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Martins' sons return from Gulf

The Carl and Geri Martin family of Heppner will breathe a little easier now as two sons and a son-in-law have returned home from the war in the Persian Gulf. Another son was expected to be deployed there when the war ended.



John Martin

Marine Corporal John Martin, 25, was an engineer with a support unit in the Middle East. A 1984 graduate of Heppner High, he just returned to El Toro, CA.

Marine Corporal Carl D. Martin, 22, who was with a helicopter unit in the Middle East, returned in March to Hawaii. Carl is a 1987 HHS graduate.

Son-in-law Air Force Staff Sergeant Joseph D. Struthers was with a ground crew at a B-52 base



Carl Martin II



Joe Struthers

in the Middle East. He returned home to Maine to his wife, Sarah, and their children, Aubry, 5, and Bradley, 3. The couple expects a new baby May 1. Struthers' parents are Maynard and Edna Struthers of Hermiston, formerly Heppner.



Will Martin

Marine Private Will Martin, who was in motor transport advanced training prior to deployment in the Middle East, has completed his training and was sent to Japan. Will, 20, was a 1989 HHS graduate.

Carl Martin, Sr., recently returned from a trip to Maine to visit his daughter. Martin, who took Amtrak across the country said that there were flags and yellow ribbons everywhere in support of the service men and women in the Gulf.

Advisory board member sought

The Morrow County School District is seeking applicants for the Heppner-Lexington advisory board position recently vacated by Carol Williams. Williams recently resigned to take a position as a Heppner Elementary School aide.

Any interested person living

within the Heppner city limits may reply by writing to Kay Qualls, advisory committee chairman, c/o Heppner High School, Heppner. Interested persons should include qualifications and reasons for seeking the position. Deadline for applications is Friday, May 10.

Forest health forum set

The Blue Mountain Natural Resources Institute is sponsoring a public forum on forest health in the Blue Mountains. The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in the Heppner High School Library. Current information on the forest health issue will be presented and questions and concerns from the public will be addressed by the panel.

The panel members will represent the timber industry, environmentalists, native Americans, county government, and Oregon Department of Forestry along with local Forest Service personnel.

The Umatilla, Malheur, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests have joined forces and are holding this forum and two others scheduled in Pendleton and Walla Walla to allow agencies and interested citizens an opportunity to exchange information and gain an understanding of forest health issues and concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Williams, District Ranger at 676-9187.

Ranger district continues reforestation program

The Heppner Ranger District is continuing their reforestation program by planting 348,960 trees consisting of Douglas Fir and Ponderosa Pine. The planting began April 9 and will continue for the next 45 days, weather permitting.

Two kinds of planting are being done this year. One is hoe planting with a total of 624 acres of previous timber sale units. These include areas in Davis, Long, Porter, Putnam and the Notch all on the west

end of the district. An additional 50 acres on the east end of the district is in the vicinity of Elkhorn.

The other kind of planting is auger planting. This will be a total of 300 acres which will involve Horse, Martin and Elkhorn units.

The tree planting is being contracted by a crew from C & H Reforesters, Inc., out of Falls City, Oregon, with the Forest Service inspectors Don Kenison, Ben Smith, John Shepherd and Brian Sept.

Lex Grange says 'yes' to Pioneer Picnic

Yes there will be a Memorial Day picnic, Sunday, May 26, say the members of the Lexington Grange. In response to the article in last week's G-T, Barbara Gilbert polled the Lexington Grange members to see if that organization would be interested in accepting and the consensus of those polled said 'yes'.

"This is good news," said Judge Louis Carlson. "The Pioneer Memorial Picnic has become a tradi-

tion in Morrow County and attracts former residents and relatives of local citizens from all over the United States," he added. People have already made inquiry from New York state and Arizona, not to mention many living on the West coast.

The Pioneer Memorial Day Picnic has been an annual event for the past 39 years. Even though Memorial Day falls on Monday the picnic is held on Sunday to allow people at-

tending time to visit throughout the day and to return home on Monday.

Details of the occasion will be forthcoming but Gilbert said that she hoped the community service organizations will continue to be available to assist in setting up tables, decorating and helping with registration. "In the meantime," said Gilbert, "everyone should pass the word and plan for a great time on the afternoon of May 26 to meet your friends and renew old acquaintances."

Early morning fire destroys mobile home

The Ione Volunteer Firemen have set up a bank account at the bank of Eastern Oregon to assist the Ray and Debbie Miller family, whose home burned in a fire early Saturday morning.

The mobile home, located at the Marquardt Ranch about one mile past Cutsforth Corners, and all its contents were destroyed in the 3 a.m. fire.

The two occupants of the home at the time Debbie Miller, and the couple's five-year-old son Carl, escaped without injury through the bedroom window. Ray Miller and their son, Kyle, were away at the coast at track meet at the time. Their daughter Roxy had been spending the night at a friends house in Hermiston.

Brother-in-law of the couple Bob Smith, says the firemen responded immediately with the first pickup arriving within five minutes.

The Ione Volunteer Firemen donated the first \$100 to establish the



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Leftovers of Debbie and Ray Miller's mobile home that burned early Saturday morning. The fire was believed to have been started by a rechargable flashlight plugged in in the kitchen.

fund. Anyone wishing to donate to help the family may do so at any branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

State police seeks info on thefts

Carl Martin of the Oregon State Police is seeking information concerning the theft at the U.S. Forest Service Tupper Work Center.

The center was broken into and six oak kitchen chairs and shop equipment were stolen. Martin says he believes the theft occurred April 13 or 14.

Anyone seeing a pickup loaded with various items leaving the area is asked to contact Martin in Heppner.

Last chance for Minor, T-Ball signups

Last chance for children to sign up for Minor and T-Ball will be Saturday, April 27. Children must be seven before July 31 and cannot be older than 12 as of July 31. Practice will be at the lower fields at 10 a.m. If you haven't pre-registered this will be the last time you may do so. Any child not registered after Saturday will not get to play this season. Children need to bring their baseball mitts and a hat to tryout. "We would like to encourage nine, 10 and 11 year olds that aren't on a major league team or signed up yet to register Saturday," said a little league spokesperson. "Minor league is an opportunity to practice baseball skills and prepare for the majors."

For further information contact Jim VanWinkle, 676-5249, Ron Bowman 676-5035 or Joyce Hughes, 676-9228.

Wheat League plans spring meeting

The Morrow County Wheat League spring meeting will be held Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at Willows Grange.

The 1991 Conservation Farm winner will be announced. Pie and coffee will be served.

Estate planning seminar planned in Ione April 30

By Anne Morter

An informative estate planning seminar will be held in Ione on Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m.

Sponsors of the seminar are Wheatland Financial Services and Wheatland Insurance Center. Doug Beamer, estate planner, will be joined by two other speakers, Ron Pahl of Pendleton and Sam Tucker of Milton-Freewater.

Beamer is the founder of Wheatland Financial Services, a partnership with Wheatland Insurance Center. He is an Oregon State University graduate and has completed advanced estate planning courses at seminars in Montpelier, Vermont.

Pahl, a partner in the Pendleton law firm of Olsen and Pahl, is a graduate of Oregon State University and Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Tucker, also an attorney, is a partner at Monahan, Grove and Tucker in Milton-Freewater. He graduated from Willamette University in Salem and attended law school at Duke

University in Durham, North Carolina. All three men have farming backgrounds.

Topics to be discussed will include valuation of estates, gifting, probate avoidance, power of attorney, wills, estate taxes and living trusts. The seminar will be held at the Willows Grange Hall, 740 W. Main Street, in Ione. Pie and coffee will be served by the ladies of the Ione Grange.

Organizers ask that those planning to attend please R.S.V.P. to the Wheatland Insurance office in Ione, 422-7410 as soon as possible.

City and weed district spray banks for poison hemlock



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Dave Pranger sprays weeds by the Heppner swimming pool

City crew employees Dave Winters and Roger Ehrmantraut along with Morrow County Weed Supervisor Dave Pranger completed their annual spraying for poison hemlock along the creeks in Heppner last week.

This program started in 1986 and is producing good results, said Pranger. "The amount of spray needed to do all three creeks in town is down to one-third of the amount

originally needed to do just from Hagar Park to the library on Willow Creek," he said. Landowner awareness and a biological control agent (a defoliating moth) have also contributed greatly to the decline of poison hemlock through Heppner, Pranger added.

Questions about this program or ideas for future programs may be directed to the County Weed District.

Tualatin man named Heppner city administrator

Gary Marks, Tualatin, has accepted the Heppner city administrator's position, according to Heppner Mayor Cara Costa.

Costa said that Marks, who has a public relations firm in Tualatin accepted the position over the phone Monday evening following a Heppner city council executive session.

Marks and his wife, Laurie, have a 15-month old son, Ben, said Costa. She also said that Marks has a degree in human resources management from George Fox college in Newberg.

Marks will replace Marshall Lovgren, who will retire the latter part of May after 13 years as city administrator.

Lovgren was employed with the city maintenance crew from 1970 to 1974 and as city recorder after the retirement of Elaine George in 1974. In 1978 he was appointed as administrator.

Marks is scheduled to visit Heppner this Friday, April 26.

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