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Obituaries

Lawrence "Larry" James Angell

Lawrence "Larry" James Angell, 80, of Tygh Valley, OR died April 9, 2023, at The Dalles, OR. A celebration of Larry's life will be held at Cutsforth Park, Heppner, on June 3 at 11 a.m.

He was born Nov. 18, 1942, in Prineville, OR, the son of Jim and Marjorie Angell, the oldest son of six children. He spent most of his life in Heppner. He worked at the Heppner Kinzua Mill and in the mountains, logging.

He was very involved in the lives of his children and grandchildren. He coached many baseball teams in Heppner and enjoyed every minute. He also led several Boy Scouts groups, and was a member of the Wranglers riding club and the Heppner Elks.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings, twin brothers Harold and Gerald. His sister, Juanita, passed a week after Larry.

He is survived by son, Jim; daughter, Bobbette (Pat); son, Craig (Alecia); son, Marc; special friend of 30 years, Gail Long; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions for those who wish can be made to a Heppner sports program of choice.

Timothy E. "Tim" Reese

Timothy E. "Tim" Reese of Heppner died April 17, 2023, in Spokane, WA at the age of 71 years. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

He was born on Jan. 15, 1952, in Minneapolis, MN to parents Monte Thomas Reese II and Nora Lee (Foley) Reese. Tim grew up and attended school in Minnesota with his five siblings. After graduation, he became an operator for the Sister & Brotherhood, IBEW Local 77, in Kennewick, WA.

Tim married Joan A. Barron on Oct. 22, 1994. He was a volunteer for Umatilla Fire and Ambulance for several years.

He loved hunting, fishing and trail riding in the mountains with his beloved wife, Joan. Tim especially loved spending time with his three bonus children and seven grandsons.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Monte Reese; and a sister, Kathy Nazarian.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Reese, Heppner; bonus daughter, Misty Haugen (Mike), Heppner; bonus sons, Bradley Reese (Rachel), Prosser, WA and Joseph Sanders, Pendleton, OR; seven grandsons; sisters, Marsha Marx and Barbara Reese, both of Minnesota; brother, James Reese, Pendleton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tim's memory will live on with all of his family and friends who loved him.

Tim's family appreciates the care and compassion of Heppner EMS, Pioneer Memorial Hospital staff, and Morrow County Sheriff's deputies and dispatchers.

Contributions in Tim's memory may be made to the Umatilla Fire and Ambulance, Heppner Fire or Heppner Ambulance.

Please share memories of Tim with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

William "Thad" Killingbeck

William "Thad" Killingbeck of Hermiston, OR, died on April 28, 2023, in Richland, WA at the age of 69 years. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 2 p.m. at New Hope Church, 1350 S. Hwy 395, Hermiston.

He was born on April 2, 1954, in La Grande, OR to parents Clarence and E. Fern Killingbeck. Thad was raised and attended schools in La Grande, graduating in the class of 1972. He was united in marriage to Lila Lindley on June 23, 1973, in La Grande.

Thad graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Education from Eastern Oregon State College (now Eastern Oregon University) in 1976. He earned his Master of Science in Education from EOU in 1982 and later his Administration certificate from Lewis and Clark College in 1999.

Thad's career in edu-

cation began with student teaching at Armand Larive under Carlisle Harrison, Richard Lowry and Os Halling in Hermiston from 1976-1977. He then taught remedial math and science at Riverside Junior/Senior High in Boardman from 1977-1980. From 1980-1999 he taught seventh grade science, math and art at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon, as well as coaching many of the sports teams and serving as the athletic director from 1989-1999. Thad was also a football and baseball referee and baseball umpire during this time.

He was a member of the administrative team for AC Houghton Elementary and Sam Boardman Elementary from 1999 through 2002. Thad was the Vice Principal at Sam Boardman Elementary from 2002-2004 and Principal at Windy River Elementary from 2004-2007. He was recognized in 2007 as the Boardman Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year.

Thad served on the Morrow County School District Board from 2008 through 2018. He volunteered as a Boardman Little League Coach, Boardman Babe Ruth Coach and the

Governor visits Boardman on One Oregon tour



Gov. Tina Kotek stopped in Boardman to discuss water issues as part of her One Oregon tour last week. -Contributed photo

Governor Tina Kotek visited communities in Morrow and Umatilla counties on Wednesday, May 3, and Thursday, May 4, including stops in Boardman, Echo, Hermiston and Pendleton.

On Wednesday, the governor started the day with breakfast in Hermiston, and then participated in a round table led by Latino/a leaders at Hermiston City Hall. The conversation covered a broad range of issues including affordable housing, summer learning, youth mental health and how past flooding continues to impact communities in Umatilla County. The group also focused on the need to have first-language outreach and education, particularly for public health issues and disaster warnings.

Next it was off to Echo, where city leaders provided a tour of the town, starting first with a look at the past and current flooding from the Umatilla River that has impacted property and transportation infrastructure. Kotek then toured a dangerous railroad crossing that is a significant safety risk for children walking to and from school.

Following lunch with local leaders, the governor visited the Families First Childcare Center at the Neal Early Learning Center at the Port of Morrow, meeting preschoolers in their classroom and high school students training to become early childhood educators. The tour was followed by a childcare and early learning roundtable with a range of community stakeholders at the Blue Mountain Community College training center next door. They discussed

Morrow County Legion baseball coach.

Thad enjoyed hunting, fishing, pencil drawing, playing cards with his friends, bowling, camping, playing tennis, pickle ball, biking, going on nature walks, kayaking, golfing, archery and was a sports enthusiast.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Lila Killingbeck, Hermiston; daughter, Kristie Shasteen (Ted), Hermiston; sons, Kyle Killingbeck (Anne), Redmond, OR and Kory Killingbeck (Amber), Liberty Lake, WA; sister, Carolyn Gibbs, Redmond; and grandchildren, Justin, William, John, Nathaniel and David Shasteen, and Lucas, Aaron, Luella and Leona Killingbeck.

Thad was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Claren Coblens.

Contributions in Thad's memory may be made to the Morrow County Education Foundation c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please share memories of Thad with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Hunter education in Lexington starting June 13

Hunter education classes start June 13 at the Lexington Gun Club. Class days are June 13, 15, 20 and 22 from 6-9 p.m., with a field day June 17 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Participants must register online at myodfw.com. Cost is \$10 per student.

This class is a thorough

introduction to firearm safety, ethics and responsibility. Students must attend all dates. A valid card will be issued at the end of class with a hard card sent to the student 60 days after.

Contact class instructor Jim Marquardt at 541-969-4845 with any questions.

Holly Rebekah plans for summer Summer markets planned for Lexington

Holly Rebekah Lodge is looking forward to summer. Not only are the ladies of the lodge going to continue with bingo on the last Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. (except for May because of Memorial Day), but they also will be holding flea/farmers markets during the summer months.

The markets will be held in the park next to the Holly Rebekah Lodge Hall in Lexington on the second Sunday of June, July and August from 11-4.

Anyone who has questions or who would like to sign up for a space may contact LaRae Kindle at 541-310-9499.

Sex crime suspect arraigned on multiple charges

A suspect arrested on multiple sex-related charges was arraigned on a grand jury indictment last week.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office reported last week that MCSO officers arrested Saul Nathan Lopez, 18, of Heppner on April 24. The arrest came after MCSO received a report of a possible sex crime on April 13, with multiple juvenile victims.

During the investigation, evidence was obtained that led to the arrest of Lopez. He was lodged in the Umatilla County Jail on multiple charges, with no bail.

Lopez was arraigned on April 25 and the court set bail at \$500,000. He was then arraigned on May 1 on a grand jury indictment and the bail was kept the same.

Current charges against Lopez include Using a Child in Display of Sexually Explicit Conduct x 8, Online Sexual Corruption of a Child in the Second Degree x 3, Online Sexual Corruption of a Child in the First Degree x 5, Encouraging Child Sex Abuse in the Second Degree x 8, Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree x 2, Rape in the First Degree x 1, Rape in the Third Degree x 1, Sexual Abuse in the First Degree x 1 and Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree x 1.

If there are persons who have information regarding this case, or other victims, please contact Criminal Sergeant Scott Carter directly at 541-314-5204 or MCSO dispatch at 541-676-5317.

This investigation is ongoing.

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Port Commissioner

There has been an Ione area person on the Port Of Morrow Commission for 64 years. Gar Swanson and Oscar Peterson 59/75, Louis Carlson 75/87, John Bristow 86/95, and then Marv Padberg 1995/2023. I am very proud to be in the same paragraph with that group of honorable past Ione residents. Please continue the tradition of representation from all parts of Morrow County by voting for me for Port Commissioner, I thank you. Marv