

## Warrens to celebrate 50th anniversary

The children of Paul and Claudine Warren invite friends and family to a belated 50th anniversary open house at the St. Patrick Senior Center, located in downtown Heppner, on Friday, Sept. 1, from 2-4 p.m. The couple request no gifts.

Paul Warren and Claudine Drake were married June 9, 1950, at the home of Dean and Lois Hunt in Lexington.

The couple lived in Heppner, both working for the Morrow County School District until the fall of 1951 when they moved to Sisters. From Sisters, they went to Corvallis, then later to Eugene where they owned and operated "The Galley Lunch". Paul ran the restaurant and Claudine was the bookkeeper and also baked homemade pies as a specialty.

In 1951, Paul was asked to come back to Heppner to work for the Morrow County School District where he was the plant engineer until 1984 when he retired.

Claudine was a homemaker while their family was growing up, then later did some reporting for the East Oregonian newspaper and worked in the Morrow County Clerk's office from 1980-1986.

In his earlier years, Paul attended West High School in Salt Lake City, UT, and joined the Air Force in WWII.

Claudine graduated from Heppner High School in 1943 and attended Capitol Business



Paul and Claudine Warren

College in Salem. She worked as a secretary for Salem Abstract and Title Co., Pacific Fruit and Produce in Portland and the Keep Oregon Green Association in Salem.

The Warrens are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints where they have both held many

positions.

The couple have four children: Michael Warren of Sanders, AZ, Steven Warren of West Valley City, UT, Matthew Warren of Pocatello, ID, and Joan Yamamoto of Bellvue, WA; and 11 grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

## Court approves levy

The Morrow County Court, on August 16, approved putting a local option levy for Road Fund operations on the November, 2000, ballot.

The measure would assess a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to levy approximately \$1,500,000 per year for four years. Because of Measure 5 compression, uncollectible taxes (eight percent) and the required distribution of a portion of Road Fund money to the cities (17.5 percent), the County would collect approximately \$1.1 million dollars per year of that amount.

The court took this action after being advised by County Finance Director, Lianne Currin, of a projected budget deficit for the 2001 fiscal year of \$1,015,000. Currin further said that she expects the amount of the shortfall to increase each year for at least the next six years, if not longer. Morrow County's revenues have not been keeping pace with costs since the passage of Measure 50 and the decline in other County resources. As an example, County timber receipts, which are generated by logging on federal lands, have declined 88 percent from \$369,768 in 1993 to an estimated \$45,000 in 2000.

Morrow County has been in a deficit-funding position for several years but has been able to meet required expenditure levels by such means as decreasing contingencies and curtailing programs - such as shutting down the rock crushing in the Road Department this year and eliminating the museum staff and GIS department. Additionally, 13 full and part-time positions were lost through lay-offs and jobs that were unfilled after offering early retirement to eligible employees.

After consideration of these facts and with the knowledge that without this levy further cuts in service and personnel would be necessary next fiscal year, the county court made the decision to seek voter approval for additional funding.

Commissioner Dan Brosnan said, "I think we need to offer the choice to our citizens: continuing county programs at current basic levels, or whether, by defeating this levy they wish us to make further cuts in programs, services and staffing levels. Because the general fund currently helps to support the Road Fund, if further cuts have to be made to balance the projected shortfall of \$1,015,000, they will have to be made across the board, affecting not only the Road Department, but general fund activities which would include law enforcement, health and other services."

The commissioners will mount a strong effort to contact as many citizens as possible before the election so that the voters can make an informed decision on November 7.

## Klamath First donates to banner project



Andrea Mortimore, representing Klamath First Federal in Heppner, presents a \$50 check to Sandra Van Liew to the Banner Committee towards the downtown's banner project.

## Ione woman wins BEO contest



Sharon Camarillo, Ione, came within one cent in guessing how many pennies were in a jar in a contest sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon at the Morrow County Fair.

Camarillo guessed \$6.30; the correct amount was \$6.29. Camarillo, pictured above with BEO employee Becky Kindle (right) and her daughter, Tiana, nine, received \$50 from BEO for the closest guess. Camarillo says that Tiana coaxed her to enter the contest.

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## Teleradiology machine to aid in patient treatment

A new "state-of the art" teleradiology machine at Pioneer Memorial Hospital will not only offer patients additional services, but may also save them the time, expense and anguish resulting from an ambulance trip or "life flight" ride to another medical facility out of town.

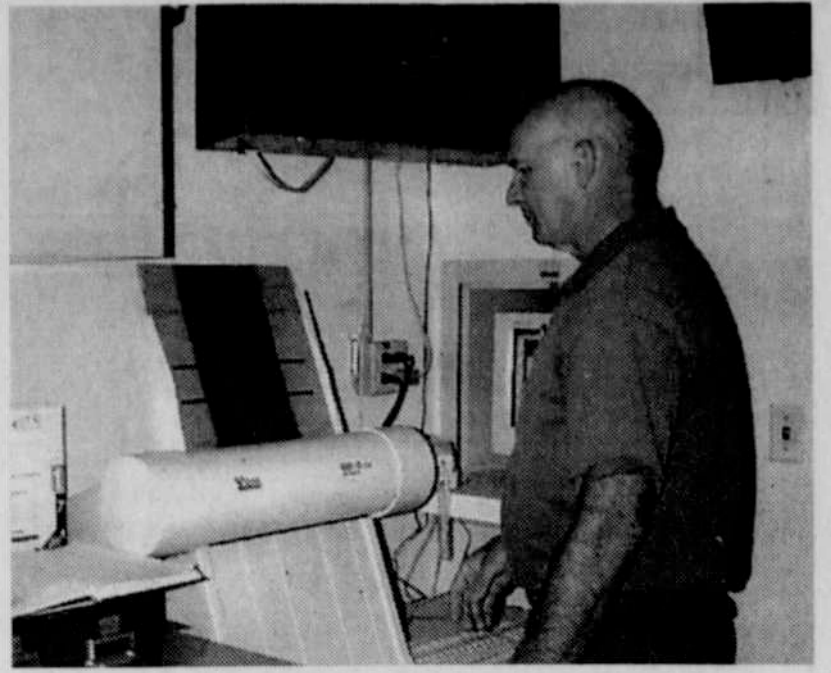
The machine is similar to a computer scanner--it scans x-ray film, digitizes it and then transmits the x-ray images over telephone lines to other medical facilities.

In the past, when physicians at PMH had questions about x-rays that could indicate potentially serious conditions, such as a spinal or head injuries, for example, the patient was transported via ambulance, plane or helicopter to another facility for consultation with a radiologist. If the radiologist at the other facility determined that the patient's x-rays did not indicate the more serious diagnosis, the patient was sent home or treated at that facility.

As a result of the new system, PMH can now send x-rays that need immediate reports to radiologists on 24-hour call at St. Charles Medical Center at Bend.

"It will eliminate a lot of unnecessary transport," says Gaylin Fickel, radiologic technologist at PMH. "The other amazing thing about it is that the patient doesn't have an additional charge and they get an opinion from the specialists." (An additional charge will likely be assessed at a later date, however, when the radiologist reads the "hard copy" of the x-ray itself.)

Not all x-rays, however, will be sent via the new teleradiology



Radiologic technologist Gaylin Fickel with new teleradiology machine at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

machine, said Fickel. "Probably 90 percent of the time (providers at PMH) will be able to make a diagnosis here," he said.

The machine will enable physicians at distant hospitals, clinics or even in their homes, to read the x-rays and even magnify certain areas. "They have a tremendous amount of power. You can see incredible detail," said Fickel.

Fickel says that right now, because of the phone lines, the transmitting process takes up to 45 minutes, which is still less time than a trip to another facility. "If we had faster phonelines, we could send it in minutes. We're working on that," he said.

Fickel said that PMH is also hoping to add to the system so that x-ray images may be sent via the machine from PMH to Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner and from providers at the Irrigon Clinic to physicians in Heppner and other areas.

While PMH is currently sending the digitized x-rays to

Bend, technically they could be sent to facilities with compatible computer systems anywhere in the world. Fickel said that he believes that Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston and St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton are working at getting a compatible system in place. OHSU in Portland does not yet have a compatible system.

Fickel says that in the future, the system could be tied directly into the x-ray machine itself, eliminating x-ray film, which is expensive, thereby eliminating the problem of x-ray film storage. Rather than being being filed away and stored for the required 10 years, x-rays could then be archived in computer files.

The medical district is also beginning the process of remodeling PMH to accommodate a C-T (Cat) scanner which will provide even more services for area patients.

The teleradiology machine was funded through a grant obtained by St. Charles Medical Center.

## Obituary

### Della Lee Nichols

Della Lee Nichols, 99, former long-time resident of Heppner, died of natural causes on Thursday, August 17, 2000, at Portland.

Disposition was by cremation. Graveside memorial services and interment will be held Friday, August 25, 2000, at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner.

She was born February 3, 1901, in Holden, Missouri, the third child of Lawrence Lee and Mary Elizabeth Nichols. The family came to The Dalles on an emigrant train in 1905. They continued on by stagecoach to Old Trail Crossing and Della spent her childhood on the homestead there.

Della met and married Frank Edmondson in Madras in 1918. They moved to Heppner in 1933 where they worked a ranch in Clarks Canyon until 1940. The couple then moved closer to town and bought the old Bisbee home on South Main Street and continued to ranch. They had five children. Frank passed away in 1941.

In 1943, Della married Durward Tash. They were married for 45 years until Durward passed away in 1988. During their married life in Heppner, she worked as a waitress at the Elkhorn Cafe, at the Heppner Laundry and at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital as a nurse's aide.

After Durward passed away, Johanne Wood and Peggy Lauritsen cared for Della in Heppner and Johanne took Della on weekly outings to the Heppner Senior Center.

Della continued to live in the Heppner house until 1992 when she moved to Portland to live with her son Jack. In 1994, she moved to an adult foster care home in Portland.

Della enjoyed music, dancing, tending to her home and hosting big family reunions. She was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include children Mae Nichols of Kingston, Washington, Dick Edmondson of Sacramento, California, and Jack Edmondson of Portland; eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters Derris Brown of Dallas, Jessie Tyner of Forest Grove and brother Thomas Daron of Redmond. She was preceded in death by two of her children, Glen Edmondson in 1930 and Leland Edmondson in 1984; and by siblings, Edith Lynam, Alma Freels, Gladys Rammon and Lawrence Nichols.

The family suggests remembrances to the American Cancer Society.

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