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Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

Congratulations, Hunter, son of Russ and Toni!



WEST REGION INDOOR TRACK ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

ATHLETE: HUNTER NICHOLS
TWO A QUALIFIERS: 1000 METERS & 3000 METERS
TWO B STANDARDS: 800 METERS & MILE
AT LEAST ONE QUALIFYING MARK FOR THE NAIA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AT EVERY MEET THIS SEASON

Running seems to be in the Nichols family blood, and rodeoing is apparently in the family blood of another local "Hunter." Hunter Greenup is on a three-week trip with Rawley Koch of St. Paul for bareback competitions in pro rodeos in CA, TX, AZ, MO, and OK. Last weekend, Hunter placed third at King City, CA, and fourth in the Indio, CA, pro rodeo. In the meantime, his sister Sierra was competing in break-away roping in Casa Grande, AZ, placing fifth out of forty-four contestants. With these and their own schedules, parents Travis and Tiffanie cannot attend many competitions, but two weeks ago, the family was together in Yakima for rodeo competitions, including Mom's barrel-racing!

For the first time, last weekend, Paul and Susan Hisler were able to watch all of their four granddaughters play basketball – not easy! On Friday, they were at West Linn to watch Reese, an Oregon City sophomore, play in her school's last league game. (They will be in a playoff game today with South Salem.) On Saturday, 1PM found them in Stayton, to watch Hallee, an HHS junior and Healy, a freshman, playing in Heppner's game with Regis. Then they headed for Salem for their first opportunity to watch Peyton play in a club-ball game at 3:30. Peyton is an eighth grader in Oregon City, and her mom, Annie, is one of the coaches. Their tournament had started with one game on Friday; Paul and Susan caught two of their games on Saturday; and then they headed back to EO, having to miss Peyton's three more games on Sunday! Whew!

The Ione youth are industrious and making news in a variety of ways: On March 3 at 3 PM, the Community Church Youth Group will be offering Bingo to interested gamers and a Bake Sale of tasty treats. Profits will be used for a retreat they plan to attend. And Ione high schoolers went up against Ione alumni in a basketball game last Friday, having quite the challenge from alumni who could make three-pointers! Prior to the game, the school's student council served a surf-and-turf dinner as a fundraiser for a conference they wish to attend. Three members of the girls' basketball team have been rewarded for their play by the Big Sky Conference: To First-team is Najiah Knight, a junior; to Second-team is Victoria DeLatorre, a junior; and to Honorable Mention is Calli Troutman, a senior. The Ione-Arlington team is coached by Ryan Rudolph, with son Tom's help off and on. Congrats, Girls!!

Congratulations to Landon McMahon, a junior at HHS, for placing second in the Oregon State Wrestling Championships!

Kim Coil welcomes everyone to a look through the windows and doors of the previous Gazette Times – City Hall – Library building on Willow Street. It now has new cement flooring, open beams, and wall beams lying on the floor to mark the planned placements of offices for Willow Creek Park District, Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Community Foundation, and WCVEDG. Other spaces are also apparent, spaces for assistance with start-up and small businesses, a public art studio for classes, casual gatherings, and a commercial kitchen. Kim envisions the building ready for a grand opening in June. Last Saturday, Mike Mahoney came to town, parked his pickup in the hospital parking area, and went into the hospital. He hadn't even sat down when a nurse came to ask if he was the owner of the pickup with dogs in the back. She said one of the dogs was having puppies and "we don't do babies at the hospital anymore!" Mike cut his visit short and went home to give the mother a better birthing space, where she ended up with eleven puppies three days before their "due date"!

Mike's mom, Sheree Mahoney went home from the hospital on Monday and says that right now she needs plenty of rest, so no calls, please.

Surely, many readers agree with Sharon Harrison, who "Loves that it's light later and daylight savings is coming soon!"

If you have spare time and want to contribute to the Wee Bit O' Ireland success story, you could call Susan Hisler at 541-676-5878 to volunteer some time to help put up the Remembrance Walk Shamrocks. Volunteers will meet at the Methodist Church at 10 AM on Friday, March 15.

Something made you smile or even laugh? How about sharing with the GT readers? Easy as sending to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or calling 541-223-1490.

Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this!

MURRAY'S IRISH FEST

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Obituaries

Herb L. Peterson



of the Year in 1979. Herb formed a partnership with his sons, Todd and Treve Peterson named Rocky Bluff Ranch.

Herb held a lifetime membership to the Oregon Wheat Growers League, Elks Lodge #358 of Heppner, and a founding member of Morgrass Grazing Association in Long Creek, Oregon over 40 years ago. Herb enjoyed his time in Long Creek watching over the cattle up until October of 2023.

Herb L. Peterson, 88, of Ione, Oregon was born March 17, 1935, in Heppner to Henry E. Peterson and Adina A. Anderson Peterson. He was welcomed into the family by his siblings, the oldest were 14 years older (Henry) Ted Peterson, Marjorie Peterson Skuzeski and Robert E. Peterson. Herb lost his life after an 18-month battle with oral cancer on February 22, 2024.

The Peterson Ranch, still located on Valby Road with the original homestead was honored with the Oregon Century Ranch recognition (1907-2007). His ancestors, Aron and Ida Peterson came from Sweden in 1889 as shepherders.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry, and Adina; the mother of his children, Barbara Prock Peterson Hale; daughter, Pamela J. Peterson; grandson, Cason P. Terjeson; and siblings, Ted, Marjorie, and Robert Peterson.

Herb graduated from Ione High School with classmates who enjoyed playing and winning at football and basketball games. Herb was on the 1954 East West Shriners Football Team. The US Army did not accept him due to a healed broken tailbone suffered in a high school football practice. He attended Multnomah Bible College in downtown Portland, Oregon and played on their basketball team for one year before returning to Morrow County.

Herb is survived by his sons, Todd Peterson, Treve Peterson (Elizabeth) of Ione and daughter, Jan Peterson-Terjeson (Matt) of Pendleton, and granddaughters: Lydia J. Terjeson of Portland, Renee and Haylie Peterson of Ione, and many friends and family members.

Upon his return to Ione, he married Barbara K. Prock and enjoyed a good family life for 28 years. While raising their children he was involved in developing their skills in all athletic sports, education, 4-H, hunting, farm chores, and water skiing. He later married and divorced Barbara Stefani.

A graveside service and refreshments will be held Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 1 pm: Valby Lutheran Cemetery (60492 Valby Road Ione, Oregon). Everyone is welcome to attend.

He and his brother, Robert, formed a ranching partnership: Peterson Brothers. They worked as a team and were awarded Morrow County and Oregon State Conservation Men of the year in 1969, Morrow County Cattleman

For those wishing to donate in Herb's honor, they may do so to Cason's Place: Grief Support for Children and Families of Eastern Oregon (PO Box 1142, Pendleton Oregon 97801) or Valby Lutheran Church (60492 Valby Road, Ione, Oregon 97843).

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

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February 22, 2024
Ione School District Announces Budget Committee Vacancy, Applicants Sought

The Ione School District announces a budget committee vacancy and is accepting applications to fill this vacancy.

- Required Qualifications**
- Candidates must currently reside in Ione school district boundaries and have done so for at least one year, and candidates must be qualified voters of the District.
 - The selected candidate will serve a three-year term.

The Candidate Application Form is available at the District's website at www.ione.k12.or.us or at the Ione School Office at 445 Spring Street, Ione, OR 97843. Applications must be returned to the school office or board secretary by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

OLD TIMERS' NIGHT
Thursday, March 7th
Dinner at 6:00pm/Lodge at 8:00
Steak, Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Asparagus, Bread & Dessert
prepared by Kim Coil



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Lunch & Dinner Menu
Specials 2/28 - 3/6

Thursday- General Tso chicken, rice, & egg roll
Friday -Tuna melt with tomato's & chicken dumpling soup
Saturday -vegetable beef soup with a turkey salad
Monday -Shrimp fajitas with refried beans & chips
Tuesday -Chicken Strips, mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed vegetable, roll, & dessert
Tuesday Night - 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday -Turkey Sub with macaroni salad & dessert