

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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## Hats off to decorators

To the editor:  
Hats off to the city crew. Hats off to the source of the Main Street decorations.

I don't know how long the crew has been working to decorate the trees and the features at the Heritage Park for the holidays, but I really appreciate their efforts, often times in extremely cold

weather. And I just noticed the new holiday decorations they have put up on Main Street. What delightful, colorful, bright additions someone has contributed to our town's holiday spirit.

You know who you all are, so please consider yourselves thanked.

Doris Brosnan

## A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Thanksgiving at Willow Creek Terrace – like most everyone else's – was viewed as a one-of-a-kind (hopefully) event, but also a memorable occasion. Fewer diners to enjoy the traditional turkey-with-all-the-trimmings, but the first time some visitors joined the residents at the table via Zoom. Members of three families were present on the big-screen TV, to visit and share their reasons for giving thanks in 2020.

And now the calendar page has turned and many activities on the hill prepare for Christmas. The halls will be decked tomorrow, adding some cheery touches that might lift many spirits. The annual creation of gingerbread houses will take time and attention next week. And then, on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the "Twelve Days of Christmas" with a Terrace twist will begin, ending on Christmas Eve, as it should, of course.

Starting at the end of the song but following the familiar tune and featuring some familiar items on the list, the Terrace's rendition will introduce some new items and some new meanings to some traditional-sounding items. For instance: on the 13<sup>th</sup>, "My true love gave to me,"

twelve Tiny Trees.... On the eleventh day of Christmas...eleven Pipers Piping, but then ten Jumping Jacks (?), nine Reindeer Parading (around the building?), eight Elves Pampering (offering mini pedicures and manicures), seven Santas Singing (the public invited to help surround the Terrace with caroling voices), six Warm Drinks (a variety), five Onion Rings (watch the menu), four Surprise Photos (stay tuned), three Board Games (fun for all), two Turtle Doves (maybe a different kind of "doves"), and one Big Screen Movie (a Christmas one, of course).

Also, this month, cookies will be decorated, staff will help any resident who wishes to send Christmas cards, Alaina Lemmon's bell-ringer group will perform a lunch concert from outside on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Eggnog and relaxing Christmas music will help bring Christmas Eve to a close, so Santa can get something placed in all the stockings hung by the doors, while dreams take the residents into Christmas morning. Santa gifts will greet them from under the tree, followed by a happy breakfast time and a later Christmas Day feast.

Morning discussions will not only focus on

# Gustav E. Peterson Ronald Wayne Haguewood

Gustav E. "Gus" Peterson, age 98, passed away November 14, 2020 in Redmond, OR. A private family urn burial will take place this December, with a memorial service to be held at the Monument Senior Center in Monument, OR at a later date.

Gus was born on March 24, 1922 in Ione to Carl and Alverta (Wilcox) Peterson. He attended Dry Creek Elementary and graduated from Monument High. Gus served in the United States Army from January 1945 to November 1946. After his discharge from the military, he married Ruth L. Scott in Canyon City, OR on November 7, 1948. Together they welcomed two sons, Pete, and Lonnie. Ruth passed away February 12, 2011.

Gus worked as a fleet mechanic for Columbia Power Co-Op from 1957 until 1986 when he retired.

He enjoyed collecting early day engines, tractors and memorabilia. As a volunteer in his community, he volunteered for his local fire department EMS services, search and rescue, sheriff's posse and helped organize

Christmas-related topics this month, as participants will have something to say about Scrabble (72<sup>nd</sup> birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup>), Walt Disney (born in 1901 on the 5<sup>th</sup>), Pearl Harbor (7<sup>th</sup>), the first powered flight (1903 on the 17<sup>th</sup>), the coffee percolator (invented in 1865 on the 26<sup>th</sup>), the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pledge of Allegiance (28<sup>th</sup>) and the bowling ball (introduced in 1862 on the 29<sup>th</sup>).

New Year's Eve will offer the viewing of the ball drop in NYC, and New Year's Day will feature optimism and a festive

## Eastern Oregon Workforce Board seeks local member

Morrow County is seeking an individual to join the Eastern Oregon Workforce Board (EOWB). Each member county can have up to two representatives on the board and Morrow County currently has one vacant position.

The Eastern Oregon Workforce Board's (EOWB) role is to develop a strategic plan and set funding priorities for the eight-county eastern Oregon area of Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties. One of EOWB's functions is to facilitate partnerships between local businesses with similar workforce needs. The Board meets quarterly, and meetings are open to the public.

According to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the majority of board members must be representatives of business in the local area. Each business representative must meet the following criteria:

- Be an owner, chief executive officer, chief

the five-year community reunion. Gus was also on the cemetery and school board, was a member of the Oregon Tree Farmers Association, Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association and took pride in the Monument Senior Center.

Gus is survived by his sons, Lonnie Peterson of Central Point, OR and Ture E. (Pete) Peterson of Terrebonne, OR and his granddaughter, Turice Ruth Peterson of Nashville, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Alverta Peterson; wife, Ruth Peterson; one older sister and two younger sisters and his granddaughter, Marissa Peterson.

Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to a charity of one's choice or to Monument Fire Department, Monument Senior Center or the Monument Cemetery District through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

breakfast.

Myrtle McMillan will celebrate her birthday on December 20, adding another special day for everyone to enjoy with her at one of her favorite lunches.

The Terrace activities and announcements are on its Facebook page. So is information about the apartments. Anyone interested in more information is encouraged to call 541-676-0004. Starting 2021 with a new neighbor would be viewed by residents and staff as a positive contribution to life on the hill.

Ronald Wayne Haguewood, 85, of Ione died, Friday, November 20, 2020 at Heppner. He was born December 28, 1934 to Oliver George (Ol) and Vivian Alice Fletcher Haguewood in Ione, where he attended his first three years of school. He then transferred to Heppner, where he graduated from high school in 1953.

In 1955, he married Bobbi Lynne Wright. They later divorced. In 1956, they moved to the ranch south of Heppner where he and Bobbi raised their four children: Kristi, Kelwayne, Keven and Kimee. At that time, Ron was working for Junior Leather Logging as a cat skinner and choker setter.

In 1958, he worked for Jim and Sue Valentine as a hired hand and farmed for Jodie Morrison in Ione. Jodie became Ron's mentor after Ron's father passed away. At a young age, Ron learned from Jodie how to be a master mechanic, a master welder and a master farmer. He eventually purchased Jodie's ground and began his love of farming, which he passed on to his sons Kelwayne and Keven.

Ron married Karen Lynn Hams Palmer on April 28, 1990. After a brief time living on the ranch, they moved to Emert Addition near Ione, where he lived until his death.

His hobbies included fishing, hunting, trap shooting, snowmobiling, attending family sporting events and spending time at his mountain cabin at Penland Lake. He was an

active member of the Heppner Elks Lodge BPOE #358. He was a master brick mason, which he learned from Vince Alleman. He was also a pilot. Ron had many friends and knew no stranger.

His love of farming extended far beyond retirement, as he would go out and help Keven and Kelwayne drive equipment up to the age of 84.

Ron is survived by his wife, Karen Haguewood of Ione; a brother, Jerry (Judy) Haguewood of Pendleton; children, Kelwayne (Mary) Haguewood of Heppner, Keven Haguewood of Ione, and Kimee Haguewood of Pendleton; stepchildren, Trina (Craig) Lankford of La Grande, Dawn (Brent) Brotherton of La Grande, Dulcie (Chance) Dixon of Goodyear, AZ and Shane Palmer of Reno, NV; 13 grandchildren, seven step grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kristi Huber, a sister Mary Lou Larson and his parents.

A family graveside service will be held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital or Pioneer Home Health and Hospice, both at PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online memorial book at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).

## November weather near normal

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged near normal during the month of November.

The average temperature was 41.3 degrees which was 0.1 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 51.8 degrees, which was 1.0 degree above normal. The highest was 75 degrees on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Low temperatures averaged 30.9 degrees, which was 0.8 degrees below normal. The lowest was 17 degrees, on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

There were 14 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 2.07 inches during November, which was 0.47 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation, at least .01 inch, was received on 15 days with the heaviest, 0.83 inches reported on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Precipitation this year has reached 9.68 inches, which is 3.00 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 2.73 inches, which is 0.01 inches below normal.

Snowfall totaled 1.5 inches with at least one inch of snow reported on one day. The heaviest snowfall was 1.5 inches reported on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The greatest depth of snow on the ground was two inches on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

The outlook for December from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner fall from 44.0 degrees at the start of December to 41.0 degrees at the end of December. Normal lows fall from 28.0 degrees to 25.0 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.32 inches.

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**Happy 90th Birthday to our beautiful Mother & Grandmother Beverly Wright**

**With all our love, Dean, Dianna, Gerald & all your Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren**