 44 years ago.

Morrow County is also joined with Umatilla County in the 6th Judicial District. The "bench" consists of five state court judges, now that Position 5 has been created by the 2005 legislature.

All of the current four judges reside in Umatilla County and maintain their principal court functions there. Even the new judgeship will be there, in one of the three courtrooms in Pendleton. But this new judge will also be available to hear Morrow County cases in Morrow County. Yes, we do have a courthouse in Heppner with a courtroom. What we don't have is a resident state court judge to hear cases docketed here on a full-time basis.

Ann Spicer lives in Morrow County, was our district attorney from 1981 to 1982, practices law in both counties and is a candidate for the new judgeship.

Ann Spicer is Morrow County's preferred candidate, as evidenced by the fact that she drew 61 percent of the Morrow County vote in the primary, versus 23 percent and 10 percent for the other two candidates. So, obviously, we think she is the better of the two candidates in the general election. Ann Spicer also drew 30 percent of the votes in Umatilla County.

We need Umatilla County voters to also take Ann Spicer seriously. Please vote this fine lady and excellent lawyer to be the new judge.

(s) Suzanne Jepsen Heppner

Make no mistakes, elect Spicer

To the Editor:

As a member of this community, we need to understand how important it is to elect the right person, one who has the experience, law knowledge, skills and criterion to make the right decisions as a judge. I've known Ann Spicer for many years. She has 29 years of experience and I have no doubt that she has all the combined high qualifications to continue to serve our community as a judge of Umatilla-Morrow Circuit Court, Position 5.

Make no mistakes. Let's be sure to elect the right person for this important position and vote for Annetta Spicer, who has been a district attorney and is now committed to serve as a Judge for the Circuit Court.

(s) David Nahol Hermiston



2006 Heppner Homecoming Court

[Editor's Note: The names of the junior crown bearers were misspelled in last week's edition.] Homecoming Court: (Back Row L-R): Jay and Baillie Keithley, Mark and Mahaley Huddleston, Wayne and Queen Regi Seitz, Mark and Lyndi Patton, Cyde and Jay Coil; (Front Row L-R): Tim Hauer, Casey Maben, King Aaron Allstott, Zach Kurtz and Luke Basile. Junior Crown Bearers: Shayna Osmin and Coby Dougherty. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

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