

## Retiring 'Bunny' Steers receives gold watch

Elmer "Bunny" Steers received a gold watch from Les Paustian at his retirement party last week at the West of Willow Restaurant in Heppner.

Steers has been a forklift operator for Kinzua Corp. in Heppner for 11 years.

Guests at the dinner were "Bunny" and Grace Steers, Les and Janet Paustian, Dennis Campbell, Becky Doherty, Delbert and Nola Bin-

ches, Bob and Betty Lankford, Jack and Colleen Ployhar, Harry and Mary Kennison, Laverne and Lynn Van Marter, Dwayne and Cheryl Steers, Grace Buschke, Sam Steers and Elvin and Pat Bell.

"We want to give Bunny our sincere appreciation for his 11 years of service to Kinzua Corporation," said Laverne Van Marter, personnel manager.



Les Paustian (left) gives Elmer "Bunny" Steers his gold watch.

## AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

So Easter Weekend is over and my home is so quiet and dull without the collection of second and third generation houseguests I've enjoyed from the middle of Friday night until mid-morning Monday. Their farewell look at Heppner was sunshiny.

We all piled into the stationwagon and drove up Willow Creek as far as Cutsforth Park on Saturday afternoon. Before we returned we saw much roadside snow, were pelted by hail and heavy, mushy snow and looked through the trees and over the rim-rock hills at clouds of grey, blue and white.

All of us, especially grandson Thomas, were delighted to observe about twelve deer and later one cow elk. We noted how upper Willow Creek has overflowed its banks.

Soon spring fishing will be on every outdoorsman's mind. I understand that if you want to hear a really big fish story you should get Heppner Police Chief Dean Gilman to tell about the mammoth marlin he caught.

Dean's brother Len and wife Mickey have been in Heppner visiting their mothers Viola Gilman and Della McCurdy and other members of their families. Last Friday they took mother Viola to Baker and Ontario to visit two of her sisters. At Baker they called on Flo Gilman who is both a sister and a sister-in-law. In Ontario they visited Nora Langdon, the older sister, now 96, whom Viola rarely sees.

Yesterday, Wednesday, April 9, the Gilmans and mother Della departed for Eagle Nest, New Mexico, where Della will visit part of the spring months.

How nice it was to have eye-catching and mouth-watering baked goods offered for sale by two civic groups last Friday and Saturday mornings on Main Street. Since our town no longer has a bakery the offerings of fund-raising organizations are appreciated, especially just before a holiday.

The County Museum and the Heppner Library are most grateful to author Sam McMillan for his gift of copies of his book about Lexington, "The Bunchgrassers." The gift books had been selling very slowly in Heppner, but when Del Piper offered to display and sell them in his establishment at Lexington they moved rapidly. His help is appreciated, too.

Last Friday John Maas took a collection of clothing over to Condon for the use of the Laotian refugees who have come to live at the old airbase. The Rev. Maas suggests that folks in this county might begin to really support these newcomers.

Have you noted a downtown improvement? The city crews' grading of the alley behind the post office has brought favorable reaction. People are glad to have those chuckholes eliminated.

To review some of the Easter weekends memorable moments in Heppner, you should know that if you were among the many who did not attend the trial of Jesus of Nazareth at All Saints Church last Friday evening, you really missed a most significant production. The South Morrow County Ministerial Association assembled a fine cast of dramatic personae which included three Heppner attorneys, two Ione business leaders and a fine sampling of local clergy.

The audience, which served as the jury at the trial, had its emotions played upon by the strong narrative and by the skillful delivery of the talented cast members.

Bob Abrams was the prosecuting attorney who insisted on standing on the obvious but cold facts. Anne Spicer, as the attorney for the defense, presented her view of the facts in a warmer, more passionate manner. Her husband, Heppner City Attorney Bill Kuhn, was an effective witness as James, the brother of Jesus.

Other convincing witnesses, each of whom elicited sympathy, included the Rev. John Maas as the murderer Barabbas, Don Bristow as the disciple John and Gene Rietmann as the Roman procurator, so self-centered and sophisticated. The judge, who soberly presided over the proceedings, was the Rev. Mike Sheridan.

The Rev. Cathy Barker opened the service and the Rev. Doug Thomas gave the benediction.

Carley Drake provided organ music. The evening's sole hymn was the moving "Were You There?" The offering taken will be used for the transient fund of the ministerial association.

In spite of the spring chill quite a few youngsters enjoyed the excitement of Easter Egg Hunting provided by the Elks Lodge on Saturday morning.

However, not too many folks attended the Ministerial Association's Sunrise Service above Heppner High in the early Sunday morning cold winds.

The active, willing workers of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, gathered early Sunday all ready to prepare and serve Easter Breakfast to the families of the community. Unfortunately the word had not been circulated very well by them, and the attendance was disappointingly small for their nicely cooked, pleasantly served meal in the church basement.

The 1980 traditional Easter church services were enhanced by very special music and also by the displaying of many lovely Easter lilies. The clergy discharged their responsibilities admirably. The attendance was up nicely at all the churches.

Friends in the county were recently saddened by the death of Madeline Hummel. Her life ended on March 29, in Reno, where she was vacationing with her husband. Burial was on April 1 at Portland's Skyline Memorial Gardens.

Madeline, 64, was the wife of Errett Hummel who taught at Ione in the late 1930's. They left there when he entered the service for World War II. Other survivors include their son Dr. E.E. Hummel, Portland, and their daughter Susan Kirby and nine grandchildren.

Long-time friends who went to Portland for the final rites were Bob and Aloha De Spain and Irene Swanson from Heppner and John and Mildred Eubanks and Louis and Dot Halvorsen from Ione.

## Extension Events....

With Birdine Tullis

### Morrow Extension Service Backyard Gardening

Ray McNeilan, Multnomah County horticultural agent, and gardening expert will present a program at the fairgrounds annex in Heppner at 7:30 p.m. April 14.

The program is in answer to the many requests received by the Extension office each spring for information on new varieties, planting practices, fertilizers, and other gardening questions.

McNeilan has a weekly column in the Northwest section of the Sunday Oregonian, and was also involved in the development of the Master Gardening program which has trained interested people in the valley counties. The Master Gardening concept extends the extension expertise and information to larger numbers of gardeners by having trained gardening experts available in communities.

For interested people in north Morrow and west Umatilla counties, McNeilan will repeat his program at 10 a.m. in Hermiston at the Park Hall in the fairgrounds April 15.

There is no charge to attend the programs, and a wide variety of gardening bulletins and information will be available to all to carry home.

Members of Heppner Garden Club will provide refresh-

ments for the Heppner meeting.

### Study Group Project

A yard sale, April 18-19-20, by the Irrigon Study group will be its spring community service project, to help raise funds for the local fire department.

The sale will be at the Irrigon fire station.

The Irrigon Study group has several community service projects each year, but assisting the fire department is one of its favorites.

Money made will be used to help with purchase of an air pack. Francis McCoy, secretary of the group, says that any donations of salable items will be welcomed.

Leathercraft Demonstration Valerie Howell, Spray 4-H leathercraft leader, judge and instructor for leathercraft classes, has arranged a free demonstration, which is open to all interested in leather art and use.

The program is scheduled for April 19 at 10 a.m. at the Spray school and will be completed about 3 p.m.

Anyone interested is invited to attend, according to Elva Madden, Wheeler Extension Service.

Three Tandy store managers will be demonstrating basic and more difficult skills, including lacing, hand sewing, dyeing, embossing, antiquing, pyrography (burning), air

brush dyeing, and judging leathercraft. Two films will be included in the program.

Those attending may bring a sack lunch, or will find time during the noon break to purchase lunch at a cafe.

### 4-H Club Sponsors Ride for Cystic Fibrosis

"Desert Pegasus" 4-H club is sponsoring a trail ride through the game refuge to help raise money for cystic fibrosis 9 a.m. May 3.

Everyone is welcome to join in by meeting at A.C. Houghton Grade School in Irrigon, that morning.

More information is available from Sharon Timms at 922-4162.

### Rising gasoline prices affect consumer shopping habits

The effect of rising gasoline costs appears to be an increasingly important factor affecting how often consumers shop, according to Velma Seat, OSU Extension Food Marketing specialist.

## At district

# TOPS weight losers recognized

TOPS OR 799 Heppner had a District Recognition Day March 29 with Heppner having four out of the top five district weight losers for the year.

Heppner is in the district with Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

The Heppner club began Sept. 10, 1979 and after 3½ months, TOPS members from the club lost more pounds combined than any other club did for the entire year.

The Heppner club won the traveling plaque for the most weight loss of any club in the district.

At the district meeting, Dorothy Davis of LaGrande and area captain Betty Kirby of Fossil gave some tips on weight reduction.

Heppner TOPS is having a yard sale this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with money raised going to help to send some of its members to the

State Recognition Days in Eugene April 25 and 26.

The yard sale will be at the home of Jo Burt at 565 N. Elder in Heppner.

## Boardman youth graduates from Air Traffic School

Navy Air Traffic Controller Airman Apprentice Derek D. Blanchard, son of Rogena M. Wagner of P.O. Box 131 in Boardman has been graduated from the Air Traffic Controller School.

The 14-week course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tenn., prepared students for future duty in an air station control tower. They studied flight data pro-

cessing, aids to aircraft navigation, weather analysis, and air traffic control rules and procedures. In addition they underwent Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) examination and received FAA certification for control tower operations.

A 1979 graduate of Umatilla High School in Umatilla, he joined the Navy in August 1979.

## Gardening questions to be answered by expert

Her information tells us that there has been a substantial reduction in the number of trips individuals make to the supermarket each week.

A study found that shoppers are becoming master planners. No longer are people going to the store for a loaf of bread, or a bottle of milk. Instead, they seem to be planning meals for several days in advance; making shopping lists; larger purchases at one time and storing more foods in the freezer.

The study concludes that consumers are weighing costs against benefits. This includes evaluating whether it is worth

the extra gas to travel to another supermarket to take advantage of advertised specials.

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All friends & neighbors are invited to a wedding reception for  
*Jim & Margaret Hayes*  
Saturday, April 12, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
at the home of  
*Marge & Leroy Gardner*  
Hinton Creek Road

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend  
The Annual  
**Heppner Elks 358**  
**Installation of Officers**  
**Saturday, April 12**  
**Dinner & Dance**  
Come enjoy a full evening of fellowship and fun!

Dancing to the live music of  
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**Saturday**  
Installation 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner 6:30—8:30 p.m.  
Dance 9 p.m.

Dancing 9:00 p.m.  
**Friday & Saturday**  
**April 11-12**  
**9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.**

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