

New director hired at Heppner Daycare



L-R Merry and Drew Brannon, Joe Armato, Stephen Thompson, Charlene Carnahan, Amber Carnahan, Michelle Alldritt, Chloe Hill, Austin Harris, and Paula Sanez.

By Nova Rietmann
Heppner Daycare has a new director, Merry Brannon, 30, of Heppner. She started last week on Monday, March 23. Brannon has lived in Heppner for 27 years, and went to Heppner High School. She is married to Russell Brannon and they have a four-year-old son, Drew. She works with the Morrow County School District at the Heppner Elementary School as a special ed assistant.

Brannon says she hopes to improve the day care. She wants to improve the babies room and play stations. The day care is receiving new blinds and three new cribs. They are applying for grants and hope to get a dishwasher, washer and drier, small freezer, two new couches, laminator and remodel the babies' room. "I don't expect these all to come at once but eventually hope to get them," says Brannon. She is also working on cleaning up the daycare and wants to improve the outside in the future.

"I feel that the outside makes an impression on the parents," she says. "People will have a cleaner atmosphere for their children and more activities for them to enjoy."

Brannon's goal is to have a full house of kids. She hopes that if more children are in the day care program that they can expand their hours from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Brannon also hopes to continue the summer pre-school program that started last year, and begin taking kids down to the Heppner swimming pool for lessons and

Heppner

Coordinating Council to meet

The Heppner Coordinating Council will meet Monday, April 13, instead of Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 a.m. at the Forest Service Building.

The recent juvenile problems in Heppner will be the topic of discussion.

Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun, Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson, Carolyn Holt of the Juvenile Department and officer Beamer from Boardman will be present to answer questions.

Announcer will be Rollie Marshall, chairman. The public is invited to attend.

swimming time. "I'm looking forward to the summer when I can spend more time at the center," says Brannon. She also plans to attend seminars in mid-April.

Currently the day care has an average of eight kids. The day

Brunos featured in Ruralite

By Nova Rietmann
Mark and Astrid Bruno of Ione are featured in this month's issue of "Ruralite" for their artistic talent and work with the Heart Works House.

Heart Works House is a free art class for adolescents that is held every Monday night from 7-10 p.m.

The students of the class are high school students from Ione and Heppner who are very involved in the class.

Since funding has been cut this year, art supplies have been scarce. The Heart Works House

Arts & Crafts club plans bus trip

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club and Mid-Columbia Bus Lines have planned a three-day trip, including a private sunset cruise on Lake Chelan, WA.

On Tuesday, June 16, the bus will depart Heppner at 7:30 a.m. and travel to Touchet, WA., for a visit to a winery and wine tasting. Lunch will be at Patit Creek Restaurant in Dayton, WA., to be followed by glass blowing demonstrations and exhibits of lawn decorations. The bus will arrive in Spokane around 5:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 17, the group will travel to Colville, St. Paul's Mission and Kettle Falls, WA. Lunch will be in Republic, then they will travel to Withrop,

care employees are Michelle Alldritt and Charlene Carnahan. The pre-school employees are Sue Norton and Karen Morgan.

The day care is looking for one or two more employees, so anyone interested may call Brannon at the day care, 676-5429, or at her home, 676-5081.

is now trying to raise money for supplies.

The Heart Works House will have a bake sale this Friday, April 10, starting at 9 a.m. in front of Murray's Drug store. Art by members of the class will also be displayed in one of Murray's windows.

Heart Works house would appreciate any monetary donations. The class is also in need of any art supplies, easels, paint brushes, etc. If anyone has any supplies, or would like to make a donation, call Mark and Astrid at 422-7305.

WA., to visit the Shafer House Museum and Old West Town. After dinner, the group will go on a two-hour sunset cruise on the "Lady of the Lake" on Lake Chelan.

On Thursday, June 18, the bus will depart after breakfast to Chelan Museum and the Rocky Reach Dam in Wenatchee, WA., then travel to Ephrata, WA., for lunch. The Pioneer Village Old Hotel Art Gallery will be visited in Othello, WA. Dinner will be at Granny's Buffet in Pasco. The bus will return to Heppner around 7 p.m.

For more information, call Betty Mills or Bebe Munkers at 676-5546. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mustang baseball team sweeps Dufur

By Rick Paulus
The Dufur Rangers came to Heppner on March 31 and were swept by the Mustangs, 13-0 in the first game and 3-2 in game two.

The Mustangs were led by Chris Anthony on the mound as he pitched a strong game, allowing just one Ranger hit.

Allan Gribskov went 2-3 and Derek Gunderson went 2-4 to lead the Mustangs at the plate.

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Friends and Family are cordially invited to join the Children of Ernie and Mary Jean McCabe in Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, April 18, 1998, 4-8 p.m. Heppner Elks Lodge Casual Dress No-Host Bar

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Rudisill named 1997 operator of the year



Jim Rudisill with 1997 water master award

Jim Rudisill of Ione has been named Operator of the Year for 1997 for his work as the city of Ione water master. He was picked from over 800 certified operators in the state of Oregon.

Although he no longer works for the city of Ione, Rudisill did many things during his 10 years as Ione's water master that earned him the award.

"This is quite an honor to be picked for this award," said Rudisill. He said he always ran the water system with the theory that "it's a lot better to protect your source of water than treat it after it gets something." During his time the city never once had a bad water sample.

Other practices which earned him the award included a four time per year flush of all water hydrants, a cross connection control program and a regular program of exercising all the valves in the city.

In addition to the water duties Rudisill and his wife Marie did many other jobs around the city including taking care of the park and general upkeep around town. "My wife did a lot of volunteer work, in the park and other work, he said.

Escaped youth captured

Several youths arrested by the Oregon state police near Burns

Friday, were escapees from a McClaren type youth facility located in Rupert Idaho.

The East Oregonian newspaper reported Monday that the three youths, who were armed with several handguns, had escaped from a youth correctional ranch in Rupert.

Contacted by The Heppner Gazette Tuesday, local police in Rupert said the facility is a long-term prison type facility similar to Oregon's McClaren youth prison, and was not a boot camp type detention facility as is being proposed for location in Heppner.

A Burns rancher had helped catch the escaped youths, who were also driving a stolen pickup.

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cards, flowers, prayers and food during and after my surgery.

Thanks Rick and Sheila McDaniel, Bonnie Buschke, Jan Strober, Raelene and Peggy for all the extra hours they put in; Cliff for the time off; all my kids and grandkids for being there for me.

Thanks again to Raelene, Peggy, Cliff and Duane Jones for the welcome back to work party. What a nice surprise. To Court Street Market for their cards and to anyone else I may have forgotten. You are all great.

Bev Harris
4-8-1p

Thanks to each and every one at PMH for caring about me. You're my "second" family and you're all special to me. A very special thanks to Dr. Wenberg for the care and concern. And to Dr. Atkins, your concern is very much appreciated. Molly, thanks for being there.

Ruby
4-8-1p

NOTICES

Free counseling for victims of abuse and sexual assault. 24 hr. Crisis Line: 1-800-833-1161. Shelter available.

5-7-52c

FREE CONNECT TO HBO AND DISNEY week of April 13th. Enjoy the new spring shows by adding one or both of these channels. Call 676-9663, Heppner TV, Inc.

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HELP WANTED

Morrow County Sheriff's Office Communications Officer

For an anticipated opening and to build an eligibility list--job requires typing, general office experience and ability to function in stressful situations. Duties include taking 9-1-1 calls, radio dispatching, teletype operation, working with word processing and computer files. Must be willing to work any shift. Office operates 24 hours a day. Pay starts at \$1615/month.

Apply at Sheriff's Office, 325 Willow View Drive, Heppner, OR; Phone: 541-676-5317.

Return by closing date, Friday, April 24, 1998, 5 p.m.

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LOAN OFFICER/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Five county economic development district in Pendleton, Oregon, seeks self-starter to originate loans and assist in community development. Lending experience required. Call GEODC at 541-276-6745 for full job description and application. Closes May 1.

4-8-1c

Morrow County Behavioral Health Dept. is seeking applicants for a temporary Mental Health Associate.

Bachelor's level clinician required. Fluency in Spanish required. Starting pay is \$12.35 per hour, no benefits. Contact Andrea Denton, Morrow County Courthouse, P.O. Box 788, Heppner, OR 97836, phone (541) 676-5620. Applications due same address by 5 p.m., April 16, 1998.

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4-8-1c

Full-time, temporary position available with Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) for a **Workforce Development Specialist, Youth Programs.**

Position will primarily be engaged in the delivery of Summer Youth Employment Programs. Typical duties will include, but not be limited to, classroom instruction to youth ages 14 to 21, interaction with local area employers, planning and implementing various activities targeted to at-risk youth. Applicant must possess ability to work with a variety of paper and regulatory requirements, therefore applicant must be proficient at a variety of clerical tasks and must be com-

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puter literate. Position will be based at Hermiston CAPECO office, but first 30 days of in-service will take place at Pendleton office.

Desire BA/BS degree in relevant field. Experience working with at-risk youth a must. For application, please contact CAPECO, 721 SE Third, Pendleton, OR., or call 276-1926, ext. 100. Applications due at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 1998. EOE/AA Employer.

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FARM HELP WANTED
Dryland Wheat Farm Needs Man Experienced in Equipment Operation and Maintenance. Full-Time Position. Pay Depending on Experience. Ione, Oregon. Call Kevin Hagewood, 422-7550. 4-8-2c

REAL ESTATE

Home For Sale: very nice 3,150 sq. foot, 5 bedroom, 3 bath home on large lot. \$165,000. 676-9741.

3-18-4c

House For Sale in Heppner: three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, new roof, kitchen and appliances, covered patio, large view lot, RV parking, two car garage. 676-5439.

4-1-2c

Wanted to buy in Morrow County: 80-160 acres to build home and pasture livestock. 676-9793 evenings.

4-1-2c

Home For Sale: custom-built in 1949, 4114 sq. ft., Heppner, 655 Hager St. Contact Robert Mahoney, 676-5876, or Mike Mahoney, 676-5157.

4-8-tfc

Large, two-story home in Heppner with full basement, finished attic room, new roof, large deck and fenced yards with view of historic courthouse for sale by owner. \$73,900. Call 676-5428 for appt.

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Heritage Land Co.
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676-5049

- 15,900 - 1 bdrm, 1 bath, single wide mobile on corner view lot. Price reduced.
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Sharon Lewis 676-5233
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RENTALS

For Rent: one bedroom apartments. Willow Street Apartments, Heppner. 676-5131.

9-3-tfc

For Rent: two bdrm, two bath mobile home, \$425/month; one bdrm, one bath house, \$400/month; both very nice; both located approximately 15 miles from Ione on Highway 74. Available on Dec. 15. Call 422-7349.

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