

Obituaries

Kenneth "Kenny" Gates

Kenneth "Kenny" Gates, 73, of Lexington passed away on Monday, March 11 in Heppner. A memorial service will be held Friday, March 22 at 11 a.m. the Lexington Bible Church.

He was adopted at age five by his grandparents, Lillian and Jack Gates. Kenny was raised on the Middle Fork of the John Day River on the Jack Gates Ranch from birth until the age of twelve. When he lost his beloved father, the ranch was sold. From there he moved constantly across Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

He moved to Lexington in his teens and met the love of his life, Candace Papineau. They were married on June 17, 1967. The couple lived in Lexington their entire life. Kenny was proud that as a husband and father he provided a stable home-life with the purchase and ownership of two homes for his family. He worked at Morrow County Road department, Kinzua Pine Mill and for various logging companies. He then became an owner/operator of his own logging trucks. It was his dream and he enjoyed the long hours and trips to the woods.

Kenny enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and anything and everything in the mountains. When his health didn't allow him to drive truck, he then enjoyed

spending time at the chip plant and watching trucks coming through. He also enjoyed trips to Sumpter to stay a few days with his sister Bonnie.

Kenny belonged to the Truck Loggers Association and Fraternal Order of Eagles where he achieved golden Eagle. He was a proud and active member of AA. He cherished the years as a member and a sponsor to many. He was loved and adored by many for his helpful, kind, caring and gentle heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lillian and Jack Gates and Kenneth Hallanger as well as a nephew, Kenneth "Little Kenny" Graves.

Survivors include his beloved wife Candace; his children, Melissa and Michael Towers, Melanie Gates and Will Martin; five grandchildren and a great grandson. He is also survived by his mother, Connie Lucille; sisters, Bonnie Paullus and Rita Woolsey and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation at <https://www.helpfightta.org>.

You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.



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Delta Martha Huber

Delta Martha Huber died March 14 at the home of her daughter in Vancouver, WA. She was born April 11, 1924, in Umapine, OR, where her parents met and married. The family moved to La Grande, OR when she was a small child, then to College Place, WA so she and her four siblings could attend Walla Walla College. She attended nursing school there and at Portland Sanitorium until she married Harold Huber in 1947. She completed her Bachelor of Science in nursing at Columbia Basin College after launching four children into the world. Harold and Delta were married for 65 years until Harold's death in 2012.

Harold and Delta lived most of their lives in Heppner where they first built a home on the hill. They later bought a ranch they called Toothacres (a reference to Harold's job as the town



Delta Martha Huber

dentist). Delta loved nature and the outdoors and taught her family the value of exercise and healthy eating long before it was fashionable.

She is survived by her four children, Marianne Brams, David Huber, Gary Huber and Lucy Huber-Dawes; three grandchildren, as well as her sisters, Christina Gerking and Hazel Davis.

Delta will be buried next to Harold in the Hermiston Cemetery. There will be a brief memorial ceremony there at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, with a reception following at the Best Western Hermiston Inn, 2255 Highway 395 South, Hermiston, OR.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of local arrangements. Memories of Delta may be shared with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Morrow County Health District hosts open house at Irrigon Medical Clinic

Newly expanded clinic offering more essential health services

Morrow County Health District will host an open house at Irrigon Medical Clinic located at 220 N Main St., Irrigon, on Thursday, March 21 from noon to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Guests are invited to tour the newly remodeled facility and learn about the variety of services, programs and free community classes to be offered at the clinic.

"We have nearly doubled our clinic space in size.

This expansion project was necessary for many reasons, including to accommodate our significant increase in patient volumes. Increasing the space was the first step to better meeting our community's health needs. Now, we are actively recruiting additional health professionals and expect to have news on this front by early summer 2019," said Bob Houser, CEO of Morrow County Health District.

Cattle Barons scholarships available

Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend scholarship program is available for applicants again this year. Cattle Barons will award scholarships to young adults who are enrolled in or will be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate studies in the field of agriculture. Applicants must be from the Eastern Oregon counties of Umatilla, Morrow, Grant, Baker, Wallowa and Union.

Applications for the scholarships are due by April 20, 2019 and are available on the Cattle Barons website <https://www.cattlebarons.net/>.

Included with the opportunity to apply for the scholarships from Cattle Barons, the title sponsor for the event Protect the Harvest, in coordination with Lucas Oil, is offering its \$1,000 scholarship as well.

Applications for the Protect the Harvest scholarship can also be found on the Cattle Barons website.

In 2018 Cattle Barons awarded \$19,000 dollars in scholarships to deserving young adults either through individual scholarships or scholarship dollars to organizations that support students involved in agricultural studies. Final award of the scholarships, including the Protect the Harvest scholarship, will be made during the Cattle Barons event to be held May 3rd and 4th at the Pendleton Convention Center and associated event locations.

More information about the Pendleton Cattle Baron's Weekend scholarship programs and the events of the May weekend can be found at <https://www.cattlebarons.net/>.

June Marie Crowell

June Marie Crowell, her. There were two annual events that the world stopped for and that was for her Mother's Day weekend with her sisters and the family reunion at Bull Prairie.



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June was born to Wilbur and Marie Breshears Steagall on Aug. 27, 1932 at Heppner. She was the oldest of eight children. June attended and graduated from St. Joseph's Academy, Pendleton with the class of 1950. She married Howard Crowell on Nov. 12, 1951. Together they had three children and made their home in Ione.

She began her banking career with First National Bank before moving on and eventually retiring from managing the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione Branch. June was involved in the American Legion Auxiliary, Willows Grange, St. Williams Altar Society, Topic Club, Card Club, Good Neighbor Club, City Recorder, Booster Club and 4-H sewing leader, among others. She was honored to receive the 2002 Woman of the Year by Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Although she was busy with her clubs, she always made time for her hobbies and interests, which included square dancing with her husband, sewing blankets for her grandchildren or patching up their britches. She spent her days and evenings in her garden, having coffee or sipping iced tea on the patio with her family and friends and throwing the occasional apricot over the fence. She was always up for a game of Scrabble or Mexican Train and cherished her time with those playing with

June is survived by her children; Gene (Kristy) Crowell, Ione, Karen Kandle, Vernal, UT and Sharon (Brian) Rietmann, Ione. She has also left behind ten grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; siblings; Bob (Beverly) Steagall, Bill (Margie) Steagall, Deanna Brandhagen, Patricia Dougherty, Barbara (Greg) Leyva and Jim (Loel) Steagall.

She is preceded in death by her parents, loving husband Howard, infant brother Charles Thomas Steagall, son-in-law Rick Kandle and many grandparents and in-laws.

For those interested in donating to a charity, June would appreciate donations in her memory be made to any organization that would benefit veterans or children.

A viewing will be held Friday, March 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner. A Rosary will be said on Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at St. Williams Catholic Church, Ione. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 23 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Heppner. A reception will immediately follow her service at St. Patrick's Social Hall and burial will follow at 3 p.m. at High View Cemetery in Ione.

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Matlack re-elected Republican Committee chair

Ken Matlack of Irrigon was re-elected chairman of the Republican Central Committee at a March 9 meeting. Other elected officers were Clint Carlson, vice president, Laurie Snyder, secretary and Randy Durrett, treasurer.

According to a press release from the committee the meeting was called to re-organize the Morrow County Republican Committee. The Oregon Central Committee bylaws say a meeting is required following the general election in November to elect officers and establish committee bylaws. The central committee missed the November 25 meeting deadline so a reorganization meeting

was needed.

Other business at the meeting included appointment of several precinct committee persons. Elected were Brian Snyder to precinct two - male position, Randy Durrett to precinct two - male position and Tom Wolfe to precinct five - male position.

There was also discussion about the last State Central Committee meeting and the results of the elections. Matlack announced the next State Central Committee will be held in McMinnville on April 6 at the Evergreen Aviation Museum. The keynote speaker will be Colonel Oliver North. There will also be an evening dinner held.

Community lunch menu

Hopeful Saints volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, March 27 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be pulled pork sandwiches, jo-jos, coleslaw and apple salad.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Lexington schedules community meeting

A community meeting to discuss applications for upcoming grants will be held Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at the town hall in Lexington. Everyone is invited to bring ideas and suggestions.

For additional information contact the Lexington town hall at 541-989-8515.

Boardman sponsors spring clean up

The city of Boardman will sponsor a community-wide clean-up during the month of April. The city has garbage vouchers available, with a fifty-dollar limit, to residents of the city of Boardman.

The vouchers are valid during the month of April at Finley Butte Landfill and the North Morrow Transfer Station. The garbage

voucher program encourages citizens to clean up their residences by disposing of yard debris.

City residents may pick up their vouchers at Boardman City Hall at 200 City Center Circle beginning April 1. For additional information on this program, call Boardman City Hall at 541-481-9252.

Cooking class reschedules celebration

February marked one year of vegetarian cooking classes. Due to the weather, the celebration that was to be held Feb. 26 has been rescheduled to March 26.

The class participants are asked to bring their favorite vegetarian or plant-based potluck dish to share with the class. The instruc-

tor will demonstrate and provide a plant-based dessert. You may bring copies of your recipe to share with the class if you would like.

The class will be held Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner SDA church gym. For additional information, contact Cynthia at 541-561-9132.

MCSO rescues couple stuck in deep snow

On March 11 at approximately 5:31 p.m., Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a call from Pamela Emerson, reporting that she and her husband were stuck in the snow. Mrs. Emerson reported they were stuck approximately three miles past Cutsforth Park on Willow Creek Rd.

Sgt. Brian Snyder and Sgt. Nathen Braun respond-

ed and were able to contact the Emersons, but the Sheriff's Office vehicle also became stuck in the deep snow. Local resident Luke Young was contacted and he was able to free the vehicles from the snow. All parties were escorted to Cutsforth Park and the Emersons were later returned safely to their residence in Heppner.

There were no injuries to persons or damage to vehicles or property as a result of this incident, but the Morrow County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone that there is still a lot of snow in the mountains. They advise to stay off deep snow-packed roads, be cautious and be prepared.

Family Hunt Club Looking for Big Game Land

Wildlife Development Association (WDA), a hunting club which is over 40 years old, is seeking to expand its leased big game hunting areas by 10,000+/- acres. WDA is known for promoting the highest standard of hunting ethics, hunter safety and family hunting.

Using club volunteers we hold annual work parties on leased properties working on projects directed by the property owner (fence and gate repair, road improvement, vegetation removal, etc.). We do projects to improve hunting, such as "No Trespassing" signage, and Predator Control program. References are available upon request.

If you have land to lease please contact:
Wildlife Development Association
Jason Slangan, President(503) 927-5643

