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Obituaries

Robert L. Stevens

Robert L. (Bob) Stevens, 84, of Hardman died Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Heppner. A memorial graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 5, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Bob was born July 22, 1938, to Harold and Helen (Gammell) Stevens at his grandparents' home near Heppner. He came home to Hardman at haying time and spent the resto of his life on that windy ridge, until moving to Willow Creek Terrace in November of 2022.

He attended school at Hardman through the eighth grade, then attended Heppner High School, graduating in 1956. He attended Oregon Technical Institute and graduated with a degree in diesel technology.

Bob was needed at home and came back to farm with his parents. On June 4, 1961, he married Judy Brinda at Heppner. The couple had two children, daughter Jojean and son John. Bob farmed until 1986, then worked for Miller Welding and Treo Ranches.

He was always there to help others, and family, neighbors and friends benefited from his knowledge and expertise. It's been said there wasn't anything he couldn't fix.

Bob was an accomplished fiddler and musician.

Survivors include his wife Judy, daughter Jojean Greene, son John (Pat), granddaughter Katelyn Murphy (Mike), grandson Harold Stevens (Tara), grandson Andrew Greene, granddaughter Tana Green, and great-grandchildren Addie, Tymber, Weston, Callie and Colt.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law Lyle Greene.

Contributions in memory of Bob may be made to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

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Peterson sworn in as new lone school board member



Outgoing board of directors member Tricia Rollins (right) was recognized for her service on the board. - Contributed photo

By Andrea Di Salvo

Elizabeth Peterson was sworn in as the newest Lone School District Director at a short and succinct board meeting July 25 in Boardman. Peterson, who won the election as a write-in candidate, replaces outgoing board of directors member Tricia Rollins. Rollins was recognized for her service on the board at the June 27 meeting.

While Peterson is the only new face on the school board, the members also selected their chair and vice chair for the school year. Rob Crum was again selected board chair, while director Paola Cabrera was elected vice chair.

Tracey Johnson stepped into her new role as Lone School District Superintendent at the meeting. Johnson takes over the role from former superintendent Kevin Dinning, who announced his resignation in April of

this year.

Johnson told the board that there are some teacher positions still open for the 2023-24 school year, as well as the need for a new head secretary. In other staff updates, Stephanie McElligott is moving to first grade, while the district has hired Autum Ringer to teach fifth grade.

Johnson also said there would be some changes to pickup, delivery and bus zones for the school, though she did not specify what those changes would be. The changes will be due to the construction for the school bond project. Johnson said maps would be made available to let staff and parents know which areas would be accessible or not accessible.

Staff in-service dates will be Aug. 21-24. The first day of school will be Monday, Aug. 28.

Mustang Football camp next week

Heppner Mustang football is planning its 31st annual Mustang football camp for students in grades five through 12 next week. The camp is free, but the cost is \$35 for those wanting shorts and a T-shirt.

The camp will take place Monday, Aug. 7, through Thursday, Aug. 10, at the Heppner High School practice field. Camp for grades five through eight will take place from 3:30-5 p.m., and high school camp for grades nine through 12 will be held from 5-7:30

p.m.

Registration will take place Monday, Aug. 8, from 4-5 p.m., but pre-registration is encouraged at <https://heppnerhsfootball.gearupsports.net/>. Check-in for gear will be from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Students should wear shorts and athletic shoes, though some used shoes will be available.

Like last year, gear will ship directly to the player's house. Because of global supply chain issues, families are encouraged to order as soon as possible.

Youth volleyball camp next week

Mustang volleyball will hold volleyball camps for fourth grade through junior high next week.

Camp for fourth-through sixth-grade Colt players will take place Aug. 7-8 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Camp for junior high volleyball players will be

Aug. 9-10 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Cost for each camp is \$25 per player. Heppner Elementary School

Any questions please contact 541-256-0126, Coach Mindy Wilson, Coach Petra Payne or Coach Madison Rosenbalm.

Seniors Matter menus for August

South Morrow County Seniors Matter has announced the following menus for the month of August:

Aug. 8: Enchiladas with Spanish rice, refried beans, side salad and dessert.

Aug. 15: Pork Roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll and dessert.

Aug. 22: Quiche, hash-browns, peaches, coffee cake and dessert.

Aug. 29: Meatloaf with garlic mashed potatoes,

corn, salad and dessert.

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. Seniors 60 and above may donate what they can toward the cost of the meal. Those 60 and younger are asked for a suggested donation of \$5.

No to-go plates or delivery are offered at this time, but diners may bring empty containers for a portion to take home.

WCCC Sunday Men's Play

Twenty participated in the two-man best ball team event on Sunday, July 30, at Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

Net—1st, David Allstott and David Gunderson, 50; 2nd, Roger Ehrmantraut and Tom Shear, 51.

Gross—1st, Tim Wright and Rod Wilson, 63; and 2nd (tie), Tate Gentry and Jerry

Gentry, Jeff Watkins and Jared Huddleston, and Dale Boyd and Mark Schlichting, 64.

There will not be play next Sunday due to the couples' tournament. The next Sunday play will be August 13, hosted by Charlie Ferguson and David Allstott.

Two men injured in shooting

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Center in Hermiston. Both have since been released from the hospitals. The names of the men were not released.

A press release from the sheriff's office indicates that law enforcement does not believe the shooting was a random act of violence. Initial investigation points to an issue specifically between the involved persons.

At the same time, MCSO states that this is

the very early stage of an on-going investigation. Anyone who has more information on the case can contact Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 541-676-5317.

Assisting MCSO in the case were Boardman Police Department, Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Irrigon Ambulance, Irrigon Fire, Boardman Fire and Life Flight.

Catholic church plans fundraiser

Saint Patrick Catholic Church will be hosting a Mexican dinner on August 13 from noon until 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The proceeds will be used to build closets and shelving for the many, many costumes from Fr. Gerry Condon's dramas. The plans also include some space for a few of his special belongings, such as a golf trophy and the trunk he brought with him in 1954 on his first trip to the United

States.

The meal, prepared by Mary Ann Elguezabal and friends, will be \$10 a plate. There will also be flour tortillas and salsa for sale to take home. Meals can be delivered, or take-out accommodations are available.

Kilkenny Ranches will be donating the meat. If anyone has any questions, call Mary Ann Elguezabal at 209-404-9072.

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