

Firefighter called to pastor Nazarene Church To attend veteran officers conference

The Rev. Larry Benjamin has answered a call to serve the Heppner Nazarene Church.

Most recently from Benton City, Washington, where he was a journeyman firefighter, he worked through the apprenticeship program of on-the-job training and one night a week of classroom instruction for three years, he said. He has also been a member of the Royal City, Washington, volunteer fire department. He plans to become a member of the Heppner volunteer fire department.

He grew up in Royal City, so he is accustomed to small towns, he said.

Rev. Benjamin and his wife Sharon have three children, Larry Jr., 13, Shannon, 8, and Shawna, 4.

He has attended Northwest Nazarene Bible College, Nazarene Bible College, Big Bend Community College where he earned his basic



Rev. Larry Benjamin

Emergency Medical Technician certificate and Columbia Basin Community College.

Prior to coming to Heppner, he

served an eight-month interim at Benton City. A pastor's roll, he said, is to set up the church programs and see that they're followed through. He plans to continue similar Sunday school and worship services in Heppner, but has been getting acquainted with the congregation here to determine what Bible studies and other programs the congregation would like to have. He has also served as director of a "Caravan Program" which encourages camping and outdoor activity among young people. If there is interest, he said, he would like to begin a program here.

"I have felt since high school that I would be going into the ministry," he said, "but I never made it through college. Working for the fire department, I had enough time off that I was able to concentrate on studies and complete requirements for a licensed minister."

Morrow County Veterans Service officer Donna Rietmann will attend the Fall Veterans Service Officer conference in Portland October 14-16.

The conference will provide current information on social security disability benefits, veterans medical benefits, and VA education benefits so the service officers can return to their area and better-serve veterans.

November 2, and the first Monday of each month thereafter, Rietmann will be at the North Morrow Annex in Irrigon from 1-3 p.m. to better serve veterans in that area. As more people come in, the hours will be lengthened, she said.



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Ione to purchase safety equipment

Ione's city crewman will have the necessary safety equipment, the council said at their October meeting.

At the October 6 meeting, the council approved purchase of a hard hat, goggles, ear protectors, dust mask and vest for use by Crewman Jim Rudisill. Ione Mayor Judy Osmin reported. The council also reviewed the city's insurance policy with Wheatland Insurance representative David Gillespie. Council members Laurel Cannon, Bill Rietmann and Mark Tullis were appointed to research a retirement plan for the crewman, she said.

Boardman to pursue enterprise zone

Boardman City Council accepted a recommendation from the city manager to wait until next year to apply for status as an enterprise zone.

City Manager Larry Dalrymple reported that he advised the council the state's November 3 deadline did not allow enough time to get representatives together from the city, county, Port of Morrow, cemetery districts, schools, Chamber of Commerce, and all others who need to agree on a proposal. The council will pursue the project, he said, because the loss of nearly 500 jobs in Boardman alone should qualify the area for econ-

Mark Tullis is a new council member appointed last month to replace Councilman Wayne Hams who resigned for personal reasons, the mayor said.

The council also discussed the city's dog problem, Osmin said. No decision was reached. She will contact other small towns to see how they have handled the problem and report back to the council.

Next month's meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 9, rather than Tuesday because some of the council members are taking an Emergency Medical Technician class on Tuesdays.

omically lagging status necessary to receive benefits due an Enterprise zone. There are some things we can do without the official designation, and we will pursue those also, he said.

The council also heard a report on the Mayoral proclamation as a Columbia River Heritage City in preparation for a celebration in 1994.

The council will also be studying information about pit bull dogs in the next few meetings, Dalrymple said.



At home in the Pharmacy

John and Ann Murray (above) have recently passed their pharmacy board and pharmacy law exams, the last step to becoming registered pharmacists. They both graduated from Oregon State University in June with a bachelor of science degrees in pharmacy. They are now at home in Heppner where they will work at Murrays Drug. "We will both be working in the pharmacy while we are learning the rest of the business," John said.

Pro-bowler coming to Heppner Bowl

Professional bowler Dave Husted will be at Heppner Bowl Saturday, Oct. 17 to help adult, senior citizens and junior bowlers with their game.

Bowlers wishing to reserve spots during the special bowling time must make reservations before 6 p.m. Fri-

day, Oct. 16 at Heppner Bowl, 676-9208. Spectators are welcome.

Husted, 27, has been a member of the Professional Bowling Assoc. since 1978. He has five national titles including the 1982 U.S. Open, the 1982 Sarasota Open, and 1982 First Team All-American, the 1986 Kessler Classic in Dublin, California, the 1986 Miller Lite Challenge in Tucson, Arizona, and the 1986 Seagrams Classic in Riverside, California. He has bowled 15 PBA-sanctioned 300 games.

Elks hires manager



Dave Husted



A squirrel has no color vision, it sees only in black and white.



Gale Gray

Gale Gray has been hired as the new manager at the Heppner Elks Lodge. He will be in charge of the kitchen and bar and prepare luncheons for club meetings. Bob Allen will cook the Friday and Saturday dinners.

Gray, the former owner/manager at Beecher's in Ione said he will continue providing the same good food and service Beecher's was known for.

He owned the Ione restaurant eight years, seven of which he also managed it.

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