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Obituaries

Glennave Annel Gibbs Arriaga



Glennave Annel Gibbs Arriaga was with her family when she passed away peacefully in Boise, Idaho on March 3, 2024. She was born to Fred and Thora Rose Land Gibbs on October 8, 1939, in Joseph, Oregon. Glennave was raised in Joseph. Glennave married Alvin Tippet and to that union, three children were born. Their children, Rick, Shelly, and Bill were also raised in Joseph. Later they divorced, and she married John Arriaga and they moved to Alaska. After John passed away, Glennave moved to Heppner in 2004. She volunteered at the Neighborhood Center and was a housekeeper for many years. She helped keep people organized and clean! Glennave knew how to get stains off walls, carpets, and furniture! Her clients were always happy to see her come, and she treated her clients like family. Her own home was spotless inside and out! She was not only an efficient worker but fast too! She continued working right up to February 2024. She loved cooking and baking and excelled at both of those! She made special goodie boxes for her grandchildren and sent them several times a year. She loved working in her yard and was proud to receive yard of the month last year. She is survived by two sisters, Janice Skaggs, and Deva Duke. She also leaves behind a daughter, Shelly Tippet, and a son, Rick Tippet. She was preceded in death by her son, Bill Tippet. She loved and cherished her nieces, nephews, children, grandchildren, and family immensely, and they loved her with that same strength and passion. If you would like to send a card, please send it to: Shelly Tippet, P. O. Box 472, Joseph, OR 97846

John Robert McConnell

John Robert McConnell, a longtime resident of Heppner, passed away on February 9th, 2024, at the age of 65. John was born April 15th, 1958, in Dickinson, North Dakota to Charles and Vivian Mc-

Connell. The family lived in Myrtle Creek, and Elgin Oregon, before moving to Dallesport, Washington in 1964. The family lived in Myrtle Creek and Elgin Oregon, before moving to Lexington in 1968. John was a graduate of Heppner High School, class of 1976. The family moved that year to Wallowa Valley. During this time John attended Boise Bible College with the desire to serve God and minister to others. The family returned to Heppner in the winter of 1983. John was a member of the Oregon Carpenters Union and worked as a carpenter much of his life. He was also a member of the boiler makers union and built and repaired boilers. John was very much a man of the forest. He liked to hunt, fish, camp, backpack, and pick mushrooms and Huckleberries. John was a prolific writer of poetry, short stories, and even a children's book. Several of his works have been published. He was often self-employed as a woodcutter, and logged Hop Poles in the early 1990s, employing several other people in those ventures. John was married to Sylvia Westrom, for a period of five years from 1994-1999. This union brought no mutual children. Sylvia had two adult daughters Lori and Lisa who didn't live with the family except Lisa for a brief time, and son Andrew, that John helped her raise. John maintained contact with his stepchildren after he and Sylvia divorced. Andrew returned as an adult and lived with John for a period of time in Heppner. John was preceded in death by his parents, his brother James E. McConnell, and niece Kimberly (McConnell) Eldridge. He is survived by six siblings, Cindy Summer (Charlie), Susan Hargrove (Bryan), Kathleen Adams, Tom McConnell (Margie), Richard McConnell, and Robert McConnell. He also leaves behind fourteen nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his entire family. A celebration of life will be held of Saturday March 30th, 2024, at the Lexington Community Bible Church 150 East E Street, at 2pm.

Robert "Kyle" Buschke

A graveside memorial service will be held at 12 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2024, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner, Oregon. A meal and reception will follow at the Heppner Elks Lodge. He was born on December 3, 1957, in Heppner. Sweeney Mortuary is in care of arrangements.

Ione School District seeking applications for Budget Committee Vacancy

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, April 9, 2024.

Boardman planning commission vacancy

The City of Boardman has a vacancy on the Planning Commission and is seeking interested parties who live within the Boardman City Limits or in the 97818 Zip Code. The position will be appointed at the April 2024 city council meeting with the first planning commission meeting scheduled for April 17th, 2024. The term for this position would end on December 31, 2024. The Planning Commission is comprised of seven members appointed by the city council and is a permanent advisory body to the council on matters related to planning and development. The commission holds monthly public meetings to consider land

use and zoning matters presented by staff, such as plan amendments, zone changes, conditional use permits, variances, and tentative subdivision projects. Meetings are generally the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm at Boardman City Hall and are open to the public. More information about the planning commission can be found at: <http://cityofboardman.com/communitydevelopment>. Interested parties should send a letter of interest before March 28, 2024, to Planning Official Carla McLane at mclane@cityofboardman.com or via mail to: Boardman City Hall, P.O. Box 229, Boardman, Oregon 97818.

WCVEDG now accepting grant applications March 11th – April 19th

Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) is now accepting applications for their Community Enhancement Grant. This grant is awarded to non-profits, municipalities or special districts that are in WCVEDG's designated service area and fulfills the eligible project description. Eligible projects include, but not limited to, recreational programs or projects that serve the public, cultural activities, public beautification projects, existing program enhancement, and capital improvements.

WCVEDG has been granted these funds from the Columbia River Enterprise Zone Board (CREZ II). WCVEDG uses some of the funding for the community and public enhancement of South Morrow County. WCVEDG awarded over \$250,000 to projects in 2023. Some projects included downtown Heppner beautification, the FFA backpack program, food bank boxes, Water Park building repairs, Youth Baseball field equipment and ADA baseball field reconstruction, Wilkenson Arena improvements, St. Patrick's Senior Center fire suppression system,

and capital improvements to Willow Creek Assisted Living.

Applications are being accepted from March 11, 2023 – April 19, 2024. Eligible projects must be within the WCVEDG service area (zip codes 97836, and 97826), and must have at least 50% of funding (may include in-kind and cash contributions from local and regional sources). Projects qualify for up to \$50,000. Ione and Lexington zip codes no longer qualify for WCVEDG grant funding. Please contact ICABO (Ione) or the Town of Lexington for information on their CREZ II economic development disbursements.

To learn more about this grant, including the 2024 service area, eligible projects, and a sample budget, visit heppnerchamber.com/grants, email wcvvedg@gmail.com, or call 503-504-8508. Applications to be submitted by email to wcvvedg@gmail.com, or mailed to WCVEDG, PO Box 14, Heppner, OR 97836 no later than Friday, April 19th at 5:00pm.

Hopeful Saints Ministry's to give out food boxes March 24th

Spring break is coming, the kids will be home, and if you find yourself low on food for the table, help is on the way.

A box of food will be given to anyone who comes to Hopeful Saints Ministry's parking lot on Gale Street in Heppner on Sunday, March 24, from 2:00 to 3:00, or as long as the boxes

last. The box is loaded with canned, packaged and fresh items and some hygiene supplies. It is given with no questions asked.

If you can't come to pick up a box, please call the church office at 541-676-9970 to request delivery. Be sure to leave your contact information.

MCPC to hold meeting 19th, also seeking applications

Morrow County Parks Committee will be holding a regular meeting Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at 1pm at the Morrow County Public works office in Lexington, Oregon. This meeting is open to the public and will be on zoom for those that cannot make it in person. Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86061555261?pwd=1hKyzFQNmcmnoEcLNK1g-7Zq4eB1gBd.1> password is 317174.

The MCPC is also

seeking an individual to represent the Park User Group-Motorized Recreational position that will expire March 2024. The new term will start March 2024-March 2027. If you are interested please complete the member application and return to the Morrow County Public Works Department, attn: Parks Committee, P.O. Box 428, 365 West highway 74, Lexington, Oregon 97839 or via email to mcparks@co.morrow.or.us



Happy 7th Birthday!

My Precious Marlee!

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Specials 3/21 - 3/27

- Thursday - Roast Beef Sliders with fries
- Friday - Corn Chowder, salad, and breadsticks
- Saturday - Captains Seafood platter & Clam Chowder
- Monday - BBQ pulled pork sandwich with mac n cheese
- Tuesday - 1/4 Rodeo burger with baked beans
- Tuesday night 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
- Wednesday - Turkey Cucumber Salad with breadsticks

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