

A MARRIAGE MILESTONE

Couple take out first license in Grant County

By **Scotta Callister**
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CANYON CITY – A Mt. Vernon couple last week became the first to take out a license for a same-sex marriage in Grant County.

Terry Hanson and Carla Schroder filled out the license form last Friday at the Grant County Courthouse.

County Clerk Brenda Percy said she's had a couple of domestic partnerships filed in her office, but this was the first for a same-sex marriage.

Same-sex marriage has been legally recognized in Oregon since May 2014.

Hanson and Schroder are planning a March 28 wedding at the Mt. Vernon Community Hall, with Sam Walker conducting



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Terry Hanson and Carla Schroder prepare the license form for their marriage.

the ceremony.

The institution of marriage has long been denied to them – along with rights that married couples take for granted, they said.

“There’s over 1,500 individual benefits

and rights that heterosexual people have always had, without thinking about it,” Hanson noted.

She and Schroder say some of the important ones for them include qualifying for spousal benefits, being able to make medical decisions for one’s spouse, and automatic inheritances.

They don’t expect marriage to mean major changes in their daily life. Hanson is a driver for the People Mover and an interactive media technology assistant for Blue Mountain Community College, and Schroder is an author.

Schroder notes there’s a psychological lift from “making it legal,” and she quips, “You only get married for the first time, once.”

While they are the first to take that step in Grant County, they don’t expect to be the last.

“Hopefully, this will allow some other people who have held back to be more comfortable with the idea,” Hanson said.

OBITUARIES

Charles Fredrick ‘Pete’ Pickle
Oct. 16, 1923 – March 1, 2015

Charles Fredrick “Pete” Pickle, 91, of John Day, died March 1 at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. A graveside service was held March 6 at Canyon City Cemetery with Al Altnow officiating.



Mr. Pickle was born October 16, 1923, in Enterprise, to Albert and Minnie Pickle. He graduated from Enterprise High School in 1939. Before entering the military he worked as a blacksmith apprentice. He served in the U.S Army for over three years both as a PFC and a Tec 5. While he did not serve in actual combat, he was a medical technician, and received several medals: Soldiers Medal for heroism, American Theater Service Medal, Victory Medal, European Afznan Middle Eastern Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

In 1946, he married Irene F. Woldridge in Dayton, Wash. They divorced in 1977 after 31 years of marriage.

In April 1977, he married Maravene Shumway in Caldwell, Idaho. She died in July 2010.

In his later years, he attended the First Christian Church until he was no longer able.

His hobbies included fishing, elk hunting, gardening, mushroom picking, and his friends and family. Charles was known for his kind gentle heart, giving ways, and will be dearly missed.

Survivors include daughter, Bessie Irene Ryder of Spring Creek, Nev.; son, Albert Pickle of John Day; stepdaughter, Annelia Riggs of Vancouver, Wash; brothers, Orlando Pickle of Pendleton and Jack Pickle of Prairie City; granddaughters, Shilo Rogerson of Bend and Shylene Pickle of Central Point; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Maravene Pickle; stepson, Leonard Henderson; two brothers; and two sisters.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the First Christian Church of John Day through Driskill Memorial Chapel 241 S. Canyon Blvd. John Day, OR 97845.

Scott Lloyd Lee
Feb. 27, 1974 – Feb. 25, 2015

CHILOQUIN – Scott Lloyd Lee, 40, formerly of Dayville, died Feb. 25 after a car crash near Klamath Falls. At his request, there will be no service.



Mr. Lee was born Feb. 27, 1974, in Prineville, to Jan Elaine Valade Lee and Doug Lee. He was raised by Jan and Elmer Dickens Sr. near Dayville, and attended schools in Dayville and John Day.

He enjoyed motorcycles, hunting, fishing and being with his wife, Corrina. The couple had lived in Chiloquin for the last 10 years.

Survivors include his wife, Corrina Taylor of Chiloquin; his mother, Jan Valade Dickens; daughters, Melissa Anne Lee Haynes and Celeste Donna Lee; son, Scott Lloyd Lee Jr.; grandchildren, Dominic, Ronin and Bentlee; brother, Elmer Dickens Jr.; sister, Terri Dickens Landreth; great-grandmother, Fern Turner of John Day; and grandfather, Duane Turner of Mt. Vernon.

Memorial contributions may be made to a custodial account for his grandchildren through Old West Federal Credit Union.

Grace Spencer

Grace Spencer, 92, of John Day, died March 8 at Valley View Living Facility in John Day. There will be no services at this time.

Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

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Local DAR chapter to meet

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BAKER CITY – The Lone Pine Tree chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Friday, March 13, at Sundridge Restaurant in Baker City.

Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at noon. Nancy Wilson will present a

program, “Copperfield – Baker County’s Infamous town of the Early 1900s,” an entertaining story of how a woman saved the town.

Visitors are welcome to the meetings.

For more information, call Meschelle Cookson, 541-523-4248 or Joan Smith at 541-963-4861.

Celebrate spring with a ‘Fling’

Club serves the community since the 1930s

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MONUMENT – You know winter’s days are numbered when Monument rings in spring with a “Fling.”

The long-running Monument Service Club will hold its annual “Spring Fling” – a lunch and Dutch auction – at 10 a.m. Friday, March 27, in the Monument Senior Center.

All are welcome to attend.

This year, a \$2 registration fee is requested to cover lunch expenses. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or vegetable dish to share.

Dutch auction tickets are 25 cents each. People place tickets in jars in front of the items they like, and the drawings are held after lunch.

Donations for the auction are needed. Suggestions include household items, plants,

gift certificates, knick-knacks, bedding, towels, wall art, DVDs, CDs, bird houses, etc.

Proceeds from the fundraiser support various community activities throughout the year including CPR classes, community clean-up day, reunion meals, a Halloween gathering which encourages rural participation and the Christmas Cookie Caper, in which over 40 plates of donated sweets are delivered to folks in the area.

Funds from the event also help with local emergencies such as house fires or critical illnesses. The club also helps people in need with cash and handmade quilts.

Established in the 1930s, the club was first called the Monument Matrons and Maids – MMM – and was a social group that also lent support to the community. Renamed the Monument Service Club in later years, the goals remained the same, to aid and enrich the lives of Monument citizens.

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Rain likely		Wednesday 56/40
20% chance of showers		Thursday 59/33
Mostly sunny		Friday 66/38
Chance of showers		Saturday 65/42
Chance of showers		Sunday 63/40
Mostly sunny		Monday 59/35
Cloudy		Tuesday 59/28

LAST WEEK

MARCH	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
John Day	40/25	48/20	58/28	63/33	64/35	62/30	64/32
Sheep Rock	50/24	47/21	56/29	62/33	69/35	68/32	67/33

SKI REPORT
Anthony Lakes: Base 50 inches; no new snow.

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