

Obituaries

# Jimmy A. "Jim" Bier

Jimmy A. "Jim" Bier passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 23, 2019 at his home.



Jimmy A. "Jim" Bier

Jim was the third son born to John and Anna Bier in Milton Freewater, OR, on December 9, 1934. He graduated from MacHi in 1953. After high school, Jim attended Eastern Oregon State College (now Eastern Oregon University) in La Grande where he earned a teaching degree.

Jim's first teaching position was in Halfway, OR in 1957 where he met his wife of nearly 60 years, Pauline. They were married in 1959. Jim and Pauline's journey next took them to Hermiston where Jim taught science, coached football and eventually became an assistant principal. In 1969 Jim, Pauline and their three children moved to Heppner, where Jim served as the principal of Heppner High School for 20 years. During his tenure at Heppner he was known as a strict but fair man who held everyone to the same standard.

As a father Jim instilled the love of the outdoors into his children. He loved

to hunt and fish and had a particular affinity for wildflower identification. "Jim was a man of honesty and integrity, traits he emphasized to his children throughout their upbringing." Above all, the education of young people was his profession and his passion.

Upon retirement Jim and Pauline moved to Hermiston where they remained until Jim's passing.

His parents, John and Anna, and his eldest brother Dean preceded Jim in death. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, brother, Bud, Milton Freewater, OR; children, Linda, Antioch, CA, John, Damascus, OR, and Robert, Lakeview, OR. Jim and Pauline have eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A private family graveside service will be held for Jim at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston. In lieu of flowers, Jim has asked that donations be made to the EOU Foundation. Those who wish may share memories of Jim with his family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

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.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

## Council members would have liked a simple reminder

To the editor:  
I am writing this letter in response to the East Oregonian news story on the Lexington budget and closure of the town.

The Marcias (Mayor Marcia Kemp and councilmember Marcia Sticka), in true drama queen form, have blown everything out of proportion. They have an agenda of complete power. They are new to this and have a wrong idea of how city government works. The mayor believes she has total control and power. Wrong, she is there to conduct the meetings and be a tie breaker in votes, period.

In the past, the town recorder has called with reminder notices for special meetings, especially important ones such as this. There is no such courtesy now with Ms. Kemp leading her. I have a busy life and simply forgot what night it was and a simple phone call would have brought me running to sign the budget. No such courtesy with Ms. Kemp in charge.

Incidentally, our fire

chief asked her to call us and she refused. Councilmember Bobbi Gordon had informed the council she would be on vacation at that time which Ms. Kemp has repeatedly failed to mention to anyone (for grandstanding purposes).

Curtis Thompson was voted in just that night and with so much information overload and so much havoc during the meeting,

he simply didn't catch the information. Again a simple phone call would have fixed this problem, but for grandstanding purposes it didn't fit the mayor's agenda. I am very sorry I missed the meeting but some courtesy and communication would have prevented this whole mess that they have brought upon us.

It seems that along with other problems, the town

clerk has chosen sides and failed to do her job correctly, which includes calling with reminders and I'm sure it is at Ms. Kemp's direction. On Friday, June 28 they sent the town maintenance man to inform us of a meeting schedule for Tuesday, July 2. Later, without informing three of the councilmembers, they rescheduled for Monday, July 8. I found that out from fellow citizens who brought me a copy of the slanderous letter sent out by Marcia Sticka to some, but not all, of the Lexington residents. Incidentally, my fellow councilors and I did not receive the letter (see insert), but I'm sure that was an oversight.

To finish, Lexington needs a mayor who cares about our town, not grandstanding and drama queen antics to make people she doesn't agree with look bad while also harming our town.

Sincerely,  
Bill Beard, Lexington Councilmember

*To the people of Lexington:  
As of July 1, 2019 our town is shut down. There will be no more services and our two town employees will not have jobs.  
Three council members did not show up at this important meeting on June 27 to approve our town's budget for 2019-20. All three failed to perform and uphold their duties as council members by not even coming to meeting. They all approved the June 27 date at our June council meeting. We have no budget!  
Mayor Marcia Kemp has been working overtime with the State of Oregon and with Representative Greg Smith to resolve this mess and get our town back on track. She follows the rules set by the League of Oregon Cities, which every town and city in Oregon must follow, unlike the ones that caused this huge problem.  
We are having an emergency budget meeting on Monday July 8 at 7 p.m. We need you at this meeting, our town needs you. Please pray for us too.  
Thank you,  
Marcia Jones Sticka*

## Driver of stolen vehicle attempts to elude

On June 26 at 9:48 a.m., Deputy Aaron Haak advised Morrow County Sheriff's Office dispatch that he was making a traffic stop on Highway 730 in Irrigon. The agitated driver (later identified as Matthew James Way, 28, from Hermiston) failed to yield and fled the area at speeds reaching 70 mph. Deputy Oscar Madrigal and Deputy Taylor Wasserman assisted in the pursuit. The Morrow County Communication Center advised the pursuing deputies that the car, a 2009 white Ford Focus, was reported stolen out of

At one point during the pursuit, the suspect turned down a dead-end street. Deputy Haak stopped his patrol truck in the middle of the road to encourage the driver to stop. The suspect had turned around and sped toward Deputy Haak in an intentional head-on collision course, but at the last moment swerved around. During the pursuit the suspect almost hit a city of Irrigon vehicle and put others in the area in danger. The pursuit lasted four minutes and ended at W. Eighth and Columbia with Deputies Haak and Madrigal ordering the driver and passenger out of the vehicle at gunpoint.

The passenger of the vehicle Maria Elena Mon-

tez, 51, of Irrigon was detained on scene, then released with no charges. The driver of the stolen vehicle, Mathew James Way, 28, of Hermiston, was arrested and charged with Felony Use of a Motor Vehicle, Reckless Endangering (XS) and Reckless Driving. He was lodged in the Umatilla County Jail with bail set at \$50,000.

## Gazette-Times closed July 4-5

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed for the 4th of July holiday on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5. The deadline for all news and advertising for the July 10 issue will be Monday, July 8, at 5 p.m. Normal business hours will resume Monday, July 8.

The G-T wishes everyone a happy and safe Independence Day holiday.

## Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's Parish volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, July 10 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be chicken stir-fry, long grain white rice, glazed carrots, blueberries and vanilla ice cream for dessert.

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

## A View from the Green Over the Tee Cup

Twenty-two Willow Creek Country Club ladies enjoyed good weather during the playday on June 25.

Low gross of the field went to Virginia Grant. Low net went to Judy Harris, Betty Burns, Cindy Burrig, Tiffany Clement and Sharon Harrison. Least putts of the field winner was Beverly Steagall.

Flight A low gross was Eva Kilkenny, low net was Karen Thompson and least putts went to Pat Edmondson. Virginia Grant got the

longest putt Flight B low gross went to Shirley Martin and low net to Karen Haguwood. Judy Harris managed the longest drive.

Nancy Arnsen took low gross on flight C and low net was Lorrene Montgomery. Least putts went to Kathy Martin, Sue Edson and Kim Carlson. Beverly Steagall got the long drive and Nancy Arnsen got the longest putt.

Pat Dougherty got a chip-in on hole seven.

## Men's golf group plays June 30

Seventeen golfers played in the Sunday Men's Play at Willow Creek Country Club on Sunday, June 30.

Charlie Ferguson got KP on number four and KP second shot on hole number six. Barry Munkers got least putts.

First place net went to Gene Orwick with 55. Tim Wright got second with 58

and third was a tie between Ron Bowman and Steve Marlatt with 59. Greg Grant took first in gross with 64. Barry Munkers was second with 65 and Charlie Ferguson took third with 66.

The next men's play will be a two-man best ball on Sunday, July 7 hosted by Josh Coiner, John McCabe and Slater Mitchell.



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DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5PM

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING				
A public meeting of the <u>Town of Lexington</u> will be held on <u>July 9, 2019</u> at <u>7:00</u> <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. at <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p.m.				
425 F Street, Lexington, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 20 <u>19</u> as approved by the <u>Town of Lexington</u> Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at <u>425 F Street</u> Lexington, OR between the hours of <u>7:00</u> a.m., and <u>4:00</u> p.m., or online at <u>N/A</u> . This budget is for an <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> annual; <input type="checkbox"/> biennial budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the same as; <input type="checkbox"/> different than the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are:				
Contact	Telephone number	E-mail		
Dawn Greisen	( 541 ) 989-8515	lexington.oregon@gmail.com		
FINANCIAL SUMMARY--RESOURCES				
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amounts 20 17 -20 18	Adopted Budget This Year: 20 18 -20 19	Approved Budget Next Year: 20 19 -20 20	
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	252,996.00	291,968.00	267,714.00	
2. Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	87,000.00	120,431.00	149,635.00	
3. Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	79,188.00	149,220.00	200,000.00	
4. Revenue from Bonds & Other Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5. Interfund Transfers/Internal Service Reimbursements	38,844.00	136,612.00	55,000.00	
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	21,810.00	9,999.00	14,000.00	
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	48,641.00	42,000.00	51,200.00	
8. Total Resources--add lines 1 through 7	528,479.00	749,930.00	737,549.00	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY--REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION				
9. Personnel Services	88,491.00	90,148.00	81,273.00	
10. Materials and Services	91,865.00	101,050.00	89,840.00	
11. Capital Outlay	147,844.00	177,110.00	207,100.00	
12. Debt Service	13,041.00	14,000.00	15,094.00	
13. Interfund Transfers	38,844.00	136,612.00	75,000.00	
14. Contingencies	39,215.00	11,870.00	76,982.00	
15. Special Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	109,179.00	219,140.00	192,260.00	
17. Total Requirements--add lines 9 through 16	528,479.00	749,930.00	737,549.00	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY--REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM*				
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for Unit or Program			
Name General/Maintenance	4,999.00	6,970.00	7,862.00	
FTE	.15	.15	.15	
Name General/Clerk	13,047.00	18,938.00	14,771.00	
FTE	.60	.45	.45	
Name Street/Maintenance	9,761.00	11,420.00	11,570.00	
FTE	.25	.25	.25	
Name Water - Maintenance/Clerk	39,484.00	46,720.00	44,000.00	
FTE	1.05	1.05	1.05	
Name Fire/Clerk	5,008.00	6,100.00	3,270.00	
FTE	.10	.10	.10	
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program				
FTE				
Total Requirements				
Total FTE				
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING*				
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES				
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved	
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit .7289 Per \$1000)	.7289/\$1000	.7289/\$1000	.7289/\$1000	
Local Option Levy	\$2.62/\$1000	\$2.62/\$1000	\$2.62/\$1000	
Levy for General Obligation Bonds	\$14.000	\$14.000	\$14.000	
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS				
Long Term Debt	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1		Estimated Debt Authorized, but not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds	107,661.00			
Other Bonds				
Other Borrowings				
Total	107,661.00			

## Nursery Sale

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