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Holly Rebekah raffle to benefit child with CF

The Holly Rebekah Lodge has planned a raffle to benefit the family of a young girl who was recently diagnosed with cystic fibrosis.

Emma Gray Clemens, the three-year-old daughter of Susan and James Clemens of Hermiston, and the granddaughter of Terry and LaVon Cave of Hermiston and Mike and Marlene Gray of Ione, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis only two months ago. When she was an infant, her symptoms were believed to be caused by colds and allergies, but her symptoms, including intestinal problems, worsened. She was eventually diagnosed with CF and was taken to a Spokane clinic for treatment. Her daily regimen includes vitamins and enzyme treatment and will include the use of a \$16,000 vest designed to loosen the mucous in her lungs.

The Holly Rebekah Lodge will raffle two gift baskets—one for the kitchen and one for the bath. Raffle tickets, at \$2 each or three for \$5, will be available at the Heppner TV Office for the month of November or by contacting Virginia Peck, 676-9888, or any Holly Rebekah member. The baskets will be raffled during the Town and Country banquet to be held in January.



Emma Gray Clemens shows off her new glasses

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Everyone enjoyed the pumpkins the kids brought in to the Senior Center. They showed a lot of imagination. The following children were all winners of blue ribbons: Michael Reade, seven; Patrick Burch, seven; Morgan Burch, five; Kellen Grant, four; Sophie Grant, six; and Kevin Murray, eight. Judges were Billie Lacey, Dawn DeBoer, Kelly Fritz and Kathy Turner.

The menu for the November 15 lunch will be chili with beans, corn, Jell-O with fruit, cornbread and cake. Members of the Nazarene Church will serve.

United Methodist Women donate to senior center



Peggy Connor, president of the Heppner United Methodist Church Women, presents a donation to Kathy Turner, manager of the Heppner Senior Center

Gift baskets donated by Molly Rhea and Donna Schonbachler of Heppner raised \$331 for the Heppner United Methodist Church bazaar raffle held November 3.

Kay Proctor of Heppner won Schonbachler's basket. Jessica Hamilton won Rhea's basket.

The United Methodist Women donated the raffle proceeds to the Heppner Senior Center.

Kathy Turner, Heppner St. Patrick's

Senior Center manager, said that she and Judy Buschke, a member of the senior center board, would work together concerning fund disbursement.

Thanksgiving potluck planned

The American Legion and Auxiliary annual Thanksgiving potluck will be held Monday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. Turkey and dressing will be furnished. Meetings will be held after the potluck dinner. All members are invited to attend.

Obituaries

Denise Ruth Rands

Denise Ruth Rands, 53, died Sunday, November 5, 2006, from brain cancer at her home in Crooked River Ranch, Oregon.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 9, 2006, at 1 p.m. at the Ranch Chapel in Crooked River Ranch. A graveside service will follow in Lexington at 12 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2006, followed by a Celebration of Life at the Heppner Elks Club beginning at 3 p.m.

She was born in February 17, 1953, in Heppner, and was a graduate of the Heppner High School Class of 1971. She became a CPA and worked in accounting for many years.

Survivors include her husband, David; daughters, Jessica (Tyler) Engvall of Portland and Jennifer Rands of Bend; son, Jeffrey Rands of Hillsboro; parents LaVonne and Elmer Morford of Mist and Barbara Bloodworth of Heppner; sister, Barbara (David) Anderson of Camano Island, Washington; brother, Jim (Carlita) Bloodworth of Hermiston; stepbrothers and sisters, Coleman (Leslie) Devine, Patty (Chuck) Jensen, all of Pendleton, and Barbara (Rob) Widmer of Portland, Elita (Rick) Davis of Mist and Monte Morford of Vernonia; a granddaughter, Nicole Rands of San Diego; and many nieces and nephews. Her father, Jim Bloodworth, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Redmond, Sisters and Grant County at (877) 244-0858.

Finding the forgotten soldier

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The story was fascinating. I was mesmerized as I sat in my home in Heppner, Oregon, while this 83-year-old man whom I did not know talked of our shared history from half a world away over 60 years ago. He spoke of the bitter cold of that winter of 1944-45, and the hardships they had all endured.

Darrell told me how his tank knocked out three German tanks in one day, and two more later on. He spoke of how his tank was eventually hit and one of his crewmen went out the top and was killed by German machine gun fire, and he and another man went out the bottom escape hatch and crawled to safety in a potato furrow. This was the kind of combat my uncle was undergoing in France.

Later in the spring Darrell said his tank was hit again. He was injured and airlifted out of France. While on the plane he heard that the war had ended. He said when he left he had believed the Allies were losing because of the casualties and fierce fighting Company C was going through.

We talked some more on that Saturday morning and then said our goodbyes. I thanked him for all he had given me, and he said he would send some photos and other information he had. Later I received a packet with a picture of the whole company taken at Camp Pendleton, along with some other personal recollections.

It was done. I felt a solid connection to my uncle, and the pieces of his young life had finally begun to fall into place.

After that I took out and read some papers I had

found. There was the telegram announcing Guy's death to my grandparents. It was dated May 6 and he had been listed as missing since January. Then there were the letters.

My uncle had a girlfriend in the states. I read her mother's letter after they heard of Guy's death. I read Guy's letters to his mother and father written in December 1944. He wrote how cold it was, and that, just like lots of the other guys, he had caught a cold. He complained about his hands being cut up from loading the shells. He was 20 years old when he died the next month.

Then there was the most heart wrenching of all, a letter from my grandfather to his son, my father, Earl Sykes, telling him of his brother's death.

"We know you will take it as we do — one of the worst tragedies that can befall a family like our own. The only thing worse would be something that would bring shame or dishonor to any of us. We are hopeful that it will not leave you in a bitter frame of mind. It is a difficult thing to bear, let alone try to understand. Since it has happened there is no retreat from it and we still have to go on," Earl Sykes, Sr., wrote to his son.

Although I will never know this uncle, after research and talking about him I can now think clearly about the end of his young life, and someday, I want to travel to that cemetery in France, where Guy Beverly Sykes and 10,488 other Americans are buried, and stand at Plot E, Row 46, Grave 29. I just want to say hello, and goodbye, to the soldier and uncle I never knew.

New youth center to open in Heppner

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However, Lovgren reminds parents that children who are not old enough to go downtown by themselves without a babysitter must have a parent or sitter come with them to the center. "It's not a babysitting service," she added.

While some games will cost to play, others will be free, said Lovgren. "You don't have to have money to come." Barn boards will be available for purchase by sponsors. For \$100 people can design their own board, which could include a design, a brand or an emblem, which will be

placed on the wall at the center. For \$25 donors can have their name or family name placed on the "We Love Our Kids Wall of Fame." Additionally, on dance nights there will be a cover charge.

While work at the center is still underway, Lovgren says that it will be ready to open on the 15th due to the many volunteers offering "wonderful support in painting and moving bars and equipment."

For more information call Lovgren at 676-5217.

Wheat Foundation scholarship offered

The Oregon Wheat Foundation will provide up to 12 scholarships for high school seniors whose families are members of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Students whose family members are employed by OWGL members are also eligible. The scholarship requirements include an essay on any topic related to the wheat industry and a

summary of the student's school and community involvement.

One \$500 award will be made to a qualifying student from each of the participating counties, which include Morrow, Baker, Gilliam, Klamath, Malheur, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wasco. In addition one award will be made in the Willamette Valley counties and the Central Oregon counties.

Application forms are available from the Oregon Wheat Growers League website at www.owgl.org, or Cindy Osterlund, scholarship coordinator for the Oregon Wheat Foundation, PO Box 322, Condon, OR 97823. Applications are due February 1, 2007.

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