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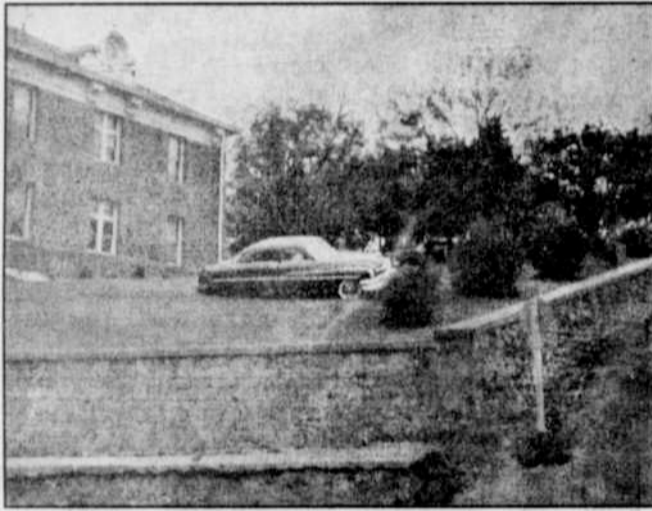
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Heppner
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Not Free Parking



Two Condon Air Force men found last Saturday that parking on the courthouse lawn was an expensive proposition. The two, Ralph G. Giltner, 23 and James J. Dillon, 22, got stuck on the front lawn after they had driven to the jail parking lot to visit two buddies who had been locked up earlier in the evening. City officer Dean Gilman found the car and the two men and marched them the 100 feet to the jail where they spent the rest of the night. The following morning they pleaded guilty to being drunk in a public place and were each fined \$50 and \$4.50 costs plus a \$6.00 towing charge.

PUPPIES FOR SALE!



Adorable seven-week-old female Chihuahua puppies for sale \$250 each. One fawn-colored short hair, one black long hair, both with markings. Have first shots.
Call April 676-9228 days, 676-9939 evenings.

Real Estate
By DAVID SYKES
REALTOR

LOAN DISCRIMINATION

Federal law makes it illegal to deny a loan because of the borrower's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or income from public assistance. Other laws prohibit the denial of a mortgage because of the location of the property — "redlining".
If you think you've been unfairly denied a loan, you can get advice on how to proceed through the Consumer Affairs Division of your state's attorney general's office.
Often, a call to an executive of the bank will quickly right a wrong. Explain that you feel you are being discriminated against and why. Tell the executive that you would like to give the lender an opportunity to review your application again before you contact the appropriate agency. If you feel uncomfortable about making such a call, ask your lawyer or someone from your state's office of consumer affairs to place it for you. Such a call will usually get results faster than actually filing the complaint.

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Obituaries

Richard A. Ekstrom
Richard A. Ekstrom of Enumclaw, WA, died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

Dick was born in Portland on August 8, 1937, to Herbert R. and Pansy M. (McClain) Ekstrom. The family later moved to lone where Dick went to school and graduated from Lone High School with the class of 1955. Dick continued his education and graduated from Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande.

In 1960 Dick began his professional career as a claims representative for the Social Security Administration. As Dick's career advanced, he worked in several social security offices in Oregon, Washington, California and in Baltimore, MD.

Dick was a loving father who actively participated in his children's lives. He coached soccer, skied and loved to dig for razor neck clams. Lake Chelan was a very special place for Dick and he spent most of his summers there with his family.

In January of 1995 Dick retired from the Social Security Administration as an assistant regional commissioner in the Seattle Regional Office. Dick had

little difficulty adjusting to retirement life. He loved playing golf, following the horse races and reading. But his true passion was travel. He took several road trips throughout the United States and felt very fortunate to be able to travel to Mexico, Hawaii and Europe.

Dick was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge and Hope Lutheran Church where he recently served on the church council.

Dick is survived by: his wife Debbie of Enumclaw, WA; children, Vickie Turrell of Heppner, Karen (Geoff) Saunders of Seattle, WA and Kathryn (Pat) Manahan of Seattle, WA, all daughters of Sue Coleman Matthes; step-daughter Renee Lombard (George) of Maple Valley, WA; brother Roland Ekstrom of The Dalles; sister-in-law Nancy Ekstrom of Lone; nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Herbert.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 2 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church in Enumclaw.

Memorials may be directed to the Melanoma Research Foundation, 170 Township Line Road, Building B, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 or Hope Lutheran Church, 1316 Garfield Street, Enumclaw, WA



Richard A. Ekstrom

98022. Arrangements by Weeks' Enumclaw Funeral Home. An online guest book can be signed at www.weeksfuneralhomes.com.

Joyce A. "Joy" Hughes

Joyce A. "Joy" Hughes, 63, of Boardman died Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at her home.

She was born February 21, 1946 at Princeswick, West Virginia the daughter of Earsel and Ruby Basham Lytton. She was raised and attended school at Princeswick.

On October 16, 1985 she married Matt Hughes in Hinton, WV. The couple moved to Boardman in 1985 where they made their home. She loved to cook but the most important thing in her life was her family.

She is survived by: her husband, Matt Hughes of Boardman; sons, Ken McCullough Jr. and Jason McCullough, both of Boardman; daughter, Misty Bellamy of Boardman, Venus Payne of Chambersburg, PA, and Michelle Youngblood of Baltimore, MD; brothers, Marshall Lytton of Princeswick, WV, and Buddy Lytton of Seven Springs, NC; sisters, Ernestine Bragg of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Jeanette

Thompson of Romulus, MI; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside service for Mrs. Hughes were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Lexington Cemetery. A potluck meal followed at the Rebekah Lodge in Lexington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Oral C. Wright

Oral C. Wright, 94, formally of Heppner died on May 4, 2007 in Bothell, Washington.

A memorial graveside service for Mr. Wright will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of local arrangements.

L.E. "Ed" Dick

L.E. "Ed" Dick, 91, of Heppner died Sunday, June 14, 2009 in Milwaukie.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. June 27, 2009 at the United Methodist Church in Heppner. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Gazette-Times.

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.

To the editor:
The Heppner Mustangs were eliminated from the Oregon state baseball tournament this past year; but more than a game was lost, it was the end an era at HHS. It had to happen; everyone knew it would not go on forever. The end came in the afternoon of May 22, 2009, in Astoria. Heppner was defeated and "Coach" shook hands, gave his boys a thank you, I love you kind of speech and it was over.

We must assume that the next coach will also see Mustang baseball as a sport for the sake of sport, that teamwork, commitment and a love of the game will be the goal; but it will not be the same as when "Coach" and his assistants were on the field. "Coach" will not walk out on the field for Mustang baseball again. After many years of contributing time, energy and heart to the school, to the game he has loved since childhood and especially the kids of Heppner, Rick Johnston hung up his cleats. His record speaks loudly for his abilities as a teacher of the game, the quality of the young people that he mentored into adulthood and the admiration of Mustang fans and the entire baseball community in Oregon. Rick was an institution and he will be missed. Chances are good he will still be at most of the games but as a fan, not as a coach but I assure you he will always be "The Coach".

It can not go unsaid that "Coach" did not do and accomplish the great things he did all by himself. He had the support of his coaching assistants, I am thinking of John McCabe but I know there were others. The greatest supporter of them all though has to be Susan "Mrs. Coach." "Mrs. Coach" kept us up to date on the action, scores, play by play as it were and always seemed to keep things on an even keel through the season.

Rick Johnston will be missed by Mustang Baseball but he will be remembered by everyone that saw what he did, all he accomplished and the hero he truly is.
Bob Dobbs
Chandler, AZ

Marriages

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:
-June 15: Derek William Campbell, 25, Lone, and Hazel Marie Martin, 19, Lee's Summit, MO.
-June 15: Jacob Leon Kinsey, 30, Irrigon, and Kathleen Ann Durfrey, 37, Irrigon.

Memorial service and dedication to be held for Thomas Hughes

A memorial service and dedication is planned for June 27, 2009 at 6 p.m. for Thomas J. Hughes. Hughes died October 24, 2008 at 79 years of age.

The service and dedication are planned at the Kinzua Hills Golf Course, following a golf tournament in his honor. All proceeds of the tournament will be contributed to an education scholarship in his name, for high school students.

Mr. Hughes' teaching career included positions in Heppner, Monroe, and Fossil, before his retirement in Fossil. Besides his membership in the Kinzua Golf Club, he was also active in civic organizations including the Heppner Elks,

Condon Elks, the Shriners, the Free Masons and the Eastern Star.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fossil Education Fund, P.O. Box 26, Fossil, OR 97830, or sent to K.R. Qualls, Acct. Rep., Bank of Eastern Oregon, P.O. Box 39, Heppner, OR 97836.

To participate in the golf tournament, contact Brian Hughes at 541-998-3802. The tournament consist of four-person teams, \$1,000 in prize money, scramble format, with entry fees of \$25 per person for members, and \$50 for non-members (which includes green fees). The tournament is scheduled to be at 8 a.m. on June 27.

Ione Fire Department honors Morgan for service



Bill Rietmann (right) receives a plaque from Ione Fire Chief Virgil Morgan for his 20 years of service as chairman of the board of directors for the Ione Fire Department. A barbecue dinner was well attended on Monday, June 8, to thank him. -Contributed Photo

Elks Eye Injury Poster Contest winners announced

Exalted Ruler Kelly Fox announces the Elks Eye Injury Poster Contest winners.
Karina Rios won first place. She will receive a \$100 savings bond. Sydney Qualls won second, and Demitra Schmidt won third. Sydney and Demitra will both receive a \$50 savings bonds. Karina also won first place in the northeast district where she competed against nine other lodge winners. The primary purpose of the Elks Eye Injury Poster Contest is to help prevent eye injuries by educating young children with facts and examples of injury prevention.

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676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main
FATHER'S DAY PICNIC
Anson Wright Park
June 21st 1st annual
Kenny Turner Memorial
Horseshoe Tournament @ 11:00 a.m