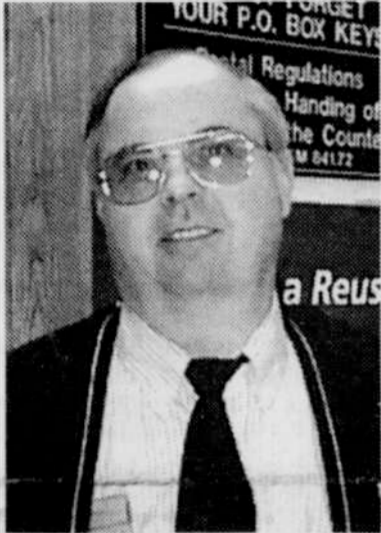


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### Ron Lindner officer in charge at Post Office



Ron Lindner

The Heppner Post Office has a new supervisor. Ron Lindner, 49, Pendleton, took over as officer in charge as of February 6.

Lindner, originally from Pendleton, grew up in Hermiston and graduated from Hermiston High School in 1969.

After four years in the Navy, which included a tour of duty in Vietnam, Lindner returned to Pendleton and got his first job with the Post Office on June 14, 1977.

For 17 years he worked as a clerk on a letter sorting machine from 7 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. The shift enabled him to be home with his children in the afternoon. He spent two years working the midnight to 8 a.m. shift before attending window training. He was a window relief clerk for around three years before moving to full time.

Lindner took additional training at the Pendleton Post Office to qualify for his current position at Heppner. The temporary position as officer in charge will afford Lindner more training for advancement of his Postal career. Once his indefinite training period is over he will

### Report due on city hall/ library

The final report on the proposed new city hall and library building will be presented to the public this Friday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the dining room at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. The public is invited to attend.

### HJH plans dance

A Heppner Junior High School dance will be held at the school this Thursday, March 8, from 6:30-10 p.m.

### Teen dance set during St. Pat's

A teen dance will be held in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Celebration at Heppner High School on Friday, March 16, from 9 p.m. to midnight.

return to his position as window clerk in Pendleton.

"Heppner is a very good office for training purposes," said Lindner. "I think it runs very smooth. We have some excellent clerks." Lindner says the position is more challenging than it appears and involves a lot of administrative work.

Assigned Postmaster at Heppner, Debbie Rutherford, has been detailed to Hermiston to "advance her Postal career," said Lindner.

Former officer in charge,

Karen Hermanns, Irrigon, works at the north end of the county. Carolyn Anderson, also a former officer in charge, is Post Master at Adams.

Lindner and his wife of 25 years, Phyllis, have two children, Brian, 22, who graduated last May from Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, ID, with a degree in social work, and Joy, 20, who is a sophomore at N.W. Nazarene majoring in Christian education and religion. Phyllis is employed as an office nurse with Dr. McBee in Pendleton.

### Dan Dunnett park ranger at Willow Lake



Dan Dunnett

Newcomer to the Heppner area, Dan Dunnett is the U.S. Corps of Engineers Park Ranger at the Willow Creek Lake in Heppner.

Dunnett started in his new position last August. His duties include troubleshooting and repair of 23 weather and flow sensors for the 911 flood warning system, periodic dam maintenance, water outlet gate changes, recreation and natural resource management of The Dalles and John Day pools of the Columbia River and Willow Creek Lake. His job also entails getting involved in the community and is available for Scout groups and school science projects.

Prior to Dunnett coming on board, Lyle Verrall was the maintenance person at the lake. Dunnett says that because of increased automation, not as much maintenance is required.

Dunnett, 44, graduated in 1979 from Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor of science degree in range management. He has been a park ranger for over 15 years, with 13 years at Grapevine Lake, Texas, Ice Harbor Dam in Washington, two years and Willow Creek

Lake since August. He has four children living in Washington and Texas.

"My wife Katie and I live in Heppner and enjoy the small town atmosphere and intend to live here long term," said Dunnett.

"I feel blessed to have this job in Heppner and look forward to meeting more of the citizens," added Dunnett. "Please do not hesitate to say hello to me if you see me in town conducting business or walking between the lake office and my home."

### Youth program planned in county

The Morrow County Youth Program, sponsored by the Morrow County Sheriff's Department, Juvenile Department, Behavioral Health, Commission on Children and Families and the Boardman Police Department, will present Debbie Williams and Vivian Yeung from the Friday Night Live program of California at Morrow County schools.

The Friday Night Live program builds partnerships for positive and healthy youth development by engaging youths as active leaders and resource contacts in the community. Youths will organize and run various programs that are alcohol, tobacco and drug free with the help of parents and mentors from the community.

Motivational speakers will present the programs to the schools on March 20-21. Parents are encouraged to attend the assemblies in their area. For more information on Friday Night Live check their web site at [www.fridaynightlive.org](http://www.fridaynightlive.org).

Assembly dates are as follows: Tuesday, March 20, Columbia Middle School, Irrigon, 9 a.m.; Tuesday, March 20, Riverside High School, Boardman, 1 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 21, Heppner and Ione high schools, 9:30 a.m.

### Musician, story teller to perform during St. Pat's celebration

John Doan, master harp guitarist, storyteller and historian, will perform on Sunday, March 18, at 2 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School auditorium.

The performance is free to the public. Morrow County Unified Recreation District is sponsoring the performance.

According to a news release, John Doan brings "soulful and provocative musical sketches from a pilgrimage to the most sacred sites of the British Isles. 'Thin Places,' as they were called a millennia ago, were believed to be places where the space between heaven and earth, and past and future, were thinly divided. What was found there were breathtaking landscapes, historic ruins and dynamic stories underlying the faith and vision of a people who shaped the world we have come to call our own."

"A Celtic Pilgrimage" is the culmination of years of study and numerous visits to the British Isles. This production began as a musical diary initially recorded as notes and tape recorded sketches as Doan visited various historic sites. At the end of the journey, he spent a year translating this experience into music, producing his second Celtic inspired recording "Wayfarer - Ancient Paths to Sacred Places" to follow his release "Eire - Isle of the Saints" which was voted "Celtic Album of the Year" by the NAV Music Awards.

Doan was an 11-year old living in Venice, California, when he began playing guitar. "Given the setting, it's only natural that his earliest passion was surf music," said the release. He later became interested in classical guitar and earned a degree in music performance from Cal State Northridge. Doan furthered his musical education after moving to Oregon, where he earned a master's in musical education from Western Oregon State and served on the faculty. He studied renaissance lute in Paris and baroque

### Heppner OPB show set March 19

Eugene-based 99 Productions L.L.C., has recently finished production of an original series set to air on Oregon Public Broadcasting. The series, which features the city of Heppner, will begin on Monday, March 19, at 6 p.m.

The series, entitled "ExplOregon," highlights 10 small Oregon towns that were historically prominent at one time.

Besides Heppner, the series explores the following towns: Oakland, Bayocean, Scottsburg, Crescent Lake, Granite, Shaniko, Toledo, Brownsville and Jacksonville.

Each featured town is its own half hour program and is largely told through the eyes of current residents who have experienced the town first hand, or through the stories that they've collected from their ancestors.

According to 99 Productions L.L.C., every year Oregonians lose valuable state history with the passing of its generations. "ExplOregon" has captured many intriguing stories and history from these once prominent towns that Oregonians have probably heard of, but didn't know the whole story," said Tom Doggett, vice president of television programming, Oregon Public Broadcasting. "We are always pleased to work with independent producers and are excited about this new series."

"ExplOregon" may be seen on Oregon Public Broadcasting beginning on Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m. and will continue each Monday through the middle of May. "ExplOregon" is sponsored by The Oregon Forest Industries Council, The Relief Nursery and Courtsports Athletic Club.

A second season of "ExplOregon" is currently underway.



John Doan

lute in The Netherlands. Playing lute set the stage for mastery of his true calling: the harp guitar.

The version of the harp guitar that Doan plays is a 20-string instrument created at the end of the last century in Europe and America. It supplements the standard guitar's six fretted strings with six unfretted sub-bass strings.

The harp-guitar was popular in turn of the century America as a parlor instrument and was available from makers like Gibson and Martin. It gradually fell out of favor but is

now the subject of renewed interest.

Doan has performed with a diverse range of artists from Burl Ives to Larry Carlton, and he has attracted praise guitar luminary Chet Atkins. He has starred in two television specials produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting: "A Christmas to Remember With John Doan" and "A Victorian Christmas With John Doan," which was nominated for an Emmy.

Doan lives near Salem, with his wife Deirdre, where he is an assistant professor of music at Willamette University.

### WCVAL reaches goal



Nancy Vander Does with the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Corporation thermometer. The group met the goal of \$90,000 for WCVAL's USDA grant.

The Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living Facility is one step closer to being built.

The Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Corporation has reached their goal of \$90,000 required for their USDA loan.

The cost to build Willow Creek Terrace will be

\$1,121,000.

The group still needs \$80,000 for the estimated development costs.

"We hope that through more donations, grants, brick sales and memorials, we will reach this goal," said Nancy Vander Does of WCVAL.

### Litter pickup

The next Heppner litter pick up date will be Wednesday, March 14, from 5-6 p.m. This effort will help prepare Heppner for the annual St. Patrick's Celebration March 16-18.

Those planning to participate are asked to use SOLV litter bags and deposit them next to the nearest highway sign for collection by Chamber of Commerce volunteers.

Hazardous items should be marked with an orange flag.

Contact the pick-up coordinator, John Edmundson, 676-5177, if bags or orange flags are needed.

### Math contest planned April 5

The Morrow County School District Math Contest is set for Thursday, April 5, at Heppner Elementary School.

The annual contest gives young mathematicians the opportunity to show their abilities with others from throughout the county.

The qualifying test for home school students in grades four, five and six who wish to participate will be given Monday, March 12, at 8 a.m.

Contact Jannie Allen at Heppner Elementary if your child is planning to attend.

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