

Engagements



Nelson — Martin

Ken and Julie Nelson of Lexington, announce the engagement of their daughter Jill Erica Nelson, to Brent James Martin, both of Tucson, Ariz.

The bride-elect graduated from Ione High School in 1989 and from Southern Oregon State College, Ashland in 1993. She works for Canyon Ranch Health and Fitness Resort, Tucson.

Martin is the son of Jim and Kathy Martin, of Kent, WA. He graduated from Auburn Senior High School, Auburn, WA., in 1988 and from Clover Park Vocational Institute, Tacoma, WA., in 1990. He is employed by Dyn Air in Phoenix, AZ.

The couple plans a September 3 wedding at the Ione United Church of Christ.

Weddings



Lankford — Moffit

Kristi Lee Lankford and John Clayton Moffit, both of Arlington, were married in a double ring ceremony February 12, 1994 at the United Methodist Church in Heppner. The Rev. Bob Dowrey of Heppner performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bobby Dale and Betty Jean Lankford, Heppner. Moffit's parents are Larry Allen and Janice Ann Moffit of Condon.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length Victorian gown of ivory brocade silk. The dress featured a fitted bodice with lace and pearls, high collar, long sleeves and train. She carried a bouquet of black and ivory flowers. Her veil was accented with silk flowers and gold beads.

Matron of honor was Brenda Kay Worden of Milwaukie, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Tona Dee Moffit of The Dalles, sister of the bridegroom.

Best man was Todd Barnett of Stanfield. Groomsman was Matt Nuttbrock of Seattle, WA.

Candlelighter was Deborah Renee Rhodes of Pilot Rock, aunt of the bride. Ring bearer was Keven Jacob Worden, Milwaukie, nephew of the bride. Flower girl was Jany Jo Olsen of Moro, niece of the bridegroom.

Vocal soloist was Norm Cox of Arlington and organist was Carley Drake of Heppner.

A reception was held at the Heppner Elks Lodge following the ceremony.

The bride is a special education aide at Arlington Grade School. The groom graduated from Linfield College. He is the branch manager at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Arlington.



Wilson — Howey

Donny and April Wilson of Heppner announce the engagement of their daughter Tami Fay, to Raymond Kenneth Howey, Jr., of Sunriver, ID.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Heppner High School. Howey is a 1993 graduate of Bend High School. His parents are Ray and Darlene Howey of Boise, ID.

The couple plans a May 6 wedding at the Legion Hall in Heppner.

Little league sign ups slated in Ione and Heppner

By Anne Morter

Sign-up for Ione Cardinal Little League, including T-ball, minors and majors, will be held Tuesday, March 29 at the Ione cafeteria from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All those wishing to participate in little league must sign up that night or make arrangements with John Rietmann at 422-7123.

Little league is open to boys and girls who will be seven years old by August 1, but not have turned 13 by the same date.

The registration fee is \$20 per child. Participants must bring proof of age such as a birth certificate.

For additional information, contact John Rietmann, 422-7123.

Little League signups will be held at the Bank of Eastern

Oregon, Heppner branch on March 28 and 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Children ages seven through 12 who want to participate in the little league program, which includes majors, minors and T-ball, must sign up at this time. No late signups will be taken. Parents also need to bring their child's birth certificate.

Cost is \$20 per child or a maximum of \$50 for three or more children.

Tryouts for major league will be Friday, April 1 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m. at the little league field. Prospective major leaguers should attend both tryouts if possible. Eleven positions will be filled between the two major league teams.

Dates and times for T-ball and minor league tryouts will be announced later.

U S West announces sale

U S West announced that it will sell its operations in Heppner, Lexington and Ione as well as other small Oregon communities to Pacific Telecom Inc., (PTI) of Vancouver, WA. These areas make up less than 1.5 percent of U S West's business in Oregon said a press release.

With this purchase, PTI will become the third largest telephone company in Oregon. Presently, it serves 46,000 customer access lines in 34 communities throughout the state. The U S West properties represent an additional 16,000 lines, which serve approximately 13,000 residence and business customers.

Chuck Lenard, vice president for U S West, said the sale will strengthen the positions of both companies in the state.

"When we initially announced the sale in November, we said we would look for a buyer with the technical expertise and commitment to serve these areas. PTI specializes in serving smaller communities such as these," he said.

PTI is the 17th largest telephone company in the country. It serves approximately 400,000 customer access lines in 11 states. PTI also has long distance operations serving Alaska.

Bill Weinman, vice president of PTI Communications in Oregon, said, "This transaction will be good for both companies and our customers. It fits very

well with our long-term business objectives and we are proud to be able to expand our service territory in Oregon. During the next five years, we plan to invest more than \$20 million to improve and expand service in the communities we are purchasing from U S West." Because PTI currently provides service near some of the sale exchanges, the company will be able to serve the expanded area more efficiently.

Terms of the agreement were not disclosed. The boards of both companies, the Oregon Public Utility Commission and the Federal Communications Commission must approve the sale before it is finalized.

Lenard said U S West will continue to serve the areas pending regulatory approval and through a transition period that could take several months.

As part of the agreement, PTI will continue providing equal access to long distance carriers, operator services, extended area service and 911 service.

"Both companies will work closely together to inform customers and respond to questions throughout the transition," Lenard said.

Other U S West service areas included in the sale are Jewell, Government Camp, Drain, Shedd, Glide, North Umpqua, Camas Valley, Bly, Bonanza, Malin, Merrill, Gilchrist, Echo, North Powder, Durkee, Huntington, John Day, Seneca, Burns, and North and South Harney.

Deadline nears for signing petition

Morrow County registered voters have been signing a petition to place the issue of a 4-H and Extension Service district on the November 1994 ballot. "We are pleased at the response so far, but we still have a way to go," said Don Eppenbach, Morrow County Extension advisory council chairman.

The Oregon State University Extension Service has provided educational programs to the citizens of Morrow County since 1918. The largest portion of the cost of conducting the programs (salaries of county agents and campus specialists) is paid by Oregon State. Support costs (materials, supplies, telephone, travel, rent, clerks, etc.) are paid by the Morrow County general

fund. Formation of the proposed service district and its tax base would provide a stable source of financial support, said an Extension news release. Non-mandated programs such as Extension, are in jeopardy of being discontinued during times of budget constraints, said the release.

Eppenbach says that persons interested in supporting 4-H and Extension can sign petitions until the March 31 deadline. Petition circulators include: Barbara Wetherell, Ray Michael and Glaya Baker, Boardman; LaVonne Mader, Buttercreek; Bob Jepsen, Cara Osmin, Doug Drake, Judie Laughlin and Tami Rietmann, Heppner; Geri Grieb, Lexington; Ruth McCabe, Joe McElligott, Kristy Crowell and Jannie Allen, Ione; and Eppenbach, Pete Richard, Isabelle Jones and Gladys Hobbs, Irrigon.

Chief petitioners, McElligott, Hobbs and Jepsen, will present petitions to the Morrow County Court April 1 to be counted and qualified for the November 8 ballot.

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February 24

Team #1	W	L
Kinzua	21	7
OSEA #59	19	9
Lancer Lanes	14	14
Gettin' Better	11	17
B & C Repair	10	18
High Game: Candi Rudisill 197.	9	19
High Series: Donna Moeller 505.		
Splits converted: Shannon Lancaster 5-6;		
Fran Barnett 5-7.		

February 17

Team #1	W	L
Kinzua	18	6
OSEA #59	15	9
Lancer Lanes	12	12
Gettin' Better	10	14
B & C Repair	9	15
High game: Marie Rudisill 189.	8	16
High series: Marie Rudisill 507.		
Splits converted: Marilyn Childers 4-5-7;		
Fran Barnett 5-6.		

In the Service

Air Force Airman Christopher E. Jones has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Jones is the son of Lovann E. and retired Air Force Major Donald E Jones of Irrigon. He is a 1993 graduate of Huntington High School.

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Removal of Excess Ear Wax

The outer part of the ear canal is lined with glands (called *apocrine glands*) that secrete ear wax or cerumen. Earwax is necessary to lubricate the ear canal and protect it by trapping foreign materials such as dust particles. Earwax also helps waterproof the ear canals.

Earwax is removed by normal jaw movement (eating and talking). The wax rolls up into tiny globules and is expelled. Sometimes this natural process is impeded, and wax begins to accumulate in the ear canal. In some individuals, the apocrine glands are hyperactive, producing excess amounts of wax. In others, a narrow ear canal may encourage wax build up. A problem sometimes associated with excess wax is the trapping of water in the ear after swimming or showering.

Some people use hairpins or cotton-tipped applicators to remove wax. These approaches can damage the ear, and wax can be pushed further into the canal, making it more difficult to remove. A better approach is use of a wax softening agent. According to a recent article in *U.S. Pharmacist*, the only over-the-counter wax removal agent that is safe and effective is *carbamide peroxide*. After using products containing this medicine, the ear may be irrigated with warm water to hasten wax removal.

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