

## Obituaries

### Odile Groshens Luper

Odile Groshens Luper, 94, a long-time Portland resident formerly of Heppner, died Friday, July 12, 1996, at a Portland care home.

Mrs. Luper was returned to her birthplace, where her ashes were cast by her son atop a hill on the Rhea Creek Ranch. No formal services were held.

Odile Groshens was born October 30, 1901, in Heppner, to French immigrants, Louis Julian and Helene Marie Groshens. She lived throughout her childhood on the family ranch in Heppner.

Upon graduating from high school, she spent her early years of employment working for the Morrow County Sheriff's office in Heppner and for Meier and Frank department store in Portland.

She married her husband, James Rhea Luper, who was state engineer of Oregon, in 1930. After her marriage, she became a homemaker. During their married life, they lived in Portland, Salem, Seattle and Walla Walla.

She later worked for her sister, Mae Barton, at Miss Mae's dress shop in Coquille, Washington, before returning to Portland.

Mrs. Luper enjoyed her home, her flowers and garden, her grandchildren and visiting them in Anchorage, Alaska.

Mrs. Luper was preceded in death by her husband and sister Claire Arrington in 1952, and her brother, Emil Groshens in 1983.

She is survived by her son, Frederick Luper, Eugene; sisters, Lorraine Vinton, Portland, and Mae Barton, Tucson, Arizona; three grandchildren, Karen Luper, Sante Fe, New Mexico, Chuck Luper, Eagle River, Alaska, Gary Luper, Anchorage, Alaska; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorial contributions in her memory be sent to Loaves and Fishes Center, Inc., Rose City Chapter.

### Rachel Harnett

Funeral services for Rachel Harnett, 89, longtime Morrow County resident, will be held Thursday, July 25, at 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Heppner. Concluding services and interment will be at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Mrs. Harnett died Sunday, July 21, 1996, at Walla Walla, Washington.

Mrs. Harnett was of pioneer stock and a native of Morrow County. She was born October 24, 1906, to Henry and Charlotte Scherzinger on the family homestead on Rhea Creek.

Her father moved to the county at the age of 16 in 1877, married Charlotte Shipley and homesteaded in Spring Hollow on Rhea Creek in 1882. Mr. Scherzinger was a blacksmith by trade, raised sheep and

served as Morrow County's road supervisor who helped construct the road from Heppner to Monument, and also several county roads. Mrs. Harnett's grandfather was Dr. Lewis Shipley, M.D., who served as the community physician from 1879-1898. Her uncle, Jay Shipley, was a teacher and later superintendent of the Heppner schools in the early 1900s.

Mrs. Harnett attended school in Heppner, graduating in June, 1924. She then attended Oregon Agriculture College (Oregon State University) for approximately two years and majored in art and home economics.

She married Marion Harnett, city marshal of Lebanon, on July 14, 1940. They had one son, Melvin, born August 27, 1941, who currently lives in Walla Walla, Washington.

Melvin is employed as special agent and special deputy U.S. Marshal for the U.S. Dept. of Energy's Office of Inspector General. He married Barbara Pike, of Brooklyn, New York, on Oct. 6, 1962. They have three children, Dawn, Sheree and Sean.

In 1959, following the death of her husband in 1958, Mrs. Harnett returned to Heppner to care for her ill mother. In 1960, she was asked to help establish the Morrow County Museum, and continued to serve as museum director and curator until her retirement in 1988 at the age of 82.

Mrs. Harnett set up the museum's first cataloging system and organized the historical materials donated or loaned for display. She compiled information about Morrow County pioneer families which future family members could research for genealogical data. She also conducted genealogical research for numerous local and out-of-town families. She visited and studied other museums in order to learn new methods for preservation and display of historical materials. Mrs. Harnett loved her work and dedicated her life to the museum.

In 1970, Mrs. Harnett was awarded the Henry C. Collins award for her work at the county museum, preserving local history and other Eastern Oregon historical projects by the Oregon Historical Society. In 1975, the Morrow County Livestock Growers honored her with their first-ever award given for her service to the community and dedication to recording Morrow County history for future generations. In 1989, Morrow County honored her for many years of collecting, cataloging, displaying and teaching local residents and visitors about the local history and its importance to the economic and social development of Morrow County and the state of Oregon.

Mrs. Harnett received honor

recognition from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of the United States of America for her significant service to the community as a senior volunteer. She was an active member of the Senior Center and donated many hours in the office and researching material for writing the Senior Center newsletter. She loved and cared about the members of the Senior Center and Senior Apartments.

Mrs. Harnett always supported the community's youth through volunteerism. In 1961, she became a 4-H instructor for knitting. Many of her students won county and state awards for their knitting work under her tutelage. She enjoyed working with the 4-H'ers and considered each one of her students as special. She also served as a leader to the students who were members of the Rainbow order.

In addition to knitting, Mrs. Harnett was a skilled crafts person who made necklaces, earrings, brooches, and also worked with wood.

Mrs. Harnett was an active member in several organizations. She was active in and a leader in the San Souci Rebekah Lodge #30 of the IOOF, the Ruth Locust Chapter 32 Order of the Eastern Star, the Degree of Honor Protective Association fraternal order, the Oregon Historical Society, and a charter member and a director for the Morrow County Historical Society. She was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of World War I Auxiliary. While living in Lebanon, she was a member of the local Civil Air Patrol.

She stressed the importance of education to her family. Her son earned a master of education degree, and her grandchildren earned bachelor's degrees.

Mrs. Harnett enjoyed spending time and sharing with her grandchildren, Dawn of West Richland, Washington; Sheree and husband Rocky Lobdell, Spokane, Washington; and Sean, also of Spokane. She was especially attached to her great-granddaughter Madeleine. Mrs. Harnett also enjoyed spending time with unofficially adopted daughter Barbara Johnson, Silverdale, Washington, and her children.

Mrs. Harnett requested that any donations be given to the Senior Center, to the Morrow County Historical Society or the Christian Church.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

### Harriet H. Evans

Harriet H. Evans, 88, of Heppner, died Monday, July 15, 1996, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

A graveside memorial service was held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery on July 20, 1996.

Mrs. Evans was born July 15, 1908, at Heppner, to Levi and Alma Marlatt Morgan. She grew up in Heppner and attended schools there, graduating from Heppner High School. She took nurses training in Portland.

In 1938, she married Howard Evans at Heppner. The couple farmed at Clarks Canyon near Heppner and in 1953 moved to Kahler Basin near Spray. Following the death of her husband in 1960, she returned to Heppner. She served as bookkeeper at Central Market in Heppner for 20 years.

Mrs. Evans enjoyed golf, bowling, pool, traveling and playing cards.

She was a member of the Willow Creek Country Club and the Boardman Country Club.

Survivors include daughters Helen Troxell of Heppner, Alma Lakin of Spanaway, Washington, and Mary Stock of Roseburg; sister, Ellen "Doll" Campbell of Heppner; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Sisters Juanita Sprouls and Mary Connor, and a brother, Marvin Morgan, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial

Nursing Home, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

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## WCCC Golf

### Ladies' Play, July 16

Flag Tournament: first place Alene Rucker; second place Eileen Padberg; third place Karen Morgan; three-way tie fourth place Susan Atkins, Carol Norris, Betty Rietmann. First to plant flag: Mary Beamer. Chip in: Cam Wishart.

## Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

### Tuesday, July 23 Soft White

July.	\$4.88
Aug.	\$4.88
Sept.	\$4.90/4.92
Oct.	\$4.95/4.97
Nov.	\$5.00/5.02
Dec.	\$5.05/5.07
Jan.	\$5.08/5.10

### Barley

July	\$132
Aug.	\$132
Sept.	\$132

## Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage license during the past week:

July 16: Michael Edwin Morrison, 46, Irrigon; and Vicky June Chairez, 35, Irrigon.

## Births

Charlotte Marion Skalski-a daughter Charlotte Marion was born to Alice and Mark Skalski on July 4, 1996 at San Mateo Hospital, in San Mateo, California. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Her grandparents are Bob and Marion Abrams of Pendleton, and Jim and Charlotte Skalski of Waterford, New Jersey.

## In the Service

Navy Seaman Recruit William R. Craft, son of Thomas and Frankie Kraft of Heppner, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During the eight-week program, Kraft completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Kraft learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

Kraft is a 1994 graduate of Heppner High School.

## Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Jenny Joy Rasmussen, 37, Hermiston-Violation of the Basic Rule, 43 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$67 fine;

Scott L. Knepper, 39, Portland-Violation of the Basic Rule, 56 mph in a 35 mph zone, \$167 fine;

Robert D. Burnett, 26, Seneca-Exceeded 5 mph Speed Limit in a No-Wake Zone, \$67 fine;

Elva Bonton, 35, Coos Bay-No Oregon Driver's License, \$67 fine;

Daniel Alan Mathews, 31, Heppner-Failure to Renew Registration, \$49 fine;

Billie Jo Estrada, 30, Stanfield-Inoperative Seat Belts, Violation of the Basic Rule, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$116 fine.

## Alumni award winner Jack McKenzie teaches on matters of the heart

(Editors note: the following article, submitted by Jim Barratt, formerly of Heppner, was printed in the Western Oregon State College "Alumni". The subject of the story, Jack McKenzie is the son of Betty and Ken McKenzie, a former Heppner PE teacher. Jack McKenzie received the title of WOSC outstanding alumnus for 1996).

By John Oliver

Jack McKenzie ('72) is doing what he started out to do at Western more than 20 years ago, but on a vastly different level.

In 1965, he planned to teach high school biology. Today, he's teaching cardiovascular surgeons how to do better surgery.

"I don't do surgery, because I'm not a physician," said Dr. McKenzie, stressing that he is a Ph.D., not an M.D.

However, he's often in the operating room at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., during surgery, observing, recommending and designing improvements.

"USUHS (he pronounced it "Use-us") is not part of the U.S. Naval Hospital in Bethesda. It's a unique institution where we train medical students for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service," he said.

McKenzie has been at USUHS since 1978, just a few short years after he earned his Ph.D. in physiology from Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans.

Eugene-born and Stayton-raised, he had begun his college career at Western in the fall of 1965, but he cut that short when he went into the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1966-69. He then returned to Western, graduating with a B.S. in education in 1972, and went on to study for his master's degree in zoology from Idaho State University.

Along the way he authored, co-authored and contributed to numerous publications on coronary research. In fact, McKenzie has written more than 20 publications and published 60 abstracts. Yet, the teacher in him always gave voice: Students would learn better if taught more effectively.

"Most people who teach the physical and clinical sciences are Ph.D.s, but they're not educators," McKenzie said.

"They teach the basics, anatomy, bio-chemistry, physiology, pharmacology, pathology, micro-biology, and psychology. They learned to teach through their mentors. Physicians teach the clinical sciences-medicine, surgery, those things.

"Teaching at any level, however, requires a teacher's full involvement. At kindergarten, teachers really have to come down to ground level, get on their knees, so to speak, look directly into the faces of the eager youngsters around them and say, "This is the way we do it."

"I started a class here on the Principles of Effective Teaching," he explained. With that class, he is integrating physical and clinical science instruction.

McKenzie refers to himself as both teacher and researcher. In his view, an educator's job is about 30 percent teaching and 70 percent research.

At USUHS, his overriding goal is straight forward. "We're investigating coronary artery disease. Why do people have heart attacks? And once they do, what do we do to make them not as debilitated? We're seeking new techniques and new medication.

"We've been testing a bio-medical device with the company who designed it," explains McKenzie. "It's like a stethoscope, only it can hear 100,000 times more sensitively than the human ear.

"Were wondering if we can use this to measure artery pressure between the heart and the lungs. The heart makes two sounds. We call them 'Lub-

Dub', S1 and S2. The second heart sound has two components which we designate A2 and P2, for arterial pressure and pulmonary pressure. We want to measure the P2, the pressure to the lungs. It would be invaluable during heart surgery.

"I put a team together this summer to conduct experiments using pigs. I chose a medical student, a college student, and a high school student. We designed experiments where we can change the blood pressure and measure the sounds and correlate the changes in pressure with the changes in sound."

Shane McAllister, a Western Oregon State College student, was chosen to participate. He monitored the animals, making sure they were breathing properly. McAllister recalls that it was an incredible opportunity to be able to work with Dr. McKenzie.

Others have cited his incredible abilities, too.

McKenzie has been honored with the Civilian Faculty Excellence in Education Award, The outstanding Civilian Educator of the Uniformed Services University Award, and five outstanding Teaching Awards.

He instituted a program of "Heart Health Education for the Young" and served as chairman of the American Heart Association, Northern Virginia chapter. He was elected as a fellow of the American Heart Association and is a member of the American Physiological Society. He has provided leadership for the National Institutes of Health and the national Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

McKenzie's connections to Oregon and Western Oregon State college are steadfast.

He continues to invite science interns to work with him during the summer, he contributes to the college by lecturing to science classes, and he is helping organize social activities for Western's Washington, D.C. area alumni.

His family has Oregon roots, too. He is married to Cherri, whom he met while he was attending Western. She graduated from the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Nursing in Portland. They have two daughters, Heather and Kelly, both high school students.

Last summer, he returned to Crescent, Ore. to surprise his parents, Ken and Betty, who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. By the way, Ken McKenzie is a Western alumnus, too. Class of '33, from Oregon Normal School. That was before degrees were offered; he received a teaching certificate in education.

And a trip home always puts Jack McKenzie within casting distance of some good fishing.

## Taekwon-do scholarships available

Kim's Taekwon-do school has been selected by the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families to receive \$500 towards the school's scholarship program.

This scholarship program allows children, ages 5-17, to participate in a traditional martial art, who, without financial assistance, could not afford the training, said Gary Oberg, the school's instructor. Kim's Taekwon-do is also providing \$250 towards the scholarship program.

Anyone who would like to train in Taekwon-do, and cannot afford either equipment or tuition, may call Oberg at 676-5449. Taekwon-do classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the Morrow County Fairgrounds 4-H annex. Children's classes are from 6-7 p.m. and adults' classes from 7-8 p.m.



## Blue Mountain MASTER GARDENER DIGGINGS

Gardening questions? Call the Extension Office at 676-9642 to be referred to a master gardener.

### Late Spring Chores for Beautiful Summer Flower Beds

To keep a flower garden beautiful from spring into the summer season requires some careful maintenance in May and June. Ray McNeilan, home horticulturist for the Oregon State University Extension Service recommends the following tasks be completed over the next few weeks:

-Remove or "deadhead" the spent flowers from lilacs, azaleas, camellias, candytuft, peonies and other spring flowering plants, then fertilize and mulch.

-Pinch off faded flowers from early blooming annuals like snap dragons and petunias to encourage more blossoms later in the summer. Cut spent delphinium blooms may promote more blooms towards autumn. Old dried foliage of tulips and daffodils can now be safely removed.

-Weed and mulch perennial flower beds. Annual flowers like alyssum, asters and lobelia also need weeding, mulching and fertilizing.

Roses need attention, too. As the first blooms of spring finish, cut the stems back to the five leaflet area. Cut back canes of rambling roses to ground level after they finish blooming. All types then need fertilizer and mulch for summer's heat. Sweet peas also will benefit from mulch in early summer to keep their roots moist.

-Pinch back shoots on late summer bloomers like tall chrysanthemums, cosmos and asters to encourage bushier growth. Fertilizer will also help.

-Make sure stakes are in place for tall summer-blooming perennials like dahlias, Shasta daisies and lilies.