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Weather

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	High	Low	Prec.
Tues., July 16	88	53	0
Wed., July 17	88	57	0
Thurs., July 18	94	57	0
Fri., July 19	99	61	0
Sat., July 20	99	58	0
Sun., July 21	97	59	0
Mon., July 22	97	55	0

Death takes Morrow County patriarch HHS grad to lead EOSC student body



Orville W. Cutsforth

By DELPHA JONES
Graveside services for Orville W. Cutsforth were held Sunday, July 21, 2 p.m. at the Masonic Cemetery in Heppner with the Rev. Stuart Dick officiating and Ron McDonald as soloist. Ritualistic services were performed by the Heppner BPOE No. 358.

Cutsforth, 83, died Thursday, July 18, 1985 at his home in Heppner, following an extended illness. He was born May 22, 1902, at Gervais, Ore., to Thomas and Lillian (Troupe) Cutsforth. Most of his childhood was spent in Lexington except for a 10 year period spent in Canada. Upon his return to Morrow County he purchased the Schriever home near Lexington where he lived until his retirement in 1965. He then moved to the home he built near Heppner, on Fairway Drive.

Cutsforth was active in community and civic affairs, and was most helpful in many projects, by donating both money and materials. He donated many hours of labor and machinery helping with various projects in the community such as Fair Building, Lexington Grange Hall, Morrow County airport, Penland Lake, the Solarium at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Cutsforth Park. He donated this land and

spent many hours helping build this for not only the local people - but Morrow County visitors. He was also instrumental in helping build the opportunity Center at Redmond for the handicapped.

After he was 40 years of age he learned to fly and owned his own plane which brought him and his family hours of pleasure as they flew to many interesting places.

Three of his great interests were hunting and fishing and preserving our mountains and water shed. Cutsforth received the Outstanding tree farmer of the year award in 1981. He purchased and transported wild turkeys from Pennsylvania to Morrow County and from that introduction, the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife has continued.

He had several projects he was concerned about at the time of his death - including the head water of Willow Creek, and the preservation of that area known as Hells Half Acre. He was a Charter member of Lexington Grange, member of National Farmer's Union, the Heppner Farmer's Union, the Heppner Museum Board, Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, was a 45 year member of BPOE No. 358, served on the Agricultural Stabili-

zation and Conservation Service board, and served on the Morrow County Fair Board for several years.

Survivors include his wife Barbara home in Heppner; three sons Orville Junior "Fritz" of Heppner, Kenneth of Hermiston, and Patrick of Lexington, stepson Eugene Heliker of Fullerton, California; five daughters Dorothy Hawkins of Echo, Vesta Handy of Portland, Faye Uhler of Kennewick, Barbara Lisa Hudson of Gaithersbury, Md. and Donna Dougherty of The Dalles; 27 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren and a sister Dora Brosius, Lakeview.

Honorary casket bearers were Tom Cutsforth, Mark Cutsforth, Jerry Cutsforth, Kraig Cutsforth, Jeff Cutsforth, Chris Zita, John Kilkenny, Jim Cutsforth, Curtis Cutsforth, Rick Zita, Andy Gorman, Mike Gorman, Russell Kilkenny, and Pat Kilkenny.

A son Gene Cutsforth died in 1971 and a daughter Sharon Stookey 1981.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital aquarium fund, P.O. Box 9, Heppner 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Skeletonweed sighted in Morrow County

Skeletonweed, as ominous as the name sounds, has been discovered in Morrow County, reports Weed Supervisor Jim Van Winkle. He located 40 plants last Friday along the right-of-way of Interstate 84 eight miles east of Boardman. He clipped the plants and sealed them in a plastic sack to dispose of them, but will probably use an herbicide, tordon 22K, on the area also.

Last Friday's discovery of the plant in Morrow County follows the



Flower and Seed



Mature Plants

Rosette

announcement of a Umatilla county sighting of several plants July 16.

Van Winkle will continue surveying the adjacent fields to determine the size of the infestation in Morrow County. A perennial, one parent plant is capable of producing two dozen offspring from its root structure alone. Roots may extend as far as 15 feet and the problem arises when on agricultural land a rod weeder chops the root and drags it along through a field. Any section of the root can produce a new plant, he explains. The plant also multiplies by spreading seeds in a manner similar to a dandelion.

In its early rosette stage, skeletonweed resembles common dandelion, but dies back as the flower stalks develop. The main flower stem is one to four feet tall with spreading side branches nearly the same height. The stem leaves are narrow and generally linear, inconspicuous from a distance. The most marked characteristic is downwardly bent coarse hairs on the lower four to six inches of the stem. All flowers are yellow; cut surfaces exude a thick white latex sap. The native Eurasian weed generally inhabits well drained soils but is adaptable to various climates.

A Department of Agriculture bulletin warns "Once established, skeletonweed can spread rapidly and once persists in spite of intensive control programs. In Idaho, an infestation of less than 50 acres when

Cindi Bergstrom, a 1982 graduate of Heppner High School, will serve the coming school year as president of the Eastern Oregon State University student body. Her slate of officers includes Steve Hart, Gresham - vice-president for the Senate; Sandra Ward, Heppner - financial vice-president; and Richard McConnell, Heppner - vice-president for committees.

The senior business economics major is the daughter of Donna Bergstrom and Elwayne Bergstrom, both of Heppner. She has one sister, Kelli, a 1985 graduate of H.H.S.

The president's biggest goal for next year is better communication between the students and administration and to begin things on which will work for successive years. "In the past things have been started and then they don't keep going," she says. Better use of the space in the student center is a secondary goal.

Bergstrom received 43 percent of the student vote. Her next closest of five competitors received 25 percent. Her past experience in student government includes one year as a student representative; secretary-treasurer of the ski club; and historian for Phi Beta Lambda, an organization of future business leaders.



Cindi Bergstrom

She lists her major hobby as snow skiing and spends as much time as she can enjoying it, but has also participated in the college's intramural volleyball, basketball and softball programs.

An active student, she expects to help this fall for the second year with "New Student Week" helping to acquaint new students with the

campus and "get involved in the school so they will stay."

Having just returned from a Phi Beta Lambda leadership conference at Houston, Texas, she hopes to earn the right to compete at next year's national conference at Washington, D.C. She placed second in marketing at statewide competition to qualify her for this national conference. She spent some time "looking around" on her way to and from this year's conference and expects to do the same next year in an attempt to discover where she would like to locate following graduation.

Prior to entering EOSC, she had summer job experience at home in Heppner painting the grade school and during the summer of 1982, she and a fellow H.H.S. graduate worked at the Lebusch Shoppe in Heppner and ran the shop with minimal supervision, most of which was received over the telephone. The experience, she says helped her decide to major in business.

With six candidates vying for the office of president, she said a greater percentage of the students voted than usual, so is hoping to keep the momentum and involvement going throughout the next year.

Fair & Rodeo edition deadline nears

News articles for this year's special fair and rodeo edition of the newspaper must be submitted to the Heppner Gazette-Times office no later than Thursday, Aug. 1. Repre-

sentatives of all fair and rodeo events are invited to submit articles.

The special edition will be included in the August 7 issue of the newspaper.

Sidewalk Sale coming Aug. 16

The Heppner merchants Committee met last Friday, to finalize date and time for the upcoming Sidewalk Sale, Friday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Posters will be placed at the fairgrounds to let fair and rodeo goers know that they may ride a shuttlebus downtown to take advantage of the sale and then to return to the fairgrounds.

Also on the day's agenda, Doug Smith, president of the Chamber of Commerce explained one of the Chamber's projects, a "welcome wagon book" which will tentatively list local merchants, provide a map of Heppner, and some coupon items

for newcomers of the area. He invited local merchants to participate in the project.

A souvenir of Heppner will be presented to Charles and Linda Hutchinson recently of Lexington. The souvenir plaque contains photos of Heppner, the St. Patrick's Day Parade, their print shop here, and local merchants' business cards.

A final item merchants discussed was the increase in shoplifting which they have experienced. Several possibilities for handling the situation were considered including reporting suspected incidences to the Heppner Police Dept.

Police chief warns

Shoplifting is theft

It has been brought to the attention of the Heppner Police Department that merchants have experienced a recent increase in incidences of shoplifting, says Police Chief Doug Rathbun. Merchants will start "cracking down" and report all cases to the Heppner Police Department. "The person involved will be charged with Theft."

Theft II, a Class A misdemeanor is the charge for stealing an item valued at \$200 or less, he says. Penalties are a maximum of one year in jail and a fine of \$2,500.

Theft I, a Class C felony is the charge if the item stolen is over \$200 in value. Penalties are a five year maximum jail sentence and a fine of \$100,000.

Juveniles charged with the same crime are remanded to juvenile

authorities, Chief Rathbun continues.

Judge Don McElligott reports that penalties for juveniles charged with shoplifting have increased along with other penalties which apply to juvenile crime. "It's no longer just 50 cents restitution for pilfering a 50 cent item."

Little League moms to play ball

Past and present little league moms are invited to participate in a "for fun" game July 26, 6 p.m. at the little league field in Heppner. They will form two teams, the Giants and the Braves, but do not have to have a child who is a member of either team, just a desire to play ball.

For more information, call Peggy Fishburn, 676-5246 or Susan Johnston, 676-5562.

Heppner woman wins \$10,000

Heppner resident Belle Lillie is \$10,000 richer thanks to a lucky spin of the wheel Saturday, July 13 at the Oregon State Lottery office in Salem. That same day, she reports, there were five \$25,000 winners, two \$1,000 winners, two \$5,000 winners and her win of \$10,000.

The lottery people "served us coffee and hot dogs" and tried to make everyone at ease," she says. Although she claims she was very nervous, and had to grab onto the master of ceremonies to keep from falling after her spin, before she spun the wheel, she jokingly asked for one favor. "Please keep your foot off the error button." Of course they don't have one, she affirms, but everyone there laughed. Born and raised in Baker, the 13th of 16 children, she says that apparently 13 is not unlucky for her.

She spent part of her winnings to celebrate. The 11-year Heppner resident has tended bar at Cal's Lounge in Heppner off and on for six years and said that "everyone was waiting for me when I came back." I've taken a lot of teasing, but everyone's been great.

She plans to spend the rest of her winnings to pay some bills, buy a few necessities, and hopefully have



Belle Lillie

enough left to spend a few days at the coast.

Her winning \$100 ticket which was sent to Salem and drawn as one of

the ten lucky spinners from a pool of 167 was given to her by her husband as an anniversary present. She says she has only bought four lottery tickets herself and is really not a gambler.

Block Home program organizes

All interested persons are invited to attend an organizational meeting Tuesday, July 30, 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. At the meeting, a chairperson will be designated and work will begin on Block Home program in the Heppner area. A Block Home is intended to serve as a safe refuge for children who are frightened, injured, lost, in danger, crime victims, or in any emergency situation. The block Home is not intended to provide babysitting or child care service.

Spokesperson for the group Joan Records, says that it will probably require several meetings to get a Block Home program organized in Heppner, but then should only require four or so meetings a year to keep it going.

Anyone can apply for status as a block home, she explains, not just people with children. All full or part time residents, 12 years or over, of the Block Home shall sign a release for a background investigation. Local law enforcement agencies review the application and may reject the application on evidence of criminal history, moral turpitude, irresponsible behavior, or environmental hazard. The reviewing agency may not release any information concerning the reason for rejection to the Block Home program or to anyone except the concerned person.

For more information about the program or if unable to attend the meeting, call Pat Brindle at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, 676-5873 or Joan Records, 676-5260.