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~ 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.

**Stop the stupidity of vandalism**

Dear Editor,  
I subscribe to the H-G-T because I like keeping up on what's going on around Morrow County. I've been very upset as to what I've been hearing and reading in the paper (referring to the vandalism around the area).

I am very disappointed in all of you who participated in this dumb activity. This is stupid. People work hard to have something look nice, and put out hundreds of dollars, only to have these thugs come along and destroy their hard work and efforts.

All of you who are doing this uncalled-for stuff, I want you to do yourself a big favor. If you're that bored, go up behind the reservoir and jump into the lake and take your frustration out on the water. I think you'll feel better and, best of all, it doesn't cost money to fix your stupidity.

I really like the City of Heppner. There's a lot of nice people up there. Stop the vandalism, people; it's only a matter of time till you get caught. And you will, too.  
(s) Jerry Anderson, Vernal, UT

**Marriage Licenses**

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

**June 7, 2017:** -James Scott Gallagher, 39, of Heppner and Cynthia Marie DuBry, 39, of Heppner.

**June 8, 2017:** -Sean Forrest Reed Shimer, 23, of Hermiston and Caitlin Marie Hearn, 22, of Hermiston.

-Steven Donane Strid, 67, of Irrigon and Leah Darleen Nelson, 64, of Irrigon.

**Multi-church VBS planned June 19-22**

A multi-church vacation Bible school for kids ages four to 12 will be held Monday through Thursday, June 19 to 22, at Hope Lutheran Church and on the adjacent parsonage lawn.

Monday evening from 5 to 6 p.m. there will be a kick-off barbecue for parents and kids. Tuesday through Thursday evenings will begin with a light supper for participants at 5:30 p.m. The VBS program will begin each evening at 6 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "Passport to Peru: Discovering God's Good Gifts." More information is available from these participating churches: All Saints Episcopal, Hope Lutheran, United Methodist, Willow Creek Baptist, Church of the Nazarene and Christian Life Center.

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**Obituaries**

**Walter James Skuzeski**

Walter James Skuzeski, 91, passed away peacefully June 1, 2017 at home in Yamhill, OR with family by his side after an extended illness that robbed his memory and stamina but left untouched his kindness and charm. Mass and celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 23, at St. John Catholic Church, 445 N Maple, Yamhill.



Walter James Skuzeski

Walter was born April 10, 1926 to John and Jeanette Skuzeski and was raised in Heppner with brothers John and Theodore. The family operated a tailor shop and laundry, which provided for basic necessities. Walter developed skills in pressing clothes and he delivered laundry in his father's 1928 Durant sedan, which he cherished. While both brothers were outstanding athletes, Walter chose to learn the accordion and became a popular solo performer at wedding and dance gigs in Morrow County.

Upon graduation from Heppner High School in 1944, Walter joined the

U.S. Navy during World War II and served as a radioman on a troop transport ship. From 1946 to 1950, he attended Oregon State

College where he met his future wife, Dorothy Laughlin, while completing a degree in business. Walter worked as a bookkeeper for CF Laughlin Logging and was an office manager at Oregon Stationers. He and Dorothy later established S & S Vending Co. and employed many locals and young adults over the years as the company grew and adapted to meet new challenges. Many lasting relationships were forged through the business and he served a term as president of the National Automatic Merchandisers Association.

Walter loved cars and owned vintage vehicles of personal significance to him. He participated in the restoration of the 1955 Chevrolet Nomad station wagon he purchased from Fredricks Motor Company. He owned a fully restored 1928 Durant, the vehicle of his youth. Over the years,

Walter took the vehicles to conventions in other states and entered them in local competitions. The cars were fixtures in the Yamhill Derby Days parade.

Walter was a staunch supporter of the Oregon State Beavers, holding season tickets for football and basketball for the majority of four decades. Walter and Dorothy enjoyed traveling to distant arenas and tournament venues in the 1980s. Walter took great pride in watching his grandchildren compete in athletics at Yamhill-Carlton and he continued to follow his beloved Heppner Mustangs in the Heppner Gazette. He attended several Heppner games held in the valley during state playoffs. Walter and Dorothy met up with his brothers and their wives in Heppner for the St. Patrick's Day celebration several times throughout the years.

Though the dream of moving back to the idyllic small town in Eastern Oregon never ceased, Walter enjoyed his life in Yamhill and was grateful for all of his friends, family and accomplishments. He propa-

gated many varieties of peonies, meticulously tended his small apple orchard, and baked apple pies, which won two championships at the Oregon State Fair. Walter built a home for his mother in Yamhill, bought a car for his in-laws, educated his children, helped them in their professional lives, and was a willing source of handyman labor and positive support. Walter practiced the Catholic faith and attended St. John Church in Yamhill his entire adult life.

Walter is survived by his brother John Skuzeski, wife Dorothy (Laughlin) Skuzeski, daughter Christine Avila, son James M. (Caroline Ludlow), son Timothy R. (Susan Harmon), five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, brother Theodore and sister Irene.

Contributions may be made in Walter's memory to the C.F. Laughlin Scholarship Fund at Yamhill-Carlton High School. To leave condolences, please visit [www.macyandson.com](http://www.macyandson.com).

**Iva Colleen Kitch**

Iva Colleen Kitch, 90, of Heppner died Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Pioneer Memorial Long Term Care Unit in Heppner with family at her side. At her request, no service will be held.

She was born at Lexington on June 30, 1926, the daughter of John and Ruth

Shinn McMillan. She was raised on the family farm north of Lexington and received her education at the Lexington School.

Colleen was preceded in death by her husband, Bud Kitch; sons, John Wallace, Luke Padberg and Wade Padberg; and brothers, Lester McMillan and

Denny McMillan.

She is survived by sons, Dick Wallace and his wife Joyce of Lewiston, ID, and Gene Wallace and his wife Chirella of Lexington; a sister, LaVonne Morford of St. Helens, OR; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Unit, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Willow Creek Terrace, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**William Earl Boyd, PhD**

William Earl Boyd—aka Bill, Dad, Papa—passed peacefully April 8, 2017, surrounded by family and friends, at the age of 86.

Born in Oakland, CA on October 2, 1930, at age five he was recruited for a role in the popular "Our Gang" comedies. His parents decided it would not be a good way for a boy to grow up and declined the offer. It was the last critical decision that anyone else made for him.

He spent a lot of his young life in Denver before moving to Kelso, WA where he graduated from Kelso High School and met the love of his life, Joan Coulter. They were married in 1950 and still very much in love 67 years later.

His working career had many facets and turns, some out of necessity, some out of ambition. He worked in the family bakery, and due to the labor shortage during the war, he was managing a gas station at the

age of 13. After high school he was a surveyor for the highway department and supplemented his growing family's budget working as a longshoreman on the docks in Longview.

His need for personal growth took him to the University of Colorado and then to the University of Washington where in 1959 he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology with teaching credentials. After attending university, Bill taught high school English for one year, after which, in 1960, he started his 23-year career with the Boeing company. While at Boeing he worked in human resources, project management and new business development. He remained active in education, teaching night and weekend courses in project management, personnel administration and speed reading. He left the Boeing

Company to become VP-CEO of Talley Educational Services, providing education and vocational training. He then returned to the UW, where he earned a Ph.D. in policy, governance and administration.

Bill retired in 1990 and he and Joan bought a small ranch outside of Heppner. There they entertained friends and a growing extended family while raising beef cattle and indulging their love of horses and riding. Evenings could find Bill leaning against the pasture fence sharing a cocktail with his favorite pet/horse Cheyenne. They both liked bourbon on the rocks, and both had one foot up on the bottom rail of the fence. He was fond of joking, "I had it right when I was seven years old. I just wanted to play cowboy."

Throughout all of this, Bill's priority was Joan and the kids. The extra jobs, the

ambition, the hard work and sacrifice provided for the family he and Joan raised. He taught study skills and life skills. He helped with homework. He coached Little League teams and led camping expeditions. He was a rock in an uncertain world for six people he loved unconditionally. His passing leaves a void in the lives of all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Boyd; his children, Ann Boyd, Bill and Toni Boyd, Daniel and Barbara Boyd, Robert and Diana Boyd, and Jane and Mark Porter; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances should be made to the Union Gospel Mission, because, in Bill's words, "They provide food to people who are hungry." The family also expresses their gratitude to the staff at Harborview Medical Center for their compassionate care during the final hours.

**Grange to host Bingo Friday**

The Lexington Grange will host a Bingo night this Friday, June 16. Bingo play will begin at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per card for the whole evening, which will consist of 12 games. The winner of each game will win \$2. There will be complimentary snacks and juice provided.

The Lexington Grange is located at 66296 Marquardt Rd., Lexington. Also, check out the Grange's website at <http://lexgrange726.wix.com/grange> for information on rentals and upcoming events. One event to look for is the community yard sale in July.

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