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Elks Scholarship winners named

The Heppner Elks Lodge #358 recently announced the winners of the local 2008-2009 Most Valuable Student Awards. Many outstanding young men and women competed for awards this year with some very impressive applications.

The scholarship winners are as follows: Boys - 1st place Joseph Pranger (HHS), \$700; and 2nd place Clay Morter (IHS), \$350. Girls - 1st place Margaret Armato (HHS), \$700; 2nd place Tiana Camarillo (IHS), \$350; 3rd place Sherilyn Peck (HHS), \$200; and 4th place Brenna Rietmann (IHS), \$200.

Applications for the first place winners for the boy's and girl's divisions were forwarded to the Elks district competition which was held on January. Winners for district competition have not yet been announced.

HES students receive honor cards

Eighty-six Heppner Elementary School students received an honor card for the second quarter of the 2008-09 school year.

HES students must maintain positive grades, behavior, and attendance to receive this award. The card contains many items that the students can received from 10 local businesses.

Holly Rebekah Lodge to hold monthly card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting their monthly card party on Saturday, February 7, at the Lexington Odd Fellow Hall. Cards will start at 7 p.m. with refreshments served throughout the evening. The cost is \$5 per person and is open to the public.

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**George Candido
Agustine Gutierrez**

Mr. George Candido Agustine Gutierrez, 77, of Heppner died Monday, January 26, 2009, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

He was born April 29, 1931 at Raton, NM, the son of Porfirio C. and Flora Romero Gutierrez. He was raised on Johnson Mesa near Raton where he graduated from high school in 1948. He attended Chilli-



George Gutierrez

cothe Business College in Chillicothe, MO in 1949 and 1950 and he graduated with a degree in telegraphy. While in college he was a member of the football and boxing teams. After college he was recruited to be a telegrapher for Union Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Gutierrez moved to Oregon and spent a short time at The Dalles and Hood River before settling in Cascade Locks. On June 30, 1951 he married Helene Paine at St. Peter's Catholic Church in The Dalles. The couple had six children. They later divorced.

In late 1952 Mr. Gutierrez was drafted into the United States Army where he was again on the boxing team. He received an honorable discharge on October 24, 1960. In July of 1969 he moved to Ione and became the Union Pacific Rail Road station agent for Ione and Heppner. On May 2, 1992 he married Pat Pennington in Heppner.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and also the American Legion. On game days he could be found watching his children and grandchildren of which he was always very proud. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and time with his family.

He is survived by: his wife Pat of Heppner; children, Christine Smith of Hermiston, Kevin Gutierrez of Walla Walla, Kim Gutierrez of Heppner, Cathleen McCabe of Ione, and Craig Gutierrez of Heppner; step-children; Chris Whalen of Heppner, and Irene Hall of Wright, WY; 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; brother Ned Gutierrez of Lafayette, LA; and sisters, Bea Demmel of Escondido, CA, and Gladys Peck of Raton, NM.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral mass was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 31, 2009, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Concluding service and burial with military honors followed at Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Recitation of the Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Friday, January 30, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR

97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Joseph Lowell
Wilhelm**

Joseph Lowell Wilhelm, 56, formerly of Heppner died Thursday, January 22, 2009 in Reno, NV.

He was born June 17, 1952 in Condon, the son of James Lowell and Betty L. Paddock Wilhelm. He was raised and attended school in Heppner. He joined the United States Navy in 1971 serving on Midway Island where he developed his skill as a Seabee. After he left the Navy he joined the Operator's Union and became a crane operator, which he continued to do until his early retirement.

Mr. Wilhelm loved the sea, boating, sailing, scuba diving, gold mining, mechanics and telling stories of his adventures.

He married Marina Allen and the couple had three boys, Stacy, Shawn and Travis. The couple later divorced.

He is survived by: his mother, Betty Wilhelm of Heppner; sons, Stacy Wilhelm of Missouri, Shawn Wilhelm of Washington, and Travis Wilhelm of West Virginia; brothers, Gary Wilhelm of Prineville, Jimmy Wilhelm of Portland, and Ronald Wilhelm of Lexington; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father James L. Wilhelm.

A memorial service for Mr. Wilhelm was held at 4 p.m. Monday, February 2, at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

For friends and family there is a memorial website, joewilhelm.com, where you can share remembrances of Joe for his family to read.

Memorial contributions may be made to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of local arrangements.

Jean E. Ball

Jean E. Ball, 81, of Heppner died Saturday, January 31, 2009, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.



Jean E. Ball

She was born January 5, 1928 in Heppner the oldest daughter of Otis and Alice Kirk Biddle. She was raised and attended school in Heppner where she graduated from high school in 1947. On November 11, 1946 she married Leon Ball in Pendleton.

Mrs. Ball worked at Central Market for many years; she then went to work at Krolls Clothing Store until their closure, and for many years she worked at Gardner's Men's Wear.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary of Hermiston, and the Rhea Creek Social Club. She

enjoyed Bunco parties, golf and bowling and camping with her family. She was a great cook and loved craft work. In the later years she played bingo and dominoes at the Senior Center.

Jean was a very loving person and always had a smile on her face. She was the most happy at holiday time and birthday gatherings when all the family was together, as she loved them all dearly.

She is survived by: her husband Leon of Heppner; sons, Jay Ball of Long Creek, Gary Ball and his wife Donna of Heppner, and Randy Ball, also of Heppner; sister, Fern Adams of Pendleton; brother, Sonny Biddle of Heppner; one grandson of Klamath Falls; one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter, both of Klamath Falls; three step-grandchildren of Hermiston; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and youngest sister, Phyllis Richardson.

A memorial service for Mrs. Ball will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, February 7, 2009, at the United Methodist Church in Heppner. A reception and meal will follow at the Heppner St. Patrick Senior Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

James O. "Jimmy" Campbell

James O. "Jimmy" Campbell, long-time Lonerock cattle rancher, died Monday, January 26, 2009, 10 minutes short of his 87th birthday. He was born at Condon, to Irish immigrants James O. Campbell and Kathryn O'Brien Campbell on January 27, 1922.



James O. Campbell

He suffered a serious stroke in 2005 and received extensive therapy at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. After his rehab, he made his home at the Harmony House Care Facility in Bend. Two weeks ago he returned to the area and was living at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner where he died.

He went to elementary school in Lonerock and graduated from Condon High School in 1940. He then attended Oregon State College for two years majoring in electrical engineering, and while at Oregon State he helped tutor other students. Jim returned to the family ranch in Lonerock where he was active in the cattle business until he moved to Bend. His expertise in the cattle industry was widely recognized, and he frequently served as a judge at regional cattle shows.

Jim was known as a

prankster and story teller. He enjoyed playing cards, politics, fixing Thanksgiving dinner, canning, cooking, gardening, raising cattle and his dogs. He was a member of the Condon Elks Lodge and the Oregon Cattleman's Association.

He is survived by: his brothers, Tom Campbell of Kimberly and Malachi (Mac) Campbell of Hermiston; and several nieces and nephew.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; sisters, Patricia Campbell, Martha Baily, and Kathryn VanSchoiack; and brothers, John Campbell and Peter Campbell.

A funeral mass for James O'Brien Campbell was held at 11 a.m. Monday, February 2, at St. John Catholic Church in Condon with concluding service and burial following at St. Joseph's Cemetery. Recitation of the Rosary was held at 10 a.m. Monday, February 2, at St. John Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 3101 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, Oregon 97201, or to the Condon Elks Lodge #1869, PO Box 123, Condon, Oregon 97823.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.

Betty M. Pettyjohn

A funeral service will be held for Betty M. Pettyjohn at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at the Christian Life Center in Heppner. Concluding service and burial will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Pettyjohn was born at Heppner on August 9, 1922 one of eleven children born to Mathew and Grace McFerrin Hughes. She was raised in the Heppner area and attended school at the Madison School House.



Betty M. Pettyjohn

On October 3, 1938 she married Ellis Lloyd Pettyjohn in Walla Walla, WA. The couple had three daughters and one son. They farmed in the Heppner area until her husband's death in December of 2000. She worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital until she retired. She enjoyed bowling, sewing and cooking.

Mrs. Pettyjohn is survived by: daughters, Marie Kellogg of Pendleton, and Rita Britt and her husband Roger of Heppner; son, Rick Pettyjohn of Heppner; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Life Center, PO Box 145, Heppner, Oregon 97836 or to St. Anthony Hospice, 420 SE 17th Ave., Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Community spaghetti dinner to be held for Howe family

The Howe's Community Fundraiser event has been scheduled for Thursday evening, February 26, at the Heppner Elks Lodge. A spaghetti dinner will be served, with the suggested minimum donation to be \$7 per person. Sandra Haynes

has donated one of her framed prints to be raffled off with all proceeds going to the Howe's to help pay their medical costs. Starting time of the event will be confirmed at a later date.

If you would like to make a monetary donation

to help with the event or would like to bring a dessert, please contact Sheryll Bates at 676-5536 or email at heppnerchamber@centurytel.net, or Shelli Britt at 676-5478. Those who bring a dessert are asked to bring enough for 20 people.

A "medical account" has also been set up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon under Ron & Beverly Howe so stop in at the bank if you would like to make a direct donation.