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Obituaries

Jay H. Robinson

Jay H. Robinson, 93 of Boardman passed away surrounded by his family on Wednesday March 13 at the Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, WA. He was born December 2, 1919 in his family home at Race Track, MT, eight miles south of Deer Lodge. Jay was the second born child to Andrew and Eunice Robinson. He joined his older brother, Roscoe followed by younger siblings Ray, Clyde, Lila, and John.



Jay H. Robinson

Jay attended grade school in Deer Lodge before moving with his family into the Milwaukee Depot in Agawam, MT where his father worked as agent. Family life included the coming and going of freight and passenger trains, hunting and fishing with his family and grade school in Agawam. He attended high school in nearby Choteau.

In 1942, he enlisted in the US Army to serve during WW II. Before departing for the European theatre, he married Joyce Kropp. He served as Warrant Officer and was in charge of crypto graphics for the 5th Armored Division. He entered Europe during the second wave of troops at Omaha Beach.

After his honorable discharge in 1946, Jay returned to his home in Choteau, MT. He was active member of the Masonic Lodge No. 44, Scottish Rite, serving as Worthy Patron and was Commander of the C. James Smith Post No. 6 of the American Legion. He remained a proud member of both organizations his entire life. While in Choteau, he and his wife Joyce ranched and farmed while raising their two children Judy and David.

Jay moved to Swan Lake, MT in 1971 and married Marge Baldwin. He was involved in Real Es-

tate until they moved to Boardman, OR in 1973. Jay managed Saber Farms and then Boeing Agri-Industrial Company until his retirement in 1988. Jay's retirement days were spent traveling, gardening, and enjoying his children and grandchildren. He married Hope Thompson in 2004 and they spent nearly 10 years enjoying life together hand in hand. Jay always had a joke to tell and a rose from his garden to offer anyone who called on them.

Jay was preceded in death by his sibling Ray Robinson, and Lila Mitchell. He is survived by his wife Hope Thompson. His brothers Roscoe of Independence, Missouri, Clyde of Hamilton, MT and John of Missoula, MT, his children, Judy Brown (Rob) of Irrigon, OR and Jay David Robinson of Choteau, MT, his grandchildren Samara Fuzi of Newberg, OR, Desiree (Don) Ball of Great Falls, MT, Michelle (Kyle) Rankin of Richland, WA, and Jason (Kim Holben) Brown of Tri-Cities, WA, and two great grandchildren John Timothy "JT" Fuzi and Liam Rankin.

A Memorial Service & Masonic Service will be held on Friday March 22, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene 1520 West Orchard Ave in Hermiston. Graveside Service with Military Honors will follow at the Riverview Cemetery in Boardman at 12:30 PM. A luncheon & gathering will follow at the Boardman Senior Center 100 Tatone Street in Boardman, OR 97818. Memorial donations may be made to the Boardman Senior Center PO Box 1062 Boardman, OR 97818. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care 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.

Statue meeting choreographed but not well rehearsed

Dear Councilors and Citizens;

Normally I would refrain from commenting about a meeting. It is normally in poor taste and ends up as a personal affront to those in charge. Unfortunately this incident cannot be overlooked, and it is not the fault of the individual leading the meeting.

On March 14, the Parks & Beautification commission met to continue considering the proposed metal silhouettes of Native Americans gathering food. During the opening remarks several members of the commission mentioned being approached by members of the public opposed to the silhouettes (some former Heppner residents also provided negative feedback).

In the audience there were three in favor and one opposed. As the meeting proceeded, a new idea was presented, fully formed like Athena, born fully grown and armed for war from the head of Zeus: boulders with plaques would be strategically located throughout the city, and all the varied peoples such as native Americans, Germans, Swedes etc. would be

recognized for their contributions to settling this area. On the surface this sounds reasonable, however, I am not sure that this will bear close scrutiny (that is for another time).

One of the audience remarked that this could be done at minimal cost, and it could be funded by voluntary contributions, resulting in "no strings attached" to any grant awarding entity. Soon there was a virtual chorus of minimizing the cost and minimizing outside influences. However, the city hall has recently been remodeled using not only the city's money but also money from the county's discretionary fund and a grant from none other than you guessed it- the Wildhorse Foundation. I wonder how much good we have enjoyed from its grants to our community.

The meeting appeared to be choreographed, but not well rehearsed. If you the citizens wish to be ignored don't come to the public meeting or the city council vote when the time comes. If you don't like the outcome you won't be able to complain.

Dave DeMayo,
Heppner

Account set up to aid local girl

Kellie Nelson, daughter of John and Alita Nelson, Heppner, was injured in an automobile accident on Sunday. She was taken to Good Shepard Medical Center in Hermiston. An account has been set up, and donations are being accepted, at the Bank of Eastern Oregon to help defray expenses.

Kinzua group meets

The Kinzua Lunch Group met at Service Creek on March 15. Those attending included Pat Hyatt, Windy Liptak, John & Midge Geer. Bob and MaryLee Britt, Bonnie Campbell who was just back from Hawaii, OL Adams, Dick Schmidt, Ernie Schell, Jack Palmer and Marilyn Garcia. The next lunch will be held April 19 at Service Creek. Keep your calendars marked as the Kinzua Reunion is scheduled June 15. There will not be a Kinzua Lunch that month.

Time to sign up for a hunter education

Students interested in getting certified in hunter education by this fall's hunting season should sign up for a class now, says the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Classes are limited and most are scheduled from spring through late summer.

To see what classes are available, go to ODFW's licensing sales website and click the "View all Classes/Workshops" link; then look at the "Hunter Ed Class" or "Hunter Ed Field Day" tabs.

Students may choose to take the hunter education course entirely in a classroom setting or by independent study (online or by workbook). Before getting certified, these independent study students must pass a required "Hunter Ed Field Day" that includes live fire exercises.

To register, students will need to purchase a \$10 hunter education class application fee. Contact information for the class instructor is printed on the receipt.

Students who register online who have never purchased another license or tag from ODFW will need to click on the arrow next to "Hunter/Angler ID#" and select "New Customer" from the drop-down box. Students can also register at any license sales agent or ODFW office that sells licenses.

Hunter education is mandatory for all hunters under the age of 18 and recommended for any new hunter. The course covers topics like firearms safety, hunter ethics, wildlife identification, hunt preparation and techniques and outdoor survival. The program certifies about 6,000 new hunters each year.

Classes are taught by ODFW's network of volunteer hunter education instructors. With most hunting seasons over, these volunteers are back to teaching classes, rather than out in the field. For more information on hunter education visit the Hunter Education webpage or call the program at 503-947-6028.

Death Notices

Bernard "Bud" Marshall

Bernard E. "Bud" Marshall, 85 of Milwaukie, Oregon former longtime Heppner resident died Saturday, March 16, 2013 at his home. He was born February 19, 1928 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Memorial Funeral Mass will be held 2 p.m. Friday, March 22, 2013 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner with a Graveside Memorial Service to follow at 3:30 p.m. at the Lexington Cemetery. A full obituary will appear in next weeks Gazette Times. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of local arrangements.

Mabel C. Heath

Mabel C. Heath, 85, of Heppner, died Monday, March 18, 2013 at Willow Creek Terrace in Heppner. She was born October 25, 1921 at Ridgeway, Colorado. A memorial service will be held in April. A complete obituary will appear in the Gazette Times at a future date. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Bredfield, Fowler win Pot o' Gold

Winners of the Pot o' Gold \$100 drawing held during the annual Wee Bit o' Ireland Celebration are Tommy Bredfield and Kay Fowler, both of Heppner. Lapel buttons sold for this fundraiser were designed by Julie Proctor Baker and proceeds go to the St. Patrick's Committee to help with the event.

Coleman completes his basic training

Army Pvt. Jeremy A. Coleman has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. Coleman is a 2012 graduate of Lone High School.

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist and ELOHIM church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, March 27, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include Ham and lamb, au gratin potatoes, applesauce, mixed vegetables, hot rolls and angel food cake. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Free Skywarn Weather Spotter training April 5

Volunteers are being sought to participate in the latest weather spotter training April 5 in Heppner. Weather spotters trained by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) are key volunteers who assist the meteorologists by providing up-to-date information about storm activity.

The Skywarn Weather Spotter training is free and will be held in the Emergency Operations Center, located at 325 Willow View Drive in Heppner. The training will begin at 10 a.m. and is co-sponsored by Morrow County Emergency Management. Registration is required for the training and at least 10 people must register or the training will be canceled. Registration is on the internet at weather.gov/pendleton. You may either follow the clickable link at the top of the internet page, or email dennis.hull@noaa.gov, or contact Dennis Hull at 541-969-7136.

Even though the Doppler weather radar is scanning the skies and the NOAA Weather Radio is

broadcasting forecasts, watches, and warnings, forecasters depend upon getting good "ground truth" information from trained Skywarn weather spotters.

Skywarn spotters attend a 2-hour training session where they learn how to observe cloud formations and other weather in this area. The Weather Service teaches how to determine which storms are potentially severe. Spotters use a special toll free number, amateur radio frequency, or the internet address to let the forecasters at the National Weather Service office in Pendleton know what is happening in their area. Meteorologists use this data as they issue severe weather warnings or statements to the residents of Morrow County.

Skywarn is a concept developed in the early 1970s that was intended to promote a cooperative effort between the National Weather Service and communities. Additional information is also available at the National Weather Service website at http://www.weather.gov/pendleton.

The young salt is turning into an old salt! celebrating 90 years March 27, 2013



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