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Engagements Schultz - Collins



Jan Schultz and Lisa Collins

Mr. and Mrs. William Collins of Heppner announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Christiana, Kodiak, Alaska, to Jan Lawrence Schultz, also of Kodiak, the son of Mrs. Melvina Schultz and the late Lawrence Schultz of Cusick, Wash.

A March 19 wedding is planned at Heppner.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support our local doctor

To the editor:
The local media states "Support your local merchants, shop at home." It's a shame they don't practice what they preach and support our local doctor.

When people have to leave town to seek medical attention they will make their trip worthwhile and do their shopping out of town too.

Heppner should realize what a fine doctor we have, and if Dr. Gifford leaves, their dollars leave too.

Marlene Currin's letter in the February 10 issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times said

what many Morrow County residents feel. It was a great letter and she should be commended.

A few years back, thousands of our taxpayer dollars were spent recruiting a doctor, and the hospital board and administrator are in the process of doing the same thing again. Perhaps this is where the problem lies.

Lets get off our duffs and back Dr. Gifford, he's human too.

Joan Hughes and 343 plus concerned citizens of the community.

New food program for needy starts in Heppner

A new program has been started in Heppner to help the area's needy. Called "Secondary Food Cupboard," the program will give aid in addition to the Oregon Food Share Program.

Although the Secondary Food Cupboard and the Oregon Food Share Program are two entirely different operations, they will both be used to feed the needy in south Morrow County, explains Neola Mackey, who with the Rev. Ed Watts, head of the South Morrow Ministerial Assoc., started the program recently.

Mackey says in many instances, families may not qualify for the food share program but may be in desperate need of food. Other families, who do qualify for the food share program, may still need additional aid, she explained.

The Secondary Food Cupboard will be needing a large supply of food to help feed the needy in the area, Mackey said.

"With the high unemployment there are many people in need of help this winter,"

Mackey said. "We have been very proud of our community's support in the past. Very few of our residents have ever gone hungry or cold when even we have learned of their plight. Whenever we can help it is our privilege to do so. However, we can't do it without the support of our community," she said.

Center to close for Washington's Birthday

By NEOLA MACKEY

The Heppner Neighborhood Center will be closed next Monday, Feb. 21, in observance of Washington's birthday.

Adult and Family Services counselor Janet Phillips will be at the center on Wednesday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

A WIC clinic will be held at the center on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 9 a.m. Clients are asked to keep their appointment

Lutherans begin Lenten services

Hope and Valby Lutheran Church congregations will each hold six weeks of worship services during the Lenten Season. The services began Wednesday, Feb. 16, and run through Thursday, March 24. All services begin at 7:30 p.m. Valby will host the Wednesday night service and Hope the Thursday night services, announced the Rev. John Maas, pastor.

The services will have a study of St. Paul's letter to the Romans as their central focus. The series, entitled "Present Your Bodies: Worship and Witness in Romans," investigates how God comes and works with his people in different kinds of life experiences, Maas explains.

Each week will deal with a different theme within the series: Week One - God Frees, Week Two - A Worshipping Community, Week Three - God Washes, Week Four - A Witnessing Community, Week Five - God Bleeds and Week Six - A Liberating Community.

Everyone is welcome to attend any and all of the services. Offerings taken at the services will be used for special, charitable use, Maas said.

For additional information or transportation, contact Maas at 676-9940 or 676-5069.



Katie Marie Bacon - A daughter, Katie Marie, was born to Jessica and William Bacon of Heppner at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner on February 9. She weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Bacon of Redmond and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bauer of Pendleton.

Great-grandparents are J.E. McKern of Mt. Vernon and Evelyn Clary of La Grande.

Katie joins brothers Jake, six, and Joseph, four, at home. Joel Hugh Currin - A son, Joel Hugh, was born to Janet and John H. Currin of Pilot Rock on February 7 at Pendleton Community Hospital. He weighed 11 lbs., 5 oz.

Grandparents are Bob Currin of Pendleton and Harlan and Donna McCurdy of Pomeroy, Wash.

Great-grandmother is Della McCurdy of Heppner.

Joel joins brothers Brian, four, and Casey, two, at home.

What's Your Opinion?



Question: "How would you like Oregon having a state-run lottery?"
"I'm still kind of undecided on that," said Roy Lindstrom of Ione. "But if that's what it takes to get tax relief..."



The acre was originally the area a yoke of oxen could plow in a day.

Happy Birthday
Vi!
Big 40!

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County sheriff's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following calls, cases and reports during the past week:

On February 8, Barbara Villarreal of Irrigon reported the theft of a cassette player-recorder valued at \$229. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy took the report.

On February 9, a Boardman ambulance transported a patient to Consolidated Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston from South Olson Road, Boardman.

On February 10, Dallas Wayne Dugger, 32, of Waldport was cited by a sheriff's deputy for allegedly Driving While Suspended.

Also on February 10, the Boardman Fire Department responded to a fence fire at the corner of Wilson and Peter's roads in Boardman.

In a third February 10 incident, the Heppner Fire Department responded to a flue fire at the Riley Munkers residence on Green St. in Heppner. The fire was under control and no damage occurred.

On February 11, the Morrow County sheriff's office took a theft report from L & K Farms on Homestead Road, Boardman. Taken were motors, gear boxes, electrical switches, pumps and hydraulic cylinders valued at \$2,289.

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week:

Robert Lee Bolefuhr, Heppner - Defective Equipment, \$14 fine.

Molly Fay Rhea, Lexington - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (70 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$28 fine.

Craig Richard Robinson, Portland - Violation of the Basic Rule, (40 mph in a 30 mph zone), \$12 fine.

Michael Wayne Smith, Pendleton - Improper U-Turn, \$12 fine.

Ordrell Jolliff, Connell, Wash. Disobeyed Stop Sign, \$29 bail forfeited.

Curtis Lyle Sweek, Heppner - Defective Equipment, \$12 fine.

Roger Dale Britt, Heppner - No Fire Extinguisher, \$29 bail forfeited.

Duane Francis Flackus, Portland - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (64 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$24 bail forfeited.

Elmer Arthur Heath, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (65 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$12 fine.



The eyes of an owl cannot move in their sockets so the bird must turn its head from side to side to see.

Topic Club hears review of Benchley book

Lorraine Ladd reported on the book "The Girl from the Sea of Cortez" by Peter Benchley at a January meeting of the Lone Topic Club held at the home of Rose Baker. This book was written by the same author as "Jaws" but presents a gentle version of the creatures of the sea rather than a vicious picture, said a club spokesperson.

It is a story of a girl on an island off the coast of California who makes friends and communicates with a giant

manta ray. The book presents the theory that even the lower forms of animal life have feelings and can respond to kindness and love.

During the business meeting the club voted to have the library board purchase a copy of the Morrow County History Book and also to write the history of the Lone Topic Club to be included in it.

Special guests for the day were Maryann McElligott and Eunice McElligott.

Heppner FFA students participate in contest

Members of the Heppner FFA team participated in a Blue Mountain District FFA Skills Contest held recently at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton. Heppner instructor Roger Records said a freshman parliamentary procedure team went, as well as Kim Wright, who went as a creed speaker.

Records said the parliamentary procedure team

placed third, behind Pendleton and Hermiston, who took first and second places respectively.

He said Wright is to receive an FFA jacket for representing Heppner High School in the creed speaking contest.

Other students from HHS attending were Alex Lindsay, Tammy Hays, Andrea Ball, Travis Harrison, Kevin Hughes and John Ferrell.

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Hospital Notes

The following patients were admitted and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner during the past week:

Annie Hsler, Heppner - admitted February 7, released February 9;

Jeremy Skillcorn, Heppner - admitted February 8, released February 11;

Frank Bailey, Heppner - admitted February 8, released February 10;

Gene Hall, Heppner - admitted February 8, released February 9;

Jack Lloyd, Heppner - admitted February 9, transferred to Consolidated Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston on February 14.

Patients still receiving care at the hospital as of Monday, February 14, included:

Trent Harrison, Lexington - admitted February 8; and

Inez Gentry, Heppner - admitted February 11.

D.A.'s Report

A case against Patrick Edward Hawes, 39, of Pasco, Wash., was dismissed on a civil compromise on February 11 in Morrow County Circuit Court, said a spokesperson from the Morrow County district attorney's office. Hawes had been charged with alleged First Degree Theft.

In other news, the spokesperson reported:

Daniel H. Lopez, 19, of Irrigon, had charges against him of alleged Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Second Degree Theft dismissed on February 10 in Morrow County Justice Court (Heppner).

A case against Darwin Keith Nelson, 38, of Umatilla, was dismissed in Morrow County Circuit Court on February 2. He had been charged with alleged First and Second Degree Theft.

Public Meetings

Monday, Feb. 21 - Morrow County School Board, district office, Lexington, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.; Lone Planning Commission, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23 - Morrow County Court, north Morrow annex, 9 a.m.; Heppner Public Library Board, library, Heppner, 8 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 23 - Morrow County Planning Commission, Courthouse, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Rolling Hills Run meeting planned

A Rolling Hills Run committee meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m., at the Heppner Junior High School library.

Anyone interested in helping with the run is invited to attend, said a spokesperson.

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TOPS Club members to graduate

On February 21, at 7:30 p.m., three members of TOPS No. OR 799 will participate in a KOPS (Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly) graduation ceremony, announced a local club member.

The three graduates, Betty Rood, Susan McGranahan and Delores Shelton, have a combined weight loss of 140 pounds.

All TOPS members, new and old, are encouraged to attend for a renewed inspiration to Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the spokesperson said.