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**School Superintendent** *continued from page one*

"I have lots of experience in districts and communities of this size and I enjoy the desert," says Crippen, explaining what drew him here.

He discussed with the Gazette several challenges that he thinks he will face as superintendent here—the most difficult being financing. "The biggest challenge in education as a whole in Oregon is financing," he said, "The downdraft in the economy has certainly pointed out the need we have for a more stable funding source. A lot of the challenges are money related. In this particular community, population is down in the south end and up in the north end." Crippen also mentioned the struggle of trying to provide the education necessary for a 21<sup>st</sup> century graduate and trying to keep up with the rapid changes. "Even that, unfortunately, comes back to money and creating a situation in the district where income is not exceeded by expenses."

Crippen says that there are already the personalities in place to help his job run smoothly. "We have a good staff. The educators are highly intelligent and creative people. So far, I've found a concerned populace that is interested in education. You have people talking to you (about ways to better education here). If a solution is to be had, we will certainly find it."

Concerning the resignation of the newly hired principal for Heppner schools, Crippen said that the board accepted his resignation at the school board meeting on July 8. Lester McCormick moved to Alaska to take job at a larger school. "It obviously was a bit of a shock," he said.

The board has offered a contract to Wade Smith of Long Creek, who will be hired on Wednesday, July 17. His first day of employment will be August 1.

**Engagement**  
*Ingraham - Pupo*



Casey Ingraham and Anthony Pupo

Sally and Mark Brosnan of Heppner and Michael and Wendy Ingraham of Birkenfeld announce the engagement of their daughter, Casey Johanna Ingraham of Birkenfeld, to Anthony Lee Pupo, also of Birkenfeld.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Heppner High School and is currently attending Portland State University with hopes of transferring to Oregon Health Sciences Center to pursue a degree in nursing.

Pupo, the son of Sandra Pupo

of Athena and Tim and Rose Pupo of Weston, is a graduate of Weston-McEwen High School and of Eastern Oregon University. He teaches at Vernonia High School.

The couple plans a July 27, 2002 wedding at The Dalles Civic Auditorium.

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**McDaniel reunion**

The McDaniel family will be having a reunion on Sunday, July 21, at Anson Wright Park. They will begin the meal at 1 p.m. The McDaniel family and any other relations are invited and everyone is asked to bring a dish.

**Student graduates from Georgetown**

James Sharp, son of Joe and Marianne Sharp of Dayton and grandson of Pat Pettyjohn of Lone and Gilbert and Jesse Sharp of Prineville, graduated Cum Laude from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. on May 18 with a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from the Emmett McDonough School of Business.

Sharp spent his first two years on the Georgetown campus. He attended the London School of Economics his junior year then spent the summer attending the University of Hong Kong. His senior year was spent on the Georgetown campus.

During four of the six semesters on the Georgetown campus, James achieved Second Honors, or Dean's list standing. He worked at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland his first two years and at the National Allergy and Asthma Foundation in D.C. his senior year. He also played starting center blocker on the Georgetown men's varsity volleyball team his senior year.

After graduation, Sharp will return to the West Coast for a position as an audit accountant with the firm of PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

**Open Horse show features many classes**

The Morrow County Open Horse Show will take place in Heppner on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$25 for all day for one horse and rider combination. Classes such as Showmanship, Halter, Jumping and Driving will be featured. High Point silver buckles will be awarded in 15 and under, 16 and over and Green Horse and \$15 gift certificates will go to first place winners in Main Show.

A Kids Fun Show will also take place and will feature a boot race, gunnysack race, egg and spoon race and other events. The entry fee for the Kids Show is \$10 for all day. "Everybody's a winner. Every kid gets a prize," said Liz Pettibone, coordinator.

Pettibone said that donations of time, money and help would be much appreciated. "We had incredible support from sponsors last year from the Morrow County community," said a spokesperson, "there were 45 participants last year and we'd love to have more this year."

Concessions will be available and interested persons should call Liz Pettibone at 676-5371 or Mary West at 676-5273 for a full list and schedule of events and list of rules.

**Jack and Jill golf tournament**

The Willow Creek Country Club golfers will have a Jack and Jill mini-tournament on Friday, July 19 at 6 p.m.

The activity will involve male and female couples playing in a nine-hole modified couples type of play with the format determined by the committee in charge.

There will be prizes for low scores and special events. Cost will be \$3 per couple for members and \$10 per couple for non-members.

Light snacks will be provided. Hosts are Russ Morgan, Dana Reid, Stub Lewis and Sheri Stahl.

**Obituaries**

**Billy Davis Ayers**

Billy Davis Ayers, 71, of Lone died July 3, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. A memorial service was held on July 11 at the Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. A private inurnment was held.

Mr. Ayers was born on January 23, 1931 in Ohio. He lived in Baker and later Dayton, Washington before moving to Heppner. He had lived in the Heppner-lone area for the last 30 years. He worked in farming and at the Kinzua Lumber Mill in Heppner until it closed and he retired.

He enjoyed music, dancing and traveling.

Survivors include his sons, Tom Ayers of Boardman, Frank Ayers of Alaska, James Ayers of Idaho; daughters: Janette Gowan of Boardman and Denise Bradshaw of Virginia; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, J.D. and Ruth Ayers.

Those who wish may make contributions to the American Cancer Society at 7325 W. Deschutes Ave. Suite A, Kennewick, Washington 99336.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of the arrangements.

**Louise E. Wood**

Louise E. Wood, 88, of Eugene and formerly of Heppner, died July 10, 2002, at Eugene. A private family graveside service will be held at the Lexington Cemetery.

Mrs. Wood was born February 14, 1914 to Ernest and Ida Seiler Moyer of Heppner. She attended school at Heppner and college at Oregon State University. She graduated with a degree in education and taught school for many years.

She and John W. Wood were married on May 23, 1943 at Great Falls, Montana. The Woods lived at Enterprise and Heppner before moving to Eugene six years ago. Mrs. Wood was a member of the United Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxiliary. She liked to sew and garden.

Mrs. Wood was preceded in death by her husband in 1998; a brother, James Moyer and sister, Lucille Owens. Survivors include a son, Walt of Eugene; grandchildren, Elisabeth, John and Timothy; sisters, Caroline Moyer of Portland and Miriam Carmichael of Santa Barbara, California.

Memorial contributions may be made to a hospice program of choice. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of the arrangements.

**Dorcas R. Stewart**

Dorcas R. Stewart, 53, of Edgemont, S.D., a former resident of Heppner and Hermiston, died July 9, 2002, at her home in Edgemont. The funeral was July 13 at the United Church in Edgemont and a graveside service was held at Pleasant View Cemetery in Stanfield on July 16.

Miss Stewart was born to James and Ruth Sell Stewart on June 5, 1949 at Hot Springs, S.D., until moving to Hermiston her junior year where she completed high school. She attended Eastern Oregon College at La Grande for four years and later taught school at Heppner three years. She attended Bible school at Phoenix, Arizona for four years and earned a degree in ministry. She worked as a

supervisor at Boswell Hospital in Sun City, Arizona for 25 years. Because of illness, she returned to Edgemont in September 2001.

Survivors include her mother, Ruth Stewart of Edgemont; brothers, Dallas and Douglas of Edgemont; and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, James Stewart and a nephew, Ronald

Stewart. Memorial contributions may be made to an established fund benefiting the Edgemont Ambulance Service.

McColley's Chapel of the Hills is in charge of the arrangements. The address is 502 Sixth Avenue, Edgemont, SD 57735.

**Physical Therapist comes to Heppner**



Physical Therapy staff: Lori Lyttle, Judy Norris and Allan Smith.

By Sarah Collier

After four years, Heppner has a licensed physical therapist on staff again. (Eric) Allan Smith began working at Pioneer Memorial Clinic in January. Smith, who is from Olympia, WA, attended college at Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City, receiving a bachelor degree in Health and Human Performance. He then obtained his masters in physical therapy from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, graduating in December 2001. Smith has been married to his wife, Jennifer, a stay-at-home-mom, for 10 years. "She worked me through college—she deserves a break after 10 years," said Smith.

The Smith's have two children: Christian, 7 and Katie, 2 1/2. Jennifer has an associate degree in child development and

has been the director of several different preschools.

In his spare time, Smith enjoys golfing, and other sports, but soccer more than anything. He also loves to spend time with his family.

"He's a wonderful family man and a darn good boss. We are happy to have the whole family here," said coworker, Judy Norris.

Smith mentioned the lack of a gym here in Heppner, but described a solution. Within a few weeks, he will open the Physical Therapy area to allow people to exercise and use the equipment in the evenings.

"I'm trying to be more available," says Smith, "before, (a therapist was available) only a couple days a week. Smith's hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Thursday he is in Condon and Fossil.

**Former Heppner man featured in Asics ads**



David Harrison, 73, is a competitive runner and a nationally recognized Asics spokesperson.

By Sarah Collier

David Harrison, a former Heppner resident and manager of Columbia Basin Electric Company, has been chosen as a spokesperson for Asics athletic wear. The 73-year-old runner will

be featured in several advertisements and publications throughout the year and is already a familiar face to athletes all over the nation and beyond. Harrison's ads have run in publications such as Outside and Inside Triathlon and he was on ESPN, a national television sports channel, on July 8.

Harrison, the father of Lexington resident, Kelly Boyer, contributed to Heppner sports during his time here. He coached Little League and helped start up the girls softball program. Harrison is a member of the Oregon Track Club, Oregon Road Runners Club and the Clark County Running Club. Harrison runs 1300 miles and participates in 50 competitive runs every year.

**Death Notice**

**Charles J. Doherty**  
Charles J. Doherty, 87, of Lone, died Sunday, July 14, 2002 at Pendleton.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held Friday, July 19, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, July 20, 2002 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Concluding service and interment will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

A complete obituary will be in next week's Heppner Gazette-Times.

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