

## Frenchs to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary



Norma and Ray French, 1946

Raymond and Norma French, Heppner, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 19, with a reception at the Heppner Elks Lodge from 5-8 p.m. The reception will be hosted by their children.

The couple were married Oct. 26, 1946, at St. John's Catholic Church in Condon.

Raymond was born and raised on the family ranch on Buttercreek. He started school and completed his first three grades at the Lena School. One of his first teachers was Marian Brosnan, who still lives in the area. After the death of his father, he spent one year at St. Joseph's Academy in Pendleton, and then returned to Heppner where he graduated from high school.

Norma Denton was born in Promise, in Wallowa County. She began her education there in the a country school. Her family then moved to Milton-Freewater and then to Condon, where she graduated from high school.

Raymond enlisted in the U.S. Navy upon graduation from Heppner High School and was stationed in Colorado Springs, CO. He was released at the end of World War II and returned

home. After they married, they began their livestock operation at the French ranch.

The Frenchs have three children-Karen Wood of Beaverton, Verina Schiller of Austin, TX, and Susie Ward of Heppner; and nine grandchildren.

Raymond is past president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and Morrow County Livestock Growers, served in the Oregon Legislature as a state representative, and is currently a Morrow County Commissioner. He is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Heppner Elks Lodge, presently serving as a trustee, and is also a member of the American Legion. He also served on the board of directors of Heppner Soil and Water District for 16 years, with 12 of those years as chairman.

Norma has also been active in the livestock industry as past president of the County Cowbells and a district vice president of the state association. She served as Raymond's secretary in the Oregon Legislature. Norma is also a member of St. Patrick's Church, the community choir and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Both Raymond and Norma enjoy golf, travel and attending local school athletic games.



## Behavioral Health receives grant

Morrow County Behavioral Health Services (MCBHS) has received a grant in the amount of \$11,300 from Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. Gary Oberg, MCBHS director, wrote the grant requesting money for new computers and to fund a part-time Spanish speaking alcohol and drug counselor for the Boardman office.

\$7,300 will be targeted to buy new Pentium computers, allowing the Behavioral Health offices in Heppner, Fossil and Boardman to go on-line with their new Uni-Care billing

system and to network with other mental health centers throughout Oregon. The three offices will also be able to talk to each other over the network, saving time and telephone charges, said Oberg. Oberg also stated that \$4,000 will be used to pay for the alcohol and drug counselor position already filled by Martin Zuniga. "This is a huge step for the agency," said Oberg. "We have filled a gap in service delivery and have leaped ahead of many other much larger agencies in the 'virtual community'."

## BMCC offers irrigation classes

Farm managers with responsibilities for irrigation are invited to sign up for "Principals of Irrigation." This fall term class is offered through Business and Industry Services of Blue Mountain Community College.

The course will cover general irrigation practices and terminology, water requirements, properties of soils, types and components of irrigation systems, calculating irrigation water requirements, irrigation scheduling, and pumps and pump selection. Electricity as it pertains to irrigation will also

be part of the curriculum, including what is a circuit and what makes it work, how to use a multimeter, and how to read pivot irrigation blueprints.

Instructors for the course are Paul Wattenberger of IRZ Consulting and James King, Sr. of Oregon Builders Board. The course is a prerequisite for "Troubleshooting Center Pivot Irrigation Systems" to be offered winter term.

To pre-register or for more information, call 276-6233. Disability-related accommodations will be made if requested in advance by calling the above number.

## BMCC fall class schedule now out

The Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) 1996 fall term schedule of classes is out. The schedule lists all credit and non-credit classes offered by the college for this term including classes offered in Morrow County, the greater Hermiston area, and Milton-Freewater. In addition, the schedule contains general information on the college, programs

offered by business and industry services, courses offered locally by Eastern Oregon State College and courses available through distance education.

The schedule is delivered by mail to all box holders and rural routes in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Anyone who has not yet received his schedule and would like one should call the BMCC Continuing Education office, 278-5762.

## Training to intervene in abuse slated

Elder abuse is a serious problem-over 7,000 cases were investigated in Oregon in 1995, according to a Oregon Dept. of Human Resources news release. Medical professionals have a unique perspective from which to observe, report and respond to these cases, said the release. Besides being a mandatory reporter, a medical professional may be the only person, other than family members, who sees an older adult on a regular basis and is trusted by that individual.

To give medical professionals the skills they need to address elder abuse, free interactive training will be provided on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 12:30-2 p.m. at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

The training will be telecast on the state's public interactive video telecommunication network (ED-NET) and cable networks to hospitals and other sites throughout the state. Continuing medical education credits will be available.

Participants will learn how to intervene in situations that are particularly dangerous for the elderly, such as intentional or unexplained injuries, malnutrition or dehydration, under- or overmedicating, problems with caregivers, neglect and other threats to the physical and mental well-being of senior citizens, said the news release.

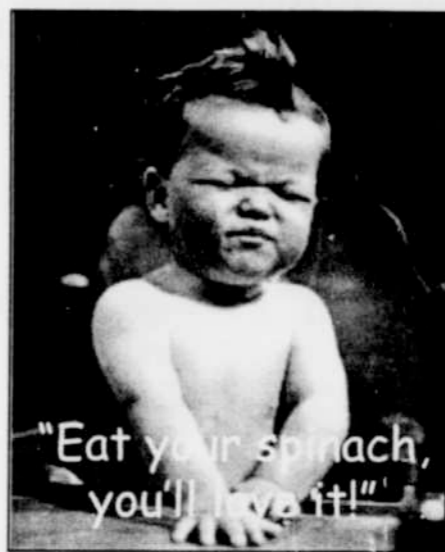
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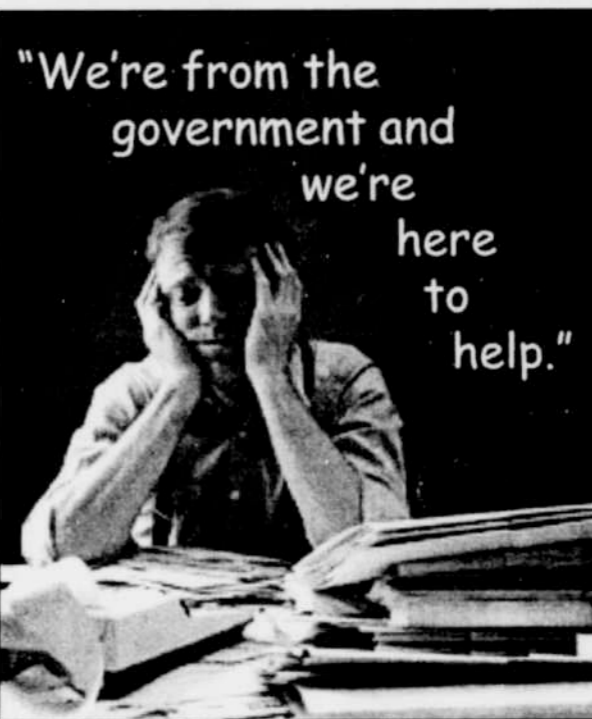


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## Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

Bob and Luella Taylor were Baker visitors recently to attend the Court of Honor honoring their grandson Casey Taylor. Following the award, a barbecue dinner was held at the home of his parents.

It was interesting to hear that it will be Scout master Ver-

non Cook's last court of award in 60 years. The first Scout to receive this eagle award from Cook's Court of Awards was John Ward of Heppner.

Joyce Buchanan, who has spent the summer months in the Portland area and recently underwent major surgery there, is at home for the winter.

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