

In the Service

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David S. Dooney, son of Jaunita Bohnhof of Irrigon, recently returned from a six month deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans aboard the guided missile cruiser USS California.

Dooney is one of more than 550 sailors aboard the cruiser who returned to their homeport in Bremerton, WA. They were part of the eight-ship USS Carl Vinson Battle Group, which also included nine tactical aircraft squadrons, surface combatants and submarines.

During the deployment, Dooney supported the retaliatory missile strikes against Iraq during Operation Desert Strike in the Persian Gulf by providing air defense support for the USS Tarawa Amphibious Ready Group.

Dooney and fellow crew members visited Australia, Bahrain, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore.

The 1993 graduate of Riverside High School joined the Navy in June, 1993.

Marine PFC Jason V. Karfman, son of Diane Karfman, Irrigon, recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Base Camp in Lejeune, NC.

During the five week course, Karfman learned the fundamentals of engineering support for combat units, including the procedures for building and repairing bridges, roads and field fortifications. Karfman also learned about demolitions, land mine warfare and camouflage techniques.

Karfman will accompany Marine infantry forces to build roads, set up camp and fortify the living areas.

A 1995 graduate of Riverside High School, he joined the Marine Corps in February, 1996.

Air Force Airman James McDonald, Jr. has graduated from basic military 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, he earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force for completing basic training.

McDonald, the son of James McDonald, Sr., Irrigon, is a 1996 graduate of Riverside High School in Boardman.

Navy Fireman Bridger J. Baker, son of Robert and Robin Baker of Ione, recently graduated from the gas turbine systems technician mechanical course. During the course at Navy Service School Com-

mand, Great Lakes, IL., Baker received training in the operation and maintenance of gas turbine engines and support systems.

As a gas turbine systems technician in the Navy, Baker will operate and repair the jet engines used to propel a ship through the water. Baker also will work on main propulsion machinery, electrical and electronic circuitry and is now trained to perform related administrative tasks.

The 1994 graduate of Ione High School joined the Navy in August 1994.

Library district hires new director



Gilbert Chavez

The Oregon Trail Library (OTL) District welcomes its new library director, Gilbert "Tony" Chavez. He is responsible for library operations at Heppner and Boardman branch libraries effective Dec. 16.

Chavez brings with him over 22 years of professional library experience, including head librarian positions in the southern California communities of Rancho Cucamonga, Montclair and Chino Hills. Most recently, he has been serving as network services manager of four branch libraries of the Braille Institute Library in Los Angeles.

"The libraries at Heppner and Boardman reflect a strong commitment to public services by a dedicated and quality staff and a sense of community pride," said Chavez. "I am looking forward to working with the communities during the coming months. Together we will continue to improve and expand quality library services for all our fine communities."

The OTL board plans a welcome open house at the branches in January. The date and time will be announced later.

Arts and Crafts

Club plans party

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts (MCCAC) club will have their annual Christmas party and gift and goody exchange on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. at the home of Betty Mills, Heppner.

Members and guests are reminded to bring their "Christmas spirit, a \$5-\$10 gift, either homemade or otherwise and any Christmas treats that they would like to share and trade with others," said a MCCAC spokesperson.

Lunch will be held before the party at 1 p.m. in the coffee room at Yaw's with a short meeting to follow at 1:30 p.m.



Christmas church services announced First Christian Church, Heppner

The First Christian Church children's choir will present their performance of "A Day in the Manger" Sunday, Dec. 22, at 6 p.m. The play tells the story of how a family finds the true spirit of Christmas in their new home. The children will perform some traditional Christmas carols as well as a few new songs that are "sure to delight audiences of all ages," said a spokesperson.

The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served in the church fellowship hall following the play. Bible school is at 9:45 a.m. with church services at 11 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Christmas Eve Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Heppner will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24, with the Folk Group singing Christmas carols.

The Candlelight Procession will begin at 9 p.m. with the blessing of the manger scene and the Christmas Vigil Mass.

Christmas Mass with the singing of Christmas carols will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 25. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. William's Catholic Church

Christmas Mass with the singing of Christmas carols will be held on Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 8:45 a.m. at St. William's Church in Ione.

All Saints' Episcopal Church

Christmas Eve worship services with the singing of Christmas carols and Eucharist will be held at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Heppner, beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24.

United Methodist Church

Candlelight worship services at United Methodist Church in Heppner will be held at 11 p.m., Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24.

Hope-Valby Lutheran Parish

Candlelight Christmas Eve services will be held Tuesday, Dec. 24, at Hope/Valby Lutheran Parish at 6 p.m. at Valby Lutheran Church, Ione, and at 9 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Heppner. Pastor John Baglien, interim pastor, will be preaching on the theme of "Crooked Halos and Bathrobed Shepherds."

Wedding Announcement Wehrli - McNary

Patty Helen Wehrli, Fossil, and David McNary, Ione, will be married at 1 p.m. on January 4, 1997, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

Patty is the daughter of Bill and Linda Wehrli of Blythe, CA. She was raised by her grandparents, Bob and Helen Wehrli, Fossil.

David is the son of Lloyd and Shirley McNary, Ione.

A reception will follow at the American Legion Hall in Ione.

Everyone is invited to attend.



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