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Northwestern Motel has new owner



Manager Alvin Liu and Lynda Crane, owner.

The Northwestern Motel is now under new ownership. Lynda Crane, pastor of Heppner Christian Missionary, purchased the business last month. "We hope to give the people in Heppner good service and our plans are to upgrade down the road," said Crane.

Alvin Liu, a familiar face to Heppner, is the manager. Liu lived in Heppner about seven years ago for about a year and has just graduated from Eastern Oregon University in La Grande with a bachelor in art/multimedia.

Crane's future goals for the building include new linens and some landscaping. "We

would like to put some trees in the RV Park," said Crane who acquired the lot across the street as well.

Liu has future plans for Heppner too. "Something I want to do right away is to have an art gallery and Internet store." Liu feels that Internet is the most powerful way to promote businesses and he is interested in letting the whole world know what Heppner has to offer.

In reference to the way the team was able to take on this venture, Crane and Liu give all the credit to God. "This was an act of God," says Liu, "We have the vision together and a vision for Heppner. God made this happen."

Sports physicals to be given at Pioneer Memorial Clinic

Heppner High School sport physicals will be given at Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 6-7. Boys will be examined on Tuesday and girls on Wednesday. The times are from 4-7 p.m.

Heppner junior high or high school students participating in any extracurricular event now must have a sports physical once every two years. Consequently, all seventh, ninth and 11th grade students must receive a physical

to participate in athletic events.

Heppner High School students will begin fall sports practices for volleyball and football on Monday, August 19. Junior high students will begin practices after school on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Parents must sign a pre-examination form before a student will be given an exam. These forms are available at Heppner High School or Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

Field day

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Brad Bowman helped supervise the seventh grade science class.

Because of the cooperation of the Corp. of Engineers, local landowners, and different grant funding, organizers feel this field day has been a great success every year. Also, funding for substitute teachers and transportation are made available through the Umatilla-Morrow ESD. The coordinators for the field day were Marilyn Johnson, Umatilla-Morrow ESD and Morrow SWCD District Clerk, Merilee McDowell.

Health District to hold meeting

Morrow County Health District will hold a regular board meeting on Monday, June 24, at the Morrow County Annex Room in Irrigon at 7 p.m. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to order at 7 p.m.; 2. Approval of past meeting's minutes; 3. Public Comment; 4. May Financials; 5. New Business-Irrigon Paving Bids; 6. Old Business-Marketing Plan, CEO Evaluation form/criteria and Final adoption of FY 2002-2003 Budget; 7. CEO Report; 8. Executive Session ORS 192.660(1); 9. Other; 10. Adjourn.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes
Chamber Executive Director

Summer has arrived early and new visitors continue to venture our direction. Last week it was a couple from Eugene exploring the backroads of Oregon. This week a couple from Squim, Washington, who were headed toward John Day, but stopped to spend the afternoon in Heppner. Their parting words were, "We'll be back and we're going to send friends your way."

This is good, keep them coming! We need to bring dollars into town to make up for those that are going out of town. Visitors are not the entire answer to the plight of the economy; however, they contribute to keeping it flowing. Visitors are also usually cheerful, having a leisurely time and anxious to visit. In the process of visiting we can share more things to do to entice them to stay and, if the opportunity warrants, discuss the possibility of starting businesses, because Heppner is a great place to live. In addition to family wage earning jobs, wouldn't paddle boats at the lake and miniature golf be a nice addition for all ages? Life can be fun without leaving town.

Columbia Plateau Bike Race is returning to the area again. Friday, June 21 is the day to see these colorful racers depart from Heppner, down Main, toward the Courthouse and out Pilot-Rock Highway 74 (the long way to lone). On Sunday, June 23, they will come racing back into Heppner from Fossil. The race is organized by former lone resident Michelle McElligott and her husband Mark Schwyhart. For more information, call the Heppner Chamber or City of lone.

Countywide Fourth of July activities are coming soon and after that, mark your calendars to "Celebrate Heppner's History" on July 26 all day in Heppner. It's a turn-of-the-century event with costumes, pie baking contest, old-time games, sidewalk sales and music in the park. Start practicing pie baking skills, sewing costumes for kiddie parade, and planning for a Heppner happening. Invite your out-of-town friends and relatives.

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court has a very busy schedule as they kick off the summer. Queen Salli McElligott and Princesses Genia Grant and Julie Proctor gave the Chamber a preview of their outfits and the events ahead as Chamber luncheon guests last Tuesday. These girls are great promoters of Morrow County. The Chamber wishes them well in their travels and congratulates Grand Marshall Bill Gentry.

Thought for the week: "Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to let them alone to do it."

Hospice

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of her life. At Suncoast she was employed as a chaplain and in bereavement follow up.

Willey is contacting people that have already taken the hospice volunteer training to determine their availability and level of interest. PMH will be offering another training course in the near future, as well as establishing bereavement (grief) support groups.

For questions or to volunteer, call Molly Rhea or Robanai Disque at the agency office, 676-2946.

**Ione to honor
911 workers on
July 4th**

"The City of lone in honor of the renewed appreciation and love for country following the horrific events of September 11, has chosen the South Morrow County 911 workers as the Grand Marshals of our annual 4th of July activities," the lone July 4th committee has announced.

The city is inviting everyone "along with emergency vehicles", to "join us for the 'Patriotic Pops' concert on Sunday, June 30th at the lone Amphitheater. The Inland NW Musicians will be bringing a 150 piece symphony orchestra to our stage. This event begins at 1p.m. when red, white and blue sundaes (vanilla ice cream with stawberries and blueberries) will be served.

In addition local artists of all ages will then illustrate "What America Means to Me" in the form of a mural to be carried in the fourth of July parade and displayed on the stage during the Blues Festival.

At 2p.m. will begin the salute to the emergency crews. The symphony begins at 2:15 p.m.

The activities will continue on Thursday, July 4 with the "Red, White and Blues - Banding Together" parade at 11a.m.

**Justice Court
Report**

The Justice Court office at the courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business:

James Alfred Felker, 79, Heppner-Speeding/Violation of the Basic Rule, 78 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$132 fine;

Eberardo Orozco Ramirez, 22, Spray-Speeding/Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$213 fine;

Mitchell Gerald Grove, 18, Baker City-Speeding/Violation of the Basic Rule, 80 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$132 fine;

Albert Lee Osmin, 59, Heppner-Speeding, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$117 fine;

Steve L. Wilson, 26, Lexington-Speeding, 77 mph in a 55 mph zone;

Richard F. Flaiz, 53, Heppner-Driving Uninsured/MVC, \$77 fine;

Matt Adam Looney, 19, Heppner-Possession of Less than One Oz. Marijuana, \$596 fine;

Wilma L. Norton, 45, Heppner-Driving while License Suspended/Infraction, \$359 fine, Failure to Wear Seatbelt, \$59 fine;

Matt Adam Looney, 19, Heppner-DUII-Accident, \$1,298 fine and two days in jail;

Ellen Marie Arbogast, 35, Heppner-Failure to Use Seatbelt, Failure to Change Address, Failure to Change Address on Vehicle Registration, \$177 fine;

Michael Dean Lynch, 43, Lexington-Driving while License Suspended, Driving Uninsured, Failure to Pay Child Support, \$534 fine;

Douglas L. Moyer, 64, Heppner-Failure to Use Seatbelt, \$59 fine.

Marriage Licenses

May 31: Ramon NMN Rodriguez, Jr., 35, Hermiston and Tanja Chere Guerrero, 36, Hermiston.

June 11: Chance LaRoy Dixon, 32, Heppner and Dulice Jo Palmer, 30, Umatilla.

June 14: James Robert Booker, 58, Kennewick and Olga Gorkaryova, 48, Kennewick.

Obituaries

Helen L. Currin

Helen L. Currin, 90, of Heppner died Sunday, June 9, 2002 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Recitation of the Rosary was held June 13 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner and memorial mass was June 14.

Mrs. Currin was born Nov. 16, 1911, to Alonzo and Daisy Shaw Knotts of Pilot Rock. She attended Harmony Grade School on East Birch Creek and graduated from Pilot Rock High School in 1929. She was a member of the first graduating class at Eastern Oregon Normal School (now EOU) in La Grande in 1931. She first taught at Byrd School in Pilot Rock and then taught at Pilot Rock Elementary.

She married George F. Currin on May 27, 1935, at Pendleton. They then moved to the family ranch on Little Butter Creek. She taught at the Pine City School on Butter Creek and substituted in Heppner for many years.

Mrs. Currin belonged to the Morrow County and Umatilla County Historical societies, St. Patrick's Church and Altar Society and the Book Worms in Heppner. She was a member of the Pine City Home Extension group for 50 years and served as superintendent of several departments at the Morrow County Fair.

She is survived by her sons, Ron Currin and Tom Currin of Heppner; grandsons, Ron Currin, Steve Currin, Tony Currin, Ryan Currin and Jeff Currin; granddaughter, Jennifer Gutridge, and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1989, grandson Mike Currin in 1990; brothers Clayton Knotts and Alonzo Knotts and sister Elizabeth "Princey" Burns.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Morrow County Historical Society, P.O. Box 325, lone, OR 97843 or to St. Patrick's Altar Society, 60800 Highway 207, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Frances E. Metz

Frances E. Metz, 85, of Richfield, Minnesota died Sunday, June 9, 2002.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 12, 2002 at Woodlake Lutheran Church in Richfield, Minnesota, with interment at Dawn Valley Memorial Park in Bloomington, Minnesota.

She was born October 3, 1916, on the family farm, near Montevideo, Minnesota, the youngest of four children. She graduated from Montevideo High School at the age of 16.

She graduated from the Minnesota School of Business in 1934 and worked as a secretary for Reinhart Brothers in Minneapolis. In later years, she worked as a dental receptionist and assistant in Edina, Minnesota.

In retirement, she volunteered at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina and received her 2000-hour pin in 2002.

She was an active member and treasurer of the Senior Group at Woodlake Lutheran Church in Richfield.

Survivors include daughters, Wendy Pommerening and husband Gerald, of Hastings, Minnesota, Sandra Malm and husband Roger of Hollock, Minne-

sota; son, Rev. R.G. "Dick" Metz of Redmond; sisters, Myrtle Anderson of Dawson, Minnesota and Clarice Lehr, of Burnsville, Minnesota; brother, Orton Thomton of Bemidji, Minnesota; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Morris Nilsen Funeral Chapel of Richfield, Minnesota was in charge of arrangements.

Jean E. Stranix

Jean E. Stranix, 85, of Corvallis, died Monday, June 10, 2002 at her home in Corvallis.

At her request, no services will be held.

She was born June 30, 1916, in Condon to George and Robena Parman. She was raised and educated in Condon, attended OSU and graduated with a degree in education. She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She began her teaching career in Silverton High School in 1938.

She met Robert Stranix and they were married on June 16, 1940, in Kansas City, Missouri before he departed for WWII.

After the war, they had two children, moved to Pendleton to operate a clothing store and raise their children. They moved to Corvallis in 1970.

Mrs. Stranix was a life member of the Duplicate Bridge players association and she enjoyed crossword puzzles and watching hummingbirds outside her living room window.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Robert Stranix of Corvallis; and sons, Robert E. Stranix of Corvallis and William G. Stranix of Woodland, California.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or Benton County Hospice.

DeMoss-Durdan Garden Chapel of Corvallis was in charge of arrangements.

Calvin "Cal" Louis Reiniger

Calvin "Cal" Louis Reiniger, 77, of Portland, died Sunday, June 9, 2002 at his home in Portland.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 13, 2002 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Portland. Private interment was held at Rose City Cemetery in Portland.

Cal Reiniger was born May 28, 1925, in Wenatchee, Washington, to Karl and Mona Reiniger.

He moved to Portland in 1940. On June 23, 1946, he married Ruth Ransom.

In his professional life, he was the general manager of Houston's Inc. for 23 years, and in 1971 he founded Bar Supply Brokerage (BSB) and was a pioneer of re-distribution of bar and restaurant supplies in the Western U.S., retiring in 1999.

Cal was an avid hunter and fisherman with a particular passion for his bird dogs and pheasant hunting. He hunted annually in Heppner. He was an enthusiastic supporter of youth activities including scouting, hunter safety and was very involved with the Rose City Little League where he was president in 1970 and 1971.

Cal and his wife, Ruth, enjoyed traveling the world with trips to Europe, Russia, Mongolia, China, Australia and New Zealand as well as touring the U.S. with their Airstream Travel Club

Survivors include wife, Ruth; and children, Roger, Karl, Martha Johnston, Herbert, Gretchen Yuchym and Rudie; brother Noel; sister Donna Hansen; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Rose City Cemetery and Funeral Home of Portland was in charge of arrangements.

DA's Report

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

-Peter John Lesbo, 51, plead guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants. Lesbo's license was suspended for one year and he was sentenced to two years of probation, 90 days in jail and \$1,534 fine.

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Thanks Devin Oil!
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Back Row L-R: John Rietmann, Matt Hams, Aidan Burt, Dalton Campbell, Clay Morter, Corey Peterson, Brenna Rietmann, Craig Hams. Front Row: Matt Coleman, Justin Key, Paul Hams, R.J. Ramos, Lynzee Sjurchek

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