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Obituaries

George A. Steagall

George A. Steagall, of Heppner; son, George Steagall II of Salem; daughters, Brenda Ratcliff and her husband John of Vale, and Vicky Duvall and her husband Rick of Rowlett, TX; brother, Robert Steagall of Lebanon; sisters, Virginia Sittion of Fossil, Erie, PA, and Irene Clark of Sacramento, CA; three granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.



George A. Steagall

He was born February 5, 1918 in Spray, the son of Thomas D. and Cora Shoun Steagall. He was raised and attended school in Spray where he graduated from high school. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1945.

On April 17, 1946 he married Anna Mae Parson in Harlan, KY. The couple lived in South Morrow County all of their married lives. Mr. Steagall worked for several area farmers before starting employment at Kinzua Pine Mills in Heppner. He retired from Kinzua in 1980 after nearly forty years with the company.

Mr. Steagall enjoyed rodeos and racing horses, which were his favorite animals, he also enjoyed hunting with his brothers and raising domestic cats.

Survivors include: his wife, Anna Mae Steagall

of Heppner; son, George Steagall II of Salem; daughters, Brenda Ratcliff and her husband John of Vale, and Vicky Duvall and her husband Rick of Rowlett, TX; brother, Robert Steagall of Lebanon; sisters, Virginia Sittion of Fossil, Erie, PA, and Irene Clark of Sacramento, CA; three granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: a son Thomas "Tommy" Steagall; brothers, David Steagall, Earl Steagall, and Willie Steagall; and sisters, Mary Kauts, and Vera Steagall.

Funeral service with military honors for Mr. Steagall will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 23, at the Heppner Elks Lodge. A private burial will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

2009 Chamber board members installed



Correction: Board members were incorrectly identified last week. The correct names are listed below. The Heppner Gazette-Times regrets the error. The 2009 Heppner Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors was introduced last Thursday at the annual chamber luncheon. Left to right are Alvin Liu, Claire Sponseller, Tom Mafera, Daye Stone, President Jeff Bailey, Anne Murray, Nancy Snider and Lisanne Currin. Bailey will be serving his second year as president. -Photo by David Sykes

HHS eighth graders to host soup feed

Heppner High School's eighth grade class and their parents will be hosting a soup feed on Thursday, January 23, at the 5 way Wrestling Tournament at HHS. The menu will include: soup, salad, breadstick, dessert and a drink for \$5. Dinner will be served from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the home ec classroom

Come and help support the eighth grade graduation fundraiser.

Annual Robert Burns Supper to be held in Condon

The 12th annual Robert Burns Supper event is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, at 2 p.m. at the Condon Elks Lodge. The lodge is located at 117 S. Main Street in Condon.

The Robert Burns Supper will feature bagpipers from Athena, Pendleton, Arlington, Condon, Carson, WA, Portland, McMinnville, and Redmond; along with readings and recitations of Burns poetry, anecdotes of local Scottish family histories, a meal of haggis, neeps and tatties, copious toasts to the Immortal Poet and others, a short bread contest chaired by Ione's Jannie Allen, and an appropriate evening hour, an occasional tradition has been a 'haggis toss' on Main Street.

This is a fun winter-time social diversion, a time to honor Scotland's Poet Laureate (Robert Burns will be 250 years old Jan. 25, 2009), and to honor the Scottish heritage of long-time Gilliam County families.

Kinzua Lunch Group celebrates 10 years

Kinzua Lunch Group will hold their 10th year meeting on February 20 at Gee's in Prineville.

In 1999 the group learned that a life long friend had terminal cancer. She didn't look sick so it was hard to accept. However it did make the group realize how much time had slipped away without keeping in touch. So many wasted years gone by.

The group started meeting for lunch every once in a while. Gradually other friends joined in and then in October the group decided to meet once a month and whoever could come was welcome. The first monthly meeting was in October of 1999.

Now 10 years later the group is still meeting on

a monthly basis for lunch and to visit. Our group has grown over the years, there has been 57 different women and 24 different men join in at some time or the other. The group has had as few as three and as many as 30. During the years the group has lost several dear friends and at the same time connected with numerous others.

Anyone wishing to attend the monthly meeting may do so with the date and times printed both in the Times Journal and The Heppner Gazette-Times.

There were 22 gathered at the Apple Peddler in Prineville on the January 16. Louis (Yap) Benson and Bob Britt celebrated birthdays.

Monthly community breakfast held



Heppner United Methodist Church held their monthly free community breakfast on Sunday, January 11. The breakfast is held on the second Sunday of every month. The community is invited to attend. Pictured left to right are breakfast workers: Dorine Enz, Samarra Vandoorn, Joyce Shepherd, and Jonathan Enz. -Contributed Photo

M.C. Unified Recreation District to meet

The Morrow County Unified Recreation District will meet Thursday, January 29, at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Courthouse.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Jon Alvin Sanders, 47, was convicted of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, a class C felony, and was sentenced to 18 months probation, 90/30 sanction units, complete 80 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$1,408 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Keith Allen Axtell, 39, was convicted of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, a class C felony, and Possession of Marijuana within 1,000 feet, a class C misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 18 months probation, 90/30 sanction units, complete 80 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$1,553 in fines, fees, and assessments.

Senior Center Menu

Hope/Valby/All Saints Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, January 28. The menu will include sauerbraten, potato dumplings, peas and carrots, fruit juice, hot rolls and flat apple pie

Ione High School students perform in All-State Orchestra



L-R: Eric Jepsen and Alex Carlson played violin in the Oregon All-State Orchestra Concert. -Contributed Photo

Two Ione High School students, Alex Carlson and Eric Jepsen, were among one hundred music students selected by audition last fall to perform this past weekend in the All-State High School Orchestra. The concert was held at the Hult Center of Performing Arts in Eugene on Sunday afternoon, January 18.

The All-State Orchestra was conducted this year by Donald Schleicher, a music professor and director of the University of Illinois Orchestra in Urbana-Champaign. Schleicher has conducted orchestras all over the world. The All-State Concert in Eugene also featured performances by the All-State Choirs, Band, and Wind Ensemble. The concert was the conclusion and highlight of the Oregon Music Educators Association

annual state convention.

Alex and Eric and the other music group members traveled to Eugene early on Friday, January 16, and spent many intensive hours of rehearsal together at the U of O campus in final preparation for the concert. The orchestra performed a contemporary piece entitled *Shortcut Home* by composer Dana Wilson, followed by *Toccata and Fugue in d-minor* by J. S. Bach, and concluded with Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italien* - which earned a standing ovation from the audience.

There were students from thirty-five different high schools in this year's All State Orchestra. The two Ione musicians were the only students from eastern Oregon in the group.

Rietmanns honored as OSU Extension Cooperators of the Year

According to Larry Lutcher, Morrow County Extension Agent, Joe and Donna Rietmann of Ione were recently honored as OSU Extension Cooperators of the Year. Larry described the Rietmanns as caring, thoughtful and well engaged in the wheat industry.

"Joe has participated for eight years on the Morrow County Advisory Committee and both he and Donna have enthusiastically cooperated in field research experiments that are of importance to producers in low rainfall zones," said Lutcher.

T-Ball, Minors and Majors sign-ups to be held

Sign-ups for T-Ball and Minors and Majors baseball and softball will be held February 10-12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. Boys ages 5-12 and girls ages 5-16 are eligible to enroll to play.

After the February 28th deadline, the fee will be \$40, no exceptions.

All participants will need a current copy of three documents showing the participant's physical address.

For more information contact Sandi Putman at 541-989-8469 or 541-240-1761.

Heppner FFA members participate in District Public Speaking Contest

The Heppner FFA Chapter was well represented at the District Public Speaking Contest on Thursday, January 15, at Hermiston High.

Trent Cannon (adv), Justin Pranger (beg) and Devin Robinson (adv) all competed in the Job Interview contests. Justin Pranger earned a third place banner in the beginning category. They each had to create their own cover letter, resume, fill out an application and then were interviewed by community members from the area.

OSU Wheat Production Seminar to be held

The OSU Wheat Production Seminar (Winter Grower Meeting) will be held Wednesday, January 28, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Willows Grange in Ione. Lunch will be provided by the ladies of the Grange.

Santa pictures ready for pick up

Christmas pictures taken with Santa at the Celebrate Heppner Christmas Event can be picked up at the Chamber Office. Call 676-5536 and make arrangements to pick them up.