

## Martha Van Schoiack celebrates 85th



Birthday party honoree, Martha Van Schoiack, and great-granddaughter, Jennifer, examine birthday cakes.

Today, Jan. 8, Martha Van Schoiack became 85 years old. Most people wouldn't guess the age of this lively little lady who lives alone in her flower-surrounded home on South Chase in Heppner. She is now grandmother to 21 and great-grandmother to 27.

She was born Martha McHugill near Yreka in northern California in 1896, and moved with her family to Oakland, Oregon, which is between Cottage Grove and Roseburg. When she met and married Cleve Van Schoiack in 1916 they decided to come to Eastern Oregon. They were married in Roseburg and soon traveled to Morrow County where Cleve had a job working for Art Minor.

After two years of working for Mr. Minor, in 1918 they began buying their own ranch in Sanford Canyon, in the Balm Fork area. They owned that ranch 49 years and reared their six children there. When Martha and Cleve retired they built the fine brick home where Wavel Wilkinson now lives just north of their church, St. Patrick's, on Gale Street. After living there a few years together, Cleve died, and Martha decided to sell the large home and to find something smaller.

Now she has lived alone in her smaller home for about 20 years. Her large family is very proud of Martha. Her three surviving sons are Cecil of Lacey, Wash., Sid of Madras and Bob who owns and operates the Van Schoiack Ranch along Rock Creek. Andy who farmed with Bob and who raised his family here died in 1967. Martha's daughters are Erma Darrin and Helen Karlson who both live in Portland. All six of Martha and Cleve's children grew up here and went to school in Heppner.

Last Saturday, Jan. 3, Martha was honored by her family and friends with a potluck luncheon and reception in the parish hall of St. Patrick's Church. Over 70 persons came there to congratulate her. This surprise birthday party was held a little before her actual birthday because several of her grandchildren needed to be leaving here to return to college last weekend.

Martha's son Bob spoke with genuine pride about his mother. He characterized her as a beloved and "very spunky" lady. People who have observed Martha during recent years—as she gardens alone, with help of a crutch or with her crutch nearby, as she manages to get around town, goes to church, enjoys playing cards with friends and sometimes attends the senior citizen meals—all agree with her son's appraisal that she is indeed a fine, very spunky lady.

The community is proud of Martha Van Schoiack and sincerely wishes her a very happy birthday.

## Discovers shipwreck, names island in once-in-a-lifetime experience New Years Day unusual for former Lexington man

by Patti Allstott

Think you had an exciting New Year's Day this year? Whatever you did, Mark Piper's day was probably a bit more unusual than yours.

Piper and a group of scuba divers spent a four-day diving trip aboard the ship, "Canadian Princess," and dove in Barclay Sound which is located in the Canadian waters. The group used three small (43 ft.) boats to commute to their diving area. Mark was aboard the "Ucluelet."

In the process of diving, Mark and 10 other divers discovered a wrecked ship, the "Tuskan Prince," a 3,293 ton vessel, missing since 1923. The ship was found in approximately 100 ft. of water adjacent to a small island

which had no name. The group of divers were chosen to name the island, which will now be geographically known as "New Year's Island."

The group also dove upon two other known shipwrecks, the "Vanlene," which went down in 1972, and the "Thiepsval," wrecked in 1930.

A scheduled dive for mid February has been set to investigate the "Tuskan Prince." In the meantime the Canadian government will obtain information regarding the ship's destination, crew, and cargo.

Mark is the son of Del and Phyllis Piper of Lexington.

## Yessir, 'That's my Baby'

Umatilla County Chapter of the March of Dimes has purchased a new film for use in Blue Mountain Community College's "Prenatal Education" course.

The \$400 film is titled "That's my Baby." It records candid discussions by both expectant mothers and fathers before, during and after the birth experience, according to Carol Fisher, R.N. and instructor of the Pendleton course. "The film is very well-balanced, presenting a number of points of view," Mrs. Fisher said.

"A visual account has so much more impact than seeing something on paper," she added. The new film will be kept on file at the college audio-visual services department for use in the BMCC prenatal classes held throughout the two-county area.

The course is offered each term on the college campus and in the Hermiston area for expectant parents. Courses have also been held in Heppner and Condon. The March of Dimes co-sponsors the Pendleton area class with the college and pays \$8 of the \$18 registration fee. Effective cost of the course is only \$10 per couple.

Funds for March of Dimes support of the BMCC prenatal education classes come from a variety of money-making projects, according to Judy Fryer, chapter chairman. Of the money raised in the county, forty percent stays here for local projects and the remainder is sent to the national foundation. Focus of the March of Dimes organization has shifted in recent years from fighting polio to working to prevent birth defects. The Mothers March on Birth Defects will be held in Umatilla County late in January and a Super Walk is scheduled for April.

Volunteers who would be interested in helping with the March of Dimes Mothers March or Super Walk are encouraged to contact Mrs. Fryer at 276-2180.

Mrs. Fryer herself is a three-time graduate of the BMCC Prenatal Education class. She has two boys, 6 and 4, and a four-month old girl. When asked the importance of

good prenatal education, Mrs. Fryer points to her obviously healthy baby.

"Right there is what the March of Dimes is all about," she said, adding, "having a baby that hasn't got anything wrong is so neat."

Board members of the Umatilla County Chapter of the March of Dimes include: Sandy Macomber, Karen Boatwright, Beth Ferguson,

Katie Baker, Mrs. Fisher, Tina Moore, Dr. Donald Guenther, Dr. James Henneberg, Dr. Kathleen Stein, Lillian Bray and Emma

Parker. Besides working with the college prenatal education

classes, the March of Dimes has purchased Doppler Fetal Heart Monitors for both Good Shepherd Hospital and

Pendleton Community Hospital. For Umatilla Hospital, they purchased a neo-natal

infant care unit. The group has also worked closely with the county WIC (women, infants and children) nutrition

program providing both informational brochures and equipment.

## Fair, Rodeo dates set

August 22-30 has been set for the 1981 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo and horseshow, it was announced this week by Fair Board Secretary Dorothy Estberg.

The Fair will start on Aug. 25 and will end with the Rodeo on Aug. 28-30. The 4-H and Open Class Horseshows are set for Aug. 22 and 23, and the 4-H Style Revue is set for Aug. 24. The livestock sale is scheduled for Aug. 27.

Following is a list of events: Aug. 22 - 4-H Horseshow 23 - Open Class Horseshow (Wranglers) 24 - (Monday) 4-H Style Revue a.m.

24 (Monday) All entries accepted, except Livestock 24 - (Monday) Community Booths deadline 10 p.m.

24 (Monday) Flowers accepted (7 p.m. - 10 p.m.)

25 - (Tuesday) Flowers judged at 8 a.m.

25 - (Tuesday) 4-H Style Show, p.m.

25 - (Tuesday) All Livestock accepted to 10 a.m.

26 - (Wednesday) Livestock Judging

26 - (Wednesday) Entertainment, p.m.

27 - (Thursday) Livestock Sale, p.m., pickup of all exhibits

28-30 Morrow County rodeo

The schedule will point out all main activities and other activities and contests will be added on as the Fair Committee and Fair Board arrive on their plans, said Mrs. Estberg. If there should be any questions or information needed,

please call Fair Committee Chairman Marlene Gray, 676-5395 or Fair Board Secretary, Dorothy Estberg, at 676-5159.

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## Service times changed Sunday at Hope, Valby Lutheran churches

This Sunday, Jan. 11, the Sunday service at the Hope and Valby Lutheran churches will be changed.

The service at Hope Lutheran is scheduled for 9 a.m. instead of the usual 11 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15, and Valby Lutheran's service is scheduled for 11 a.m. this Sunday. Valby's annual meeting will follow the service.

## Cabin Owners' Assoc. offers \$500 reward

The Cabin Owners' Association, formed last summer to prevent vandalism to Penland Lake cabins, is still in operation and is offering a

\$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons vandalizing or burglarizing the cabins.

Members of the association say that three cabins were broken into last week, and food and sleeping bags were

stolen. Windows were broken to gain entry into the cabins. Mrs. Kenneth Peck, a member of the association, says

that the area is being patrolled. Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff's Dept. or Oregon State Police.

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### REWARD

The Umatilla National Forest is offering a reward of up to \$200.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who broke into and vandalized the Tupper Guard Station on the Heppner Ranger District sometime between December 24, 1980 and December 27, 1980. Anyone having information is asked to call the Forest Service Law Enforcement Office at 276-3811, ext. 254 or the Pendleton office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 276-1433.