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Bank of Eastern Oregon wins Parade of Lights commercial float

The Bank of Eastern Oregon was the commercial winner for the Parade of Lights held on Main Street in Heppner December 15. The contest was sponsored by Columbia Basin Electric Coop.

The Fletcher Boys Come to Town for Christmas won the individual class.

For the school entries, Heppner Junior High-8th grade, the Class of 2014 and the Class of 2013 were all winners.

Local students make OSU honor roll

Two Lexington girls have been named to the honor roll at Oregon State University.

Josie J. Miller and Kelsi T. Putman were among a total of 3,283 students who earned a B-plus (3.5) or better grade average to make the listing. Miller is a senior studying general agriculture; Putman is a freshman

studying agricultural business management.

To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Other Morrow County students on the

honor roll included:

From Boardman, with a straight-A average, Leticia Rodriguez, senior in human development and family science. Also from

Boardman, with 3.5 or better average, are Aaron M. Hendricks, a junior on pre-mechanical engineering, and Alejandra Mendoza, a freshman in mathematics.

From Irrigon, both with a 3.5 or better average, are Ivan A. Estrada, a sophomore in exercise and sport science, and Julio Orozco, a junior studying history.



Josie J. Miller



Kelsi T. Putman

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL ARTS & CULTURES CLUB PRESENTS

Samantha Lemmon's
WANNA DANCE Dance Clinic

For Kids 4-12 years of age
WHERE: Heppner High School Cafeteria
COST: \$40.00 per dancer

Parents meeting on January 9th@6pm in the HHS Cafeteria
Questions call Samm 541-989-8200

The U.S. Navy and National Guard INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE in the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman EIS

The U.S. Navy, in cooperation with the National Guard Bureau and the Oregon National Guard, is revising the scope for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to add new Special Use Airspace in the form of a new Military Operations Area (MOA). The new MOA would preserve the required training capabilities at Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF) Boardman that are necessary to maintain training readiness, including the capability to continue low-altitude aviation training.

The Navy and National Guard are reopening the scoping period and seeking public input to identify community concerns and issues about the proposed new MOA.

The mission of NWSTF Boardman is to support naval and joint services operational readiness by providing a suitable range in the vicinity of Navy and Oregon National Guard forces in the northwest. The development of structures of significant height on lands beneath the existing Special Use Airspace has and may continue to result in the potential loss of ability to train with military aircraft at lower altitudes on the range.

To alleviate this situation, the Navy is considering the addition of new Special Use Airspace in the form of an MOA to the northeast of the existing Special Use Airspace at NWSTF Boardman.

THE NAVY AND NATIONAL GUARD REQUEST YOUR INPUT!

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Northwest
Attn: Mrs. Amy Burt - NWSTF Boardman EIS Project Manager
1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203
Silverdale, WA 98315-1101

Submit comments online at www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com. Comments must be postmarked or received by **Jan. 27, 2012**.

All public comments previously received during the scoping period are still valid and will be considered in the development of the Draft EIS. Previously submitted comments need not be resubmitted. The Draft EIS is anticipated to be released in summer 2012 for a 45-day public review and comment period.

Visit www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com for more information about the proposed new MOA, including a map, or to submit comments online.

Obituaries

Glenn L. Walker

Glenn Walker, 75, of Cody, WY, formerly of Heppner, died December 20, 2011 at Providence Hospital in Portland due to



Glenn L. Walker

complications of a stroke. A Memorial service with Military Honors was conducted Wednesday, December 28 at 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Pendleton. Following the service, the family invited everyone to the Vert Club Room for a time of fellowship honoring Glenn.

Glenn was born October 27, 1936 in Lexington to Eslie M. and Gwendolyn (Cantwell) Walker. He joined a sister, Betty.

Glenn attended his first four years of school in Lexington, before his family moved to a ranch west of Hardman. He finished his schooling in Heppner. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Air Force. Upon receiving his Honorable Discharge, he returned to Heppner, and then moved to Pendleton. It was there he met the love of his life, Jo Lyn Van Patten. They were married on September 22, 1962. They made their home in Pendleton for 31 years, raising three children, Ward, Shannon and Chris. Their children and 11 grandchildren filled holidays and family celebrations with joy.

Glenn was an avid hunter and loved to fish. His idea of the best way to

spend time in retirement was to grab a shotgun, load up his Brittany spaniel, Gold, and head to the mountains in his pickup. He spent a lot of time learning new areas for hunting around Cody.

Glenn was a familiar face in the business area around Pendleton, first having his own insurance agency and then spending a few years selling cars for Comries. Finally, he followed his dream and got his real estate license, working for Eastern Oregon Realty.

Glenn was a man of faith, who loved his Lord, his family and his country.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include: his wife, Jo Lynn, at home; three children, Ward Walker of Pendleton, Shannon Walker of Battle Ground, WA and Chris Walker of Powell, WY, and their families; 11 grandchildren; sister, Betty Edwards of Pendleton; and many extended family members.

Contributions in memory of Glenn may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, c/o Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, PO Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801. Send condolences online at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton was in charge of arrangements.

Robin R. Hyder

Robin R. Hyder, 65, husband of long-time Heppner resident Phyllis Nelson Hyder, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family at home in Portland, OR on the evening of December 16, 2011. With amazing strength and iron will, he outlived even the most optimistic medical prognosis in a long battle with heart disease. A celebration of life service was held December 21 at 1 p.m. at Creator Lutheran Church in Clackamas, OR.

Robin was born September 18, 1946 in Redmond, OR and spent his younger years in the high desert of central Oregon. He moved to the Willamette Valley following high school and had made his home in the Portland area since 1972.

Robin spent 40 years in the metal manufacturing industries and was highly respected in his field. He earned his way up from sweeping floors to project management through hard work and a constant thirst for knowledge. He had a ceaseless work ethic and, despite his eroding health, he worked, literally, until the day he died.

Robin's highest priorities and greatest source of pride were his wife and children; he celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary just four days prior to his passing. Nothing brought him more joy than a smile on the face of one of his children or the laughter of one of his grandchildren. He enjoyed his extended family and friends, especially when he could share time with them out in nature.

Robin had a lifelong passion for the outdoors and was proud of the fact that he was a native Oregonian. He was an avid

hunter and fisherman from childhood; vacation during hunting season was a condition of employment if you wanted to hire him. He knew the Deschutes River like the back of his hand and loved white-water rafting and fishing on it. He enjoyed baseball, college basketball (especially the Ralph Miller glory days at Oregon State) and football; he had season tickets for the Winterhawks for many years. His favorite teams were always the ones his children or grandchildren were on, and he rarely missed a game. He enjoyed stand-up comedians and firmly believed that The Tonight Show ended the day Johnny Carson retired. Memories of his dry wit and stubborn nature will bring smiles to his family and friends forever.

He is survived by: his father, Norman Hyder; brother, Wren Hyder (Kathy); wife, Phyllis (Nelson) Hyder; three children and five grandchildren: Rhonda Rushing Allen (Troy) with Amanda, Kristy and Ryan; Brian Kroll (Michelle) with Ethan and Claire; Kimberley Hyder (Samantha) with Tara.

The family is constructing a memory book to share with all of those who will miss Robin. Please send stories and/or photos to <https://dropbox.yousendit.com/CelebratingRobin>. An evolving collection of photos and a downloadable version of the memory book will be available at <http://gallery.krollimages.com/celebratingrobin>.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, an offer be made to Robin's favorite charity, the Doernbecher Children's Hospital, through volunteerism or donation in his memory.

Holly Rebekah Lodge to sponsor New Year's Eve party

Holly Rebekah Lodge Hall in Lexington. The cost is \$5 per person. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite finger food to share.

Community lunch menu

Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, January 4 at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include clam chowder, pea salad, French bread and cake. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal.

Menu is subject to change.

DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's office has released the following report:

- Valeria Jill Abell, 47, was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to 18 months' supervised probation with numerous general and special conditions and was ordered to pay \$602 in fines, fees and assessments.

Wenaha wolf pack has a pup



A pup from northeast Oregon's Wenaha pack, in an image taken by an ODFW remote camera on December 11, 2011. -Photo courtesy of ODFW

Photos captured on an ODFW remote camera in northeast Oregon show the Wenaha wolf pack had at least one pup this year. The photos were taken on forested land in western Willowa County as part of ODFW monitoring efforts for the Wenaha pack. They are the first indication that the pack's alpha pair reproduced in 2011. The finding means that all four wolf packs in Oregon reproduced this year. The Imnaha, Wenaha and

Snake River packs all had at least one pup. The new Walla Walla pack produced at least three pups. While any reproduction is good news for wolf conservation, only one pack, the Walla Walla, will likely be determined to be a "breeding pair" for 2011, or a wolf pack that has produced at least two pups that survive through the end of the year. Breeding pairs are an important measure of wolf conservation for wildlife managers. The Wenaha pack was determined to be a breeding pair in 2010. It is also believed to be the first pack to reproduce in Oregon since wolves were extirpated back in the 1940s, when a July 2008 howling survey found evidence of pups. ODFW's efforts to find additional pups for the Wenaha and other packs will continue so the department can get a complete year-end count of all pups born in 2011. More information on wolves in Oregon <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wolves/>

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