

## Paul and June Jones to celebrate 50th



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A 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Paul and June Jones will be held Saturday, May 26, from 2-4 p.m. at the Christian Life Center, 535 West Morgan, in Heppner.

The afternoon will include a special program at 3

p.m.

The couple requests no gifts.

Paul and June have three children, 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Their newest granddaughter, Adrian Lee Stewart, of Hermiston, was born May 10.

## IUCC summer worship hours

Ione United Church of Christ announces its summer schedule of services and workdays.

Sunday morning worship services will begin at 10 a.m. from May 27 through Labor Day. "Sunday school will not meet during the summer; however the services themselves are interesting and appropriate for all ages," said the Rev. Paul Clay.

The service on June 10 will include recognition of the students and teachers that have been a part

of the Sunday school this year.

The church will hold workdays at the Willows Grange Hall from 9 a.m. to at least 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, May 29-30 and June 1, to prepare for the Ione UCC auction and barbecue. Anyone who would like to help is invited. Donations of sellable items are also appreciated.

The 39th Annual Ione UCC Auction and Barbecue will be Saturday, June 2, at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione.

## Spray Rodeo planned May 26-27

The 54th Annual Spray Rodeo will be held this weekend, May 26-27, along with the 36th Annual Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon.

The Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon, a 13.2 mile run from Service Creek to Spray, will begin at 8 a.m. near Service Creek. Water will be available at several locations along the way and the race will end in front of the school at Spray.

A "Buckeroo Breakfast" will be available at the school cafeteria from early morning to 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and will be prepared by the senior class and their mothers to help pay for their senior class trip to Las Vegas.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. at the Spray General Store and will be led by Queen Marie Witt and Grand Marshal Norman "Son" Bain.

The rodeo will feature cowboys and cowgirls from all over the Northwest who are members of the

Northwest Professional Cowboys Association, Idaho Cowboys Association, and Pro-West Rodeo Association. The events will begin with the grand entry at 1 p.m. and will feature the Rodeo Bandits, an all-girl team who will also perform a drill during the rodeo.

The stock will be furnished by B-Bar-D Rodeos. Returning for his fourth year is NPRA Rodeo Announcer of the Year Scott Allen from Klamath Falls.

A rodeo dance will be held at 9 p.m. at the Spray School Gym on Saturday evening with music by "Tetherow Crossing".

A cowboy church service will be held Sunday at 9 a.m. in the rodeo arena grandstands and the final rodeo performance will begin at 1 p.m.

For additional information about the events call (541) 468-2442.

## Spelling contest winners announced

Winners of the 2001 Morrow County School District spelling contest, held May 17 at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon, have been released.

Kate Kendrick from Heppner Elementary School (HES), and Emily Rietmann from Ione Elementary School (IES), tied for first place in Division I. Division II winner was Ryan Campbell, Heppner Junior High School (HJH). Division III winner was Jamie Moore, Riverside High School (RHS), Boardman.

Following is a complete list of winners in each division.

Division I: first a tie between Kate Kendrick, HES, and Emily Rietmann, IES; second Seth Morgan, HES; third Courtney Kemp, Sam Boardman Elementary School (SBE), Boardman; fourth a tie between Tiana Camarillo and Justin Archer, both IES; fifth Juan Ruiz, SBE; sixth a tie between Josh Kramer and Buddy Kennedy, both A.C. Houghton Elementary School (ACH), Irrigon; seventh David Yecha, ACH; eighth Maggie

Armato, HES; ninth Keshia Richmond, SBE.

Division II: first Ryan Campbell, HJH; second a tie between Anita Garcilazo, Columbia Middle School (CMS), Irrigon, and Blair Keithley, HJH; third Laurie Murray, HJH; fourth Kim Morris, Ione Junior High (IJH); fifth Kristin Baldwin, CMS; sixth Kayla LaRue, IJH; seventh Kasie Peterson, IJH.

Division III: first Jamie Moore, RHS; second Jesse Gutierrez, Heppner High School (HHS); third Jennifer Thompson, Ione High School (IHS); fourth Darcy McCormick, RHS; fifth Til Tullis, IHS; sixth Jodie Carlson, HHS.

## Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses:

May 11: Michael Aaron Albee, 24, Hermiston; and Bridgit Alisha Jones, 23, Hermiston.

May 11: J.C. Gardner, 53, Irrigon; and Donna Lea Slayton, 55, Irrigon.

## Memorial Day dinner slated

A Morrow County Memorial Day dinner will be held on Sunday, May 27, at the senior center in Heppner from 1-3 p.m.

There will be a choice of turkey or ham with salads, baked beans, rolls and drink. Dessert is homemade cobbler with ice cream. Cost is \$6, with children under six for \$3.

"Bring the family and visit with old friends," said a spokesperson. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Gazette closed Memorial Day

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed Monday, May 28, for the Memorial Day holiday.

News deadline for the May 30 newspaper will be this Friday, May 25, at 5 p.m. The advertising deadline will remain on Tuesday at noon.

The G-T staff wishes everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day.

## Health District meeting May 29

A regular board meeting of the Morrow County Health District will be held Tuesday, May 29, at 7 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Home Health Conference Room.

The agenda will include the April financials, the USDA loan/grant, hospice contracts, a Morrow County Health Department intergovernmental agreement, the CEO report and an executive session.

## Dryland crop tour June 7

The Morrow County Dryland Crop Tour will be held June 7 from 7 a.m. to noon.

Topics will include: alternative crops, fertilizer placement for spring wheat production, winter and spring

## Births

**Joe Humberto Fernandez**-a son Joe Humberto was born to Olga and Jose Fernandez of Irrigon on April 12, 2001, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz.

**Alexis Alberto Velasquez Meza**-a son Alexis Alberto was born to Teresa Meza and Alberto Velasquez of Boardman on April 13, 2001, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz.

**Madison Kay Bowman**-a daughter Madison Kay was born to Jeannie and Eric Bowman of Irrigon on May 1, 2001, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.

## DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen has released the following report:

-Rafael Ramos-Bererra plead guilty to Assault IV, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 120 days in jail, suspended on the condition that he successfully complete probation conditions, and 24 months bench probation. He was also ordered to have no contact with the victim, complete a domestic violence treatment program and batterer's intervention program, send a letter of apology to the victim and pay \$869 in fines, fees and assessments.

cereal varieties and cheatgrass/goatgrass weed control in winter wheat.

For more information, call the Morrow County Extension office, 676-9642.

## WCCC plans barbecue

The Willow Creek Country Club will hold a family barbecue on Monday, May 28, at 4 p.m. The golfing is for both men and women with the type of play to be determined by the committee in charge.

Each family is asked to bring

their own meat. Those whose last names begin with "L" through "Z" should bring a salad, and "A" through "K", bring dessert.

Hosts will be John and Pat Edmundson, Bob and Suzanne Jepsen, Ray and Norma French, and Phil and Kathy Carlson.

## People asked to walk in cemeteries

The gates at Ione and Lexington cemeteries will be open Saturday, May 26 through Monday, May 28 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. The cemeteries will also be open the following weekend, June 2-3, for those wanting to pick up their flowers.

Visitors are asked to walk in if they are able to do so as each cemetery has a large parking lot with walk-in gates. The cemeteries

are not set up to handle a lot of vehicles, and additionally, when the underground sprinklers were put in, some were put next to the grass driveways. Each Memorial Day weekend, several sprinklers are broken, at a cost of \$20 apiece. Visitors are also asked not to use glass containers for their flowers. Containers will be available to use.

Those with any special requests or complaints may call 454-2105.

## Day Care kids raise funds

Heppner DayCare, Inc. recently held a Hop-A-Thon in association with the Muscular Dystrophy Association's 2001 National Hop-A-Thon Week on March 26-30.

Children raised money for MDA by collecting sponsorships and donations for the number of hops they completed in a two-minute time period. Heppner DayCare raised \$940.83.

This year's theme was "Everybody's Different, Nobody's Perfect." The program was designed

to teach children about neuromuscular disease and help them understand everybody has both talents and limitations. Over 150 daycare centers, preschools and elementary schools participated in the Hop-A-Thon event.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association currently serves more than 700 eastern Washington, north Idaho, and northeast Oregon individuals with a comprehensive program of research, medical and community services, said a news release.

## County seeks group to organize booth

Morrow County is looking for a group or organization to plan, build and organize a Morrow County fair booth for the Oregon State Fair in Salem. Fair dates are Aug. 23 through Sept. 3.

Former entries have showcased the county's agricultural products and history, the continuing industrial developments and the many recreational opportunities.

## HES plans academic awards

The Heppner Elementary Academic Awards Assembly will be held Tuesday, June 5, at 7 p.m. in the HES Gymnasium/Auditorium.

This is an evening to recognize those students who have demonstrated high levels of academic excellence. Students will be recognized for participation in academic competitions or special

activities, for outstanding work or improvement in curriculum areas, or for meeting the benchmark.

The assembly will conclude with the presentation of the Sixth Grade Presidential Awards for Academic Excellence.

Refreshments and a time to visit will be available in the cafeteria following the assembly.

## Century Farm tour set in Umatilla

The Umatilla County Historical Society is holding a Century Farm Tour which will feature six farms in the mid-county region, three refreshment stops and dinner on Saturday, June 2, beginning at 3 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and are asked to meet at the Umatilla County Historical Society parking lot.

Tickets cost \$40 per member and \$45 per non-member. Checks may be mailed to Umatilla County Historical Society, P.O. Box 253, Pendleton, Ore. 97801. Seating is

limited.

For more information, call the historical society museum at 276-0012.

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## ESD plans recognition

Umatilla-Morrow ESD's Early Childhood Special Education Program will hold a community recognition luncheon and program on Tuesday, May 29, at 12 p.m. in the Lodgepole/Ponderosa Room at Umatilla-Morrow ESD. The program will honor the individuals who have donated or provided services to the Early Childhood Special Education classrooms.

"Each year many individuals are generous with their personal or business merchandise and/or their time or expertise," said Cyndie Shepherd, director of Umatilla-Morrow ESD's Developmental Services Department. "For instance, computers, toys, edible items for snacks and equipment have been donated. Others donate their time and expertise by volunteering to work in our classrooms. Others offer help by working on our behalf to solicit services at reduced rates such as our fence building, garden planting, and more."

A certificate and verbal

recognition will be given to all who have donated gifts or provided volunteer services to the program's classrooms.

For more information, contact Tania Wildbill, special projects coordinator at Umatilla-Morrow ESD at 966-3209.

## Fossil schools plan celebration

The Fossil School District has planned a celebration of Fossil schools on Saturday, June 2, from 2-4 p.m. at Fossil Elementary School.

The celebration will commemorate 125 years for the Fossil School District 21, 100 years of high school work, 75 years for the Fossil Elementary School building and 50 years for the Wheeler (County) High School building.

All Fossil Elementary and Wheeler County High School-Wheeler High School attendees are invited to attend.

## PGE employees donate to grant program

Portland General Electric (PGE) has announced a new record of \$46,250 in grants presented to local organizations through the Employee Volunteer Grant (EVG) program for the first quarter of 2001. A total of 111 grants, the largest-ever amount since the program's inception, was awarded to Oregon and southwest Washington nonprofit organizations, schools, youth sports leagues and other programs where PGE employees and retirees volunteer. Grants are distributed quarterly.

The EVG program encourages employees to apply for grants to support their volunteer efforts,

rewarding their time, compassion and determination.

Three grants were awarded in the Heppner area and include: \$500 donated by Keith Hanson to Heppner Little League;

\$500 donated by Gene Crowell to American Legion Post #95;

\$250 donated by Lee Archer to Willow Creek Little League.

Through the EVG program and other charitable activities, PGE focuses on preserving and enhancing the natural environment; educating and supporting a healthy, stable workforce; enhancing and protecting safe, involved neighborhoods; and supporting programs that promote diversity, said a press release.

## Regional Partnership develops investment strategy

The 12-member board of the Baker-Morrow Regional Partnership has been working diligently over the past 12 months to develop an investment strategy for Regional/Rural Investment Funds that they receive through the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECD).

The funds available for the local region to allocate to projects total approximately \$900,000 per biennium, which includes funding for multi-regional projects and staffing costs. Under prior OECD programs, regions primarily used these funds to invest in business development projects and community projects on a first-come first-served basis. While this approach is still being used by some regions in the state and had some degree of success, the Baker-Morrow board has chosen to take a new approach.

The primary problem with the old way of doing business was a lack of strategic focus, or getting good return on the investment. Having been in various partnership alignments over the past six years and witnessing the lack of focused results, the leadership in these two counties has chosen to develop a new approach to applying these limited resources to the needs of the two-county region.

Funding has been set aside to address two areas of strategic focus: the needs of small cities and workforce training. The bulk of the

remaining dollars will be applied to projects or initiatives that can have a more significant impact on the structural economic and community development needs in the region.

In order to determine where the available funds need to be applied this group has developed a two-prong approach. They are working with the local field representatives of the Community Solutions Team representing the five key state development agencies to identify projects of significance to the region. Board members are also meeting in each county to focus on the issues and projects of significance in their county. This board is committed to investing in projects that have a local and/or regional impact worthy of the investment of this scarce resource.

While this new approach is a significant divergence from the way state movies were allocated to projects in the past, the board of the partnership believes that this new approach will have a more significant and lasting impact on the economy and communities in the two counties.

As the historically resource-based economies of Baker and Morrow counties continue to evolve, it is the goal of the partnership to look for new approaches to development that take into account this existing economic base and prepare the counties for new opportunities and future growth.

## Local alumnus receives UI honor

Toni Kemp, Lexington, was awarded the Outstanding Senior in the College of Agriculture at the University of Idaho. She received a cash award for the honor.

Kemp graduated summa cum

laude with an agribusiness degree last weekend.

She is a 1997 graduate of Heppner High School and is the daughter of Gary and Marcia Kemp of Lexington.