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1934 alum spots HHS web page

Heppner High School has definitely joined the computer age. The school now has a web page on the Internet and that web snagged the attention of a Heppner High School alumnus in Arizona who had been surfing the net. HHS Principal Ron Anthony shared the story with the Morrow County School Board at their meeting Monday Night.

Following is the e-mail message from the 1934 HHS alumnus, the Rev. Dr. Francis B. Nickerson, to Heppner High School, in care of HHS technology teacher Dave Fowler and students who designed the web page, Robby Schultz and David Michael.

Dear Heppner High School,
I just picked up your web page while my daughter was trying to show me how to use this thing. A lot of wonderful memories flashed in my head. I graduated from Heppner in 1934. The last member of my class in Heppner that I know of was Frank Anderson. Incidentally, I was president of the student body. That has always been a source of

great pride to me, one of the things that I remember with great pleasure. It was fun to grow up in Heppner. The guys were all great and the girls beautiful. We had fun even though the school board at that time didn't want us to have school dances. Four of us had cars or access to cars. The student body had about 120 kids. My graduating class had twenty-five members.

None of my family still remains in Heppner, although I am a shirrtail relative to some of the Healy family. I last lived in Heppner for two years right after I came home from World War II. This summer my wife and I will be coming to Oregon for a couple of months. I am eager to visit "home" one more time. I hope good old HHS is having a great year and that 63 years from now you will be able to look back on your high school years with as much pleasure as I do mine.

I now live in Phoenix, AZ. I am retired and generally just enjoy myself.

Good luck & God bless,
(s)The Rev. Dr. Francis B. Nickerson

Help needed to identify Heppner house



To the Editor,
My great-grand uncle was Justus L. Simpson, a Civil War veteran who moved to Heppner in 1907 and died there in 1917. He was buried in Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Cemetery Hill next to his wife, Susan E. Clemans, who died in 1939. I visited his gravesite last summer, the first relative from back east ever to do so to my knowledge.

I was hoping that you or one of your readers could identify the house in the enclosed photograph. It was taken in December of 1910 and shows Justus and Susan standing in the front yard. We tried and failed to identify it during our stay in Heppner. The only clue I have is that it might be somewhere in western Heppner.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

(s)Patrick Simpson
3267-L Calumet Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610

Women's dessert planned

The annual Community Women's Dessert Night has been planned for Monday, April 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall.

Guest speaker will be Glenna Thomas from the Boise Bible College.

The evening is sponsored by the First Christian Church, the Christian Life Center and the Church of the Nazarene.

Obituaries

Harlan J. Devin

Harlan J. Devin, 87, formerly of Heppner, died April 9, 1997, at Woodburn. At his request, there were no services. Private inurnment will be in the Willamette National Cemetery.

Mr. Devin was born in Heppner on March 11, 1910. He served in the South Pacific in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was the owner of HJ's Cash Grocery in Condon for over 40 years and moved to Woodburn in 1970 from Condon.

Mr. Devin was Past Worshipful Master of Mount Moriah Lodge, AF & AM, twice. He was a member of the Royal Arch Masons and a former member of the Al Kader Shrine. He was a life member and past Exalted Ruler of Condon Elks Lodge, BPOE #1869. He was a ham radio operator and enjoyed golf.

Mr. Devin is survived by his wife, Gertrude, at home; two sons, Glenn Devin of Arlington and Boyd Devin of Cheney, WA; stepdaughter, Lynn Marie McDonald of Omaha, NE; and stepson, Tom Nelson of Lake Oswego; sister, Alma Clouston of Salem; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Elks Eye Clinic. Simon Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Paul Mildenerger

Paul R. Mildenerger, 63, of Pendleton, died Sunday, April 13, 1997, at home of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Memorial services were Wednesday, April 16, 1997 at the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton.

Mr. Mildenerger was born January 25, 1934, at Eire, PA to Raymond and Henrietta Behringer Mildenerger.

He retired from the U.S. Navy after serving 21 years and was on the commissioning crew of the U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier, USS America.

On November 29, 1975, he married Carolyn McMurray at Walla Walla, WA.

He was a past president and secretary of the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, was a member of the Catholic Church, Main Street Cowboys and Pendleton Eagles Aerie 28.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn, of Pendleton; sons, Brian of Pendleton, and James and Keith, both of Smithfield, VA; daughters, Delia Robinson of Heppner, Lynn Lindberg of Sacramento, CA, and Sandra Mildenerger in Virginia; a stepdaughter, Kim O'Berg; and a stepson, Kirk McMurray, both of Pendleton; and 20 grandchildren. Memorial contributions may

be made to St. Anthony Hospice, 1601 SE Court Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801, directly, or through Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Ottile Rauch Welke Hermann Hunt

Funeral Services for Ottile Rauch Welke Hermann Hunt, 99, Hermiston, will be held Saturday, April 19, 1997, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Mrs. Hunt died Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

Mrs. Hunt was born September 11, 1897, in Germany to Adolf and Henrietta Majewski Rauch.

Mrs. Hunt enjoyed her flower garden. Tulips and roses were her specialty and cucumbers were always grown for dill pickles. She loved baking cookies, cakes, bread and her special apple pie.

Mrs. Hunt is survived by sons, Ed Hunt of Lexington, Alfred Welke, Seattle, WA, and George Hermann of Gilchrist; daughter, Lillian Smith of Hermiston; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alex Hunt; son, Henry Welke; and daughter, Elsie Welke.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church's Women's Quilting & Stained Glass Window Fund or to a charity of choice.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Rockets defeat Heppner

By Lonnie Rill

The Pilot Rock Rockets, defending state champions, took both games from Heppner in the double header this weekend in Pilot Rock.

Pilot Rock gained ground on a couple blown calls by the officials. Heppner hung in with a barrage of batting by their hitters. Heppner was led by pitcher Tim Sumner and shortstop Eric Schonbachler. The effort wasn't enough to clinch the first game for Heppner.

Heppner played harder in the second game, starting the game out in the first inning, 3-2. Pilot Rock came back to take the lead after the second.

Tim Sumner was robbed by the umpire on a home run that went over the left-center field fence and was called a ground rule double. The play was saddened by a Pilot Rock player running into the fence. Heppner made a run but fell short again in the second game, losing 16-11.

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IMS announces 3rd quarter honor roll

Ione Middle School has announced its third quarter honor roll.

Following are students who qualify:

Eighth Grade
'A' Honor Roll: Jennifer Thompson, 4., Charissa Gates, Allison Halvorsen, Shelby Krebs, Jeremiah McElligott, Jeremy Rietmann, Adrienne Swanson.
'B' Honor Roll: Katie Bacon, Molly Barrow, Cory Bennetto, Korey Morgan, Rose Parm,

Nonnee Walters.
Seventh Grade
'A' Honor Roll: Adam McCabe, Colin McElligott, Salli McElligott.
'B' Honor Roll: Amelia Peck, Kristina Powell.
Sixth Grade
'A' Honor Roll: Tracy Griffith, 4., Diana McElligott, Alex Negrete, Caitlin Orem, Til Tullis.
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