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Tom Springer to retire



Heppner TV, Inc. board members front l-r: Dean Gilman, Tom Rawlins, Tom Springer, Riley Munkers; back Bob Ployhar, Greg Sweek, Linda Shaw.

Tom Springer, who will retire Oct. 31 after 28 years with Heppner T.V., was honored by the Heppner TV board before the monthly meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19. Board members, their spouses and past board member Ed Dick enjoyed refreshments and wished Tom well on his retirement.

Thomas Rawlins will replace Springer, who has been a resident of Morrow County for 38 years. Springer plans on staying in the area for hunting and fishing in his retirement. He is

also remodeling his home on Aiken St. in his spare time.

"Knowing Tom and his wife, Vi, they will no doubt be busier in retirement than they ever were working in the television business," said Heppner T.V. manager Judie Laughlin. The board presented Springer with a recognition plaque for his years of service with the cooperative.

Tom Rawlins began working full time Sept. 1. He had been employed by Heppner T.V. Inc. as a part time technician for

around five years previously, and has knowledge of the operational aspects of the company. Rawlins graduated from Heppner High School and Oregon State University. He also owns his own Dahlia Garden business, dealing in small international nursery mail orders.

The Heppner T.V. Board of Directors includes president Greg Sweek, Dean Gilman, Linda Shaw, Bob Ployhar and Riley Munkers. Judie Laughlin is secretary-treasurer.

Fair and rodeo court tryouts set

The 1995-96 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen and Princess tryouts will be held Oct. 8, starting at 10 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Applications are available at area high schools and the fair office. All applications must be returned to the fair office by Oct. 6. For further information, contact the fair office, 676-9474.

Ione Boosters plan steak barbecue

The Ione Booster Club will hold a steak barbecue Friday, Sept. 29, in the Ione High School cafeteria from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The dinner will include steak, baked potato, salad and

roll for \$6.

The Ione Cardinals football team will play Echo at 7:30 p.m.; the volleyball team will play at 5 p.m.

Marilyn Garcia resigns from First Interstate

Marilyn Garcia, manager of the Heppner, Condon and Fossil branches of First Interstate Bank has resigned as of Sept. 1. Garcia resigned to take over as administrator of Summit Springs Village Retirement and Assisted Living Facility in Condon.

Garcia began working for the bank in 1965. In 1984 she was named manager of the Fossil branch and in 1989 selected of both the Condon and Fossil

branches. In 1994 she was also named manager of the Heppner branch.

Jim Armstrong was selected to oversee operations at Heppner, Fossil, Condon, LaGrande and Union branches. Armstrong has been with First Interstate for 31 years, starting with the Nyssa branch. He spent 17 years at Oakridge and seven years in the Medford area. He has been at First Interstate at LaGrande and Union for one year.

Trisha Sweeney buys Country Rose

By April Hilton-Sykes

New owner of the Country Rose women's clothing store and flower shop in Heppner, Trish Sweeney, said that she couldn't think of a better name for the store than it already had. The name, she says, is a perfect fit.

Sweeney too seems to be a perfect fit for her new enterprise. For many years she has provided her expertise in decorating and catering for various church and community events. She is a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. She has also assisted her husband, Pat, in the operation of their business, Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner and Condon. She enjoys working with people as well as flowers and fashion.

Sweeney, 43, was born in Heppner to Helen and Everett Keithley. Helen is now deceased. Besides Trish, the Keithley family included daughters Sharon (Harrison), now Lexington, and Janet (Kloepfel), now Vernal, Utah, and son, Vern, Heppner. Everett worked as the shop foreman for Rosewall Ford Auto Sales and then he became an automobile salesman when Earl Ayers bought the business. The family then moved to Condon, where Everett operated the Texaco Station in addition to selling cars for Ayers. The Keithleys lived in Condon while Trish was in the fifth through ninth grade and moved back to Heppner for her high school years. After Everett retired, he worked as a crop adjuster, for the county maintaining Cutsforth Park and helping his son-in-law Bob Harrison during harvest. Helen Keithley, a homemaker, also helped keep the books at the Texaco Station.

Both Trish and Pat attended Lane Community College at Eugene and he got his associate degree before they got married in 1972. After they married they lived in Corvallis where he did his apprenticeship at McHenry Funeral Home. Their first son, Corey, was born in Corvallis in 1973.

The family then moved to San Francisco where Pat attended San Francisco College of Mortuary Science for a year. Trish worked for B & D Industries, which was a vacuum sales company. From there, the Sweeneys moved to Oregon City and Pat worked for Holman, Hankins and Waud Funeral Home. In 1976 they moved to Milwaukie, where Pat managed the Peake Memorial Chapel. Their



Trisha Sweeney (r), buys Country Rose from Cindy Schmidt

daughter Nicole was born at Portland that year.

The couple was anxious to get back to the Heppner-Condon area, so when the Condon Mortuary came up for sale, they bought it from owner Marvin Albey. Their third and fourth children, Cameron, now 16, and Brooke, now 14, were born in Heppner while they were living in Condon. In 1981 the family moved to Heppner and managed Sweeney Mortuary for Pat's dad, Jerry. They bought the mortuary in 1982.

After years of taking care of their home and children, and helping out at the mortuary, Trish began working at Country Rose in Oct. of 1994. A year later, she and Pat decided to buy the business. Trish says that Pat has been "really supportive and helpful and willing to help out."

Trish says that she plans to keep the "same good line of flowers and plants and delivery service at the store." She adds that she hopes to try some new lines of clothing and get a second line of jeans. The store also includes dried flowers and silk flowers and craft items. Hours will remain the same, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. "I'm looking forward to serving the public and hope everyone will stop in and say hi," adds Trish. She plans a grand opening in the near future.

In addition to store employee, Kathy Jones, Trish says she plans to train daughter Brooke, who is a freshman at Heppner High School. Daughter Nicole, 19, who was employed at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, will attend Blue Mountain Community College this fall in a dental assisting program, but will also help out at the store during school

breaks. Cameron is a sophomore at HHS and Corey, 21, is security supervisor at Kinzua.

Former owner Cindy Schmidt, 43, bought the store almost 12 years ago from Carolyn Cole. She made some changes in the shop over the years, discontinuing the children's clothing line and adding balloon bouquets around nine years ago and craft supplies about four years ago.

Cindy has lived in Heppner for 21 years, coming from North Carolina to be near her parents, Seth and Vojean Forquer. She says she worked for Carolyn for about a year before just "fell into" ownership of the shop.

Cindy's daughter, Lana, 23, a fixture in the store off and on over the years, is nearing graduation at the University of Oregon with a degree in biology. Lana is also working at a flower shop in Eugene.

Other fixtures of the store that are being retired are the antique stoves used for decoration and, at one time, to provide heat for the shop. One of the stoves came to Heppner on the first train into town. According to Cindy, Gerald Bergstrom's father used to fill the coal stove when it was at the Rock Saloon many years ago. Gerald had apparently retrieved the stove from the basement at Murray Drugs and gave it to Cindy's husband, Sam, who refurbished it.

Cindy says that she especially enjoyed visiting with all the people who came into the shop over the years and she also liked working with the flowers. She says she plans to stay at home and just be a homemaker for awhile, but also considers the possibility of taking some computer classes.

BEO employees join Race for the Cure

Fran Barnett, Shelli Britt, Jeanne Pettyjohn and Linda LaRue of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner Branch, were among over 18,000 women who participated in The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure held Sunday, Sept. 24 in Portland. The Portland race, reportedly the third largest, is one of 56 held during 1995 across the country to generate funds to find a cure for the disease.



L-R: Fran Barnett, Shelli Britt, Jeanne Pettyjohn, Linda LaRue

This year was LaRue's fourth year as a participant and Barnett's and Pettyjohn's second time to walk the five kilometer competition. Britt joined the women this year, which marked the second year that women from the bank have gone as a group.

The event holds a special significance for LaRue and her daughter, Michelle Buczynski, who also made her fourth appearance in this year's race. Buczynski was diagnosed with

breast cancer in 1989 and has been cancer free since then. "I come away feeling good by the number of pink visors. It is a reinforcement of Michelle's health for me to see the number of survivors," LaRue said.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was founded in 1982 by Nancy Brinker in memory of her sister Susan G. Komen, who died of breast

cancer at age 36. The Portland Race for the Cure raises funds to provide positive awareness, education and early detection of breast cancer for women throughout Oregon and southwest Washington. Many of the participants take part to honor loved ones or friends who have had breast cancer. Survivors of the disease wear pink visors and numbered about 700 in this race.



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