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**Red Hat Ladies to hold luncheon**

The Red Hat Ladies will hold their monthly no-host luncheon at noon on Thursday, January 28, at Sweet Productions. You do not have to belong to Red Hats to attend.

**Christmas sale still on!**  
**1/2 OFF ALL CHRISTMAS ITEMS**

*Wedding Table*

**Brett Barber &  
Shannon Milligan**

Wedding-December 5, 2009

Reception to be held in February

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**Louis Leonard Gilliam**

Louis Leonard Gilliam, 92, of Condon died Friday, January 1, 2010 in Vancouver, WA, of age related causes. Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Mr. Gilliam at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 8, at St. John Catholic Church. Concluding service with military honors will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Condon. Recitation of the Rosary will be held 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, at St. John Catholic Church.



Louis Leonard Gilliam

Louis Gilliam was born January 19, 1917 in Heppner, the first of two children born to Leonard and Claire Groshens Gilliam. Lou's grandfather, Frank Gilliam was mayor of Heppner in 1903 when nearly 250 people drowned in the Heppner flood. His great, great uncle, Colonel Cornelius Gilliam, for whom Gilliam County is named, helped protect travelers along the Oregon Trail after the Whitman Massacre.

Mr. Gilliam graduated from Heppner High School in 1935. He later graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in forestry in 1942. That year he qualified for Navy midshipman school at Columbia University in New York City. Upon completion of studies, he was commissioned an ensign and assigned to the School of Communications in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. He served on combat ships during World War II. In 1946 he was placed on inactive duty as lieutenant, senior grade, USNR, and returned to Heppner and employment with the U.S. Forest Service.

Mr. Gilliam's wartime romance with Jean Marie Cline culminated in marriage April 19, 1947, in Syracuse, NY. The couple moved to Heppner where their first child, Cheryl Jean, was born in January 1948. Lou and Jean moved from Heppner to Condon in July 1948 when Lou was transferred by the United States Department of Agriculture to serve as work unit conservationist in Gilliam County for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. After moving to Condon, three more children were born: Richard Louis in 1951, Mary Jane in 1952 and Juliann in 1957.

Mr. Gilliam retired from the Soil Conservation Service in June, 1974. Before and after his retirement, he was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed golfing, watching sports on TV and traveling with Jean. Many wonderful trips to the east coast and aboard cruises ships were taken. He was a fixture at local sporting events especially taking pleasure in watching his grandsons play. Mr. Gil-

liam served as Condon city councilman, was a member of BPOE 1869, and was an active member of St. John Catholic Church.

He is survived by: his wife; their four children; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Donald Gilliam in 1981.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Catholic Church, PO Box 485, Condon, Oregon 97823.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.

**Dewey Walter West Jr.**

Dewey Walter West Jr., a longtime resident and former mayor of Boardman died on December 23, 2009 at his home in Boardman at the age of 88 years.

Dewey was born on May 9, 1921, in Arlington to Althea Delworth Wetherell West and Dewey West Sr. He graduated from Arlington High School in 1939, and married Irma Jean "Jeanne" Beeks on May 22, 1942. He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad in the young family's years, and later owned and operated Boardman's Chevron station.

Dewey served on Boardman's City Council for nearly 5 decades. In 1963 Dewey was elected mayor of Boardman and he continued to function in that capacity until 1976. Mayor West facilitated the relocation of Boardman's town site to "higher ground" as the John Day Dam was completed and the Lake Umatilla rose. When Morrow County schools joined into on county-wide district, Dewey served on the local school board, as Boardman and Irrigon high school students consolidated to attend Riverside High School beginning in 1959.

Several years ago at a Port of Morrow celebration Larry Lindsay stated "it was the dreams, vision and dedication of two men in particular that changed the course of Morrow County history in 1959 that Dewey, Gar Swanson acted to establish a port for Morrow County." A "charter member" of this endeavor, Dewey remained an active commissioner and participant on the Port of Morrow's Board until 1977.

In the process of planning for the town's relocation and advocating for Boardman as a rural community, Dewey became active in the League of Oregon Cities, a membership lasting 45 years, culminating with Dewey's election as president of the League of Oregon Cities in 1972.

Dewey and Jeanne West were owners and managers of Boardman's Chevron station for more than fifty years. In addition the

co-owned and operated the C&D Drive In with in-laws, Carroll and Shirley Donovan from 1966 until 1978. During this time the Wests invested in property south of Boardman which Dewey dubbed, "The Broken Rafter Ranch." In the late 1970s a local horticulturalist, Ed (F.E.) Glenn, joined with Dewey and Vern Russell in a partnership that came to fruition under the label of "L Casa De Vin."

Dewey lost his high school sweetheart, wife and mother of his children, Larry and Dewena, in 1997, when Jeanne passed away after a prolonged illness. The following year, he married Jeannette Long at Boardman's Community Church.

Over the years Dewey was honored by numerous agencies and organizations expressing appreciation for his community service: These include the League of Oregon Cities, East Central Oregon's Association of Counties, Boardman and Heppner's Chambers of Commerce, and the Port of Morrow. Dewey and Jeanne acted as Parade Marshals for the communities 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and were honored as "Boardman Pioneers" in 1956. Dewey is listed as a charter member of the Hermiston's #1845 Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, and the coast.

Dewey is preceded in death by: his parents; his in-laws, Sam and Lela Beeks; his wives Jeanne and Jeanette; by dear friends and neighbors, Evelyn and Ronald Black; and by cherished friends, John Walker and Bill Garner.

Dewey is survived by: his son, Larry Dean West, and wife Carol of Gresham; his daughter, Dewena Rae Bates, and husband Frank of Boardman; four grandchildren, Shauna Rae Bates of San Diego, CA, Dewey Colin West of Gresham, Robert Dawson Kaj West and wife Michelle of Stevenson, WA, and Morgann Alexandra Johansen and husband Erik of Portland; one great-grandchild, Kaj Christian Dawson West of Stevenson, WA; three sisters, Evelyn Russell Locy of The Dalles, Shirley Donovan of Boardman, and Lois Hutson of Warrenton. Dewey is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, friends and relatives here in the United States as well as relatives in Denmark.

Baptized July 2, 1933, at the Methodist/Episcopal Church in Pendleton, Dewey joined the local Community Church when his family first settled in Boardman. A graveside service will be held at Riverview Cemetery in Boardman on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. A celebration of life service for Dewey West Jr. will follow on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Boardman's Community Church with Joel Chavez officiating.

Contributions hon-

oring Dewey's memory can be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836, the Boardman Community Church, P.O. Box 233, Boardman, OR 97818, or Boardman's Senior Center, P.O. Box 1062, Boardman, OR 97818.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

**Jackie Labhart**

Jackie Labhart, 81, passed away December 19, 2009, at the Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community in Keizer.

Jackie was born in The Dalles on September 3, 1928, to Henry and Dorothy Tetz.

Jackie graduated from Pendleton High School and attended the University of Oregon. She and Bill lived in Heppner where she was active in golf, PTA and the American Legion Auxiliary. They moved to John Day in 1961 where she and Bill were founding members of the "Prospector" High School Booster Club. She was active at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church and in all her children's activities. They moved to La Grande in 1972 where she was an avid golfer and an active volunteer at the Grande Ronde Hospital.

Jackie and Bill moved to Salem in 1983 and settled in Salem town. Golf and many volunteer organizations were her passion, including the Assistance League of Salem, the Salem Hospital Auxiliary, Mission Mill Museum Association, St. Anne's Guild, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and a Walton House volunteer.

Jackie was a natural athlete who played tennis in college and excelled at swimming and golf. She possessed a beautiful talent for decorating and a flair for organizing and helping with fundraisers and community organizations. Jackie and Bill traveled the world and enjoyed the many cruises they took, especially their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary cruise with their children. They frequently talked about the fact that they fulfilled their "bucket list" and that friends and family meant everything to her.

Jackie is survived by: her husband of 61 years, Bill; their three children, Chris Labhart and wife Kris of John Day, Mark Labhart and wife Melanie of Tillamook, and Laurie Jaffe and husband Paul of Hamburg, NJ; her brother, Steve Tetz and his wife Carol of Wolf Creek; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A private family memorial is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to the Willamette Lutheran Home Foundation, P.O. Box 169, Salem, OR 97308.



Jackie Labhart

**Obituaries**

**Heppner FFA Alumni to meet**

The Heppner FFA Alumni will be holding a meeting open to all on Wednesday, January 13, at 7 p.m. in the HHS Ag room. Anyone available and interested in coming in to help listen to FFA mem-

bers competing for their upcoming public speaking contests and job interview contests are welcome to come at 6 p.m., just before the alumni meeting.

Please come to a Birthday luncheon for  
**Bettie Doherty-**  
Catholic Church Parish Hall  
Friday January 8  
11 am - 1 pm

**Veteran's Services**  
Hours: 9-12 am & 1-4 pm  
First Thursday of each month  
Gilliam Building, Heppner  
Please call for Appointment  
Phone 922-6420  
Please leave a detailed message