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**Obituaries**

**Gertrude Mildred Frye**

Gertrude Mildred Frye, 96, of Irrigon, died Wednesday, August 7, 2002, at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

It was her request that no funeral service be held. Disposition was by cremation.

Mr. Frye was born July 3, 1906, at San Francisco, California.

She was a homemaker and mother. She loved knitting, rock hounding and fishing with her late husband, Harvey. The couple were residents of the Irrigon area for over 30 years.

Mrs. Frye was the last of 18 siblings. Her husband, Harvey, died February 2, 2002, and her only daughter, Beverly Frye, died January 5, 1998. There are no survivors.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

**Robert Ernest Ferrell**

Robert Ernest Ferrell, 84, of Enterprise, died July 31, 2002, at Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service was held August 10, 2002, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Enterprise.

Mr. Ferrell was born May 31, 1918, to Ernest W. and Edna Ferrell in Klondike, Oregon. He grew up on the family farm in Wasco and graduated from The Dalles High School at the age of 16.

He married Mildred Hattenhauer of The Dalles on January 12, 1941, in The Dalles. They were apart the four years he served in the U.S. Army artillery in North Africa and Italy during World War II.

After the war, he attended the University of Oregon and returned to work for First National Bank of Oregon in Condon, Union and Hood River.

He was the manager of the First National Bank in Heppner in the 1950s before becoming the manager of the Moro branch in 1957. In 1960, he was promoted to manager of the Enterprise branch and retired from there in 1974.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge and was a lay reader in St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

He enjoyed fishing and bird hunting, especially duck and pheasant hunting, with his German Shorthair dogs.

He and his wife enjoyed golfing together. Upon retirement, they wintered in Tempe, Arizona, for over a decade.

He was preceded in death by his wife Millie in 1988 and by his sisters, Irma Morrison of The Dalles and Elda Clough of Tule Lake, California.

Survivors include his daughters, Nancy Ingram and Judy Fletcher; grandchildren, Rob, Mandi and Ashley Anderson of Enterprise, Melissa Bohnenkamp of Bend, Megan Berry of Baker City; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of the Bollman Funeral Home of Enterprise.

**Virden A. Hellums**

Virden A. "Slim" Hellums, 88, of Hermiston, formerly a long-time Heppner resident, died Sunday, August 4, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

At his request, no service was

held. Disposition was by cremation.

Mr. Hellums was born January 19, 1914, at Corvallis to John and Flavia Miner Hellums. He was raised and attended school at Echo where he graduated from high school.

On May 19, 1934, he married Rose J. Motheny at Walla Walla, Washington.

He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II between 1943 and 1946.

The Hellums lived at Echo and at Pendleton for a number of years. They also lived at American Falls, Idaho, for 12 years before moving to Heppner in 1972.

During the next 18 years, the couple spent their winters in Southern California and Arizona.

Rose Hellums died in 1992.

On May 3, 1996, he married Helen Schaffitz, at Shaniko. They lived at Heppner until 2000 when they moved to Hermiston.

Mr. Hellums was a building contractor for many years. He worked for and later owned McCormack Construction Company.

His first construction job was working on Bonneville Dam. He designed and built potato sheds during his years in Idaho. He worked as a deputy sheriff in Umatilla County during the early 1960s and had been an active Pendleton Round-Up volunteer and had served as grounds director in the 1950s.

He was proud of the fact he had climbed Mt. Hood.

Mr. Hellums had been a member of Rotary, Elks, American Legion and Main Street Cowboys.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Hellums of Hermiston; son, Virden "Scoop" Hellums of Portland; daughters, Marilene "Janie" Rimensberger of Ojai, California, and Elizabeth "Liz" Burke of Hermiston; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Oregon affiliate, 1425 N.E. Irving Street, Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97232-4201.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

**Chamber Chatter**

by Claudia Hughes  
Chamber Executive Director

Heppner Chamber welcomes Snyder, Seydel, Lewis, Poe & Moeller LLC, certified public accountants operating out of LaGrande, as its newest member. Brent Gunderson, raised in Heppner and known to many, is employed by the firm. It's great to see Heppner's young adults doing business close to home. This is why the Chamber and Willow Creek Valley Economic Development works diligently to grow new businesses in our area.

The community and county welcomes one and all as they "Discover the Centennial Spirit" during the 80th Celebration, in full swing as you read this. And what spirit Morrow County has: organizational spirit, historic spirit, business spirit, community spirit and Chamber spirit. All these come together to help make Heppner a special place where visitors are welcome and people share successes and failures, happiness and sadness, struggles and triumphs. It's about small town living and celebrating. Whether you are volunteering, taking care of 4-H livestock, working in a booth, putting on or entering the parade, rodeoing, etc., savor the moments.

Human brains are an amazing part of the body, but puzzling to figure out. Why is it that only portions of what one needs to remember is expelled and then, two or three days later when you are mindlessly petting your cat, a message jumps out reminding you of something you forgot? That would be what happened a week after "Celebrate Heppner". Zap ...the music in the park with Joe and Leann Lindsay, brought about by the efforts of the Willow Creek Valley Service Club and the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. It was a great ending to a successful day and all involved are to be commended. Forgive the brain cells for shorting out. Computers on overload don't always function well. Hear them again at the Thursday night's fair festivities put on by Murray's Country Rose.

Keep those parade entries coming. Spectators will enjoy a performance by the Round-Up City Cloggers prior to the parade. With that, the Heppner Chamber of Commerce wishes one and all a great weekend "Discovering The Centennial Spirit." Thought for the week: "Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." -Anonymous

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**Friendships bridge the Pond-thanks to the Boggart!**



From left to right: top row-Paula Auchterlonie, Ewan Nicoll, Bruce Gilchrist; middle row-Emma Moore, James Beck, Thomas Stackhouse, Pablo Belastegi, Heppner Elementary School teacher Jannie Allen; front row-Sher Crawford, Catriona Smith, Lewis Fraser.

(Editor's note: Heppner Elementary School teacher Jannie Allen and her husband Dick, former Heppner and Lone school principal recently returned from six weeks in Scotland, where a cousin lives. The following article appeared in the Blairgowrie Advertiser, the local newspaper.)

A boggart is responsible for the birth of long-distance friendships between pupils at Hill Primary School in Blairgowrie, Scotland, and their counterparts at Heppner Elementary School in Heppner, Oregon.

In January, the Oregon children began reading a novel written by author Susan Cooper entitled "The Boggart". The story involves a make-believe castle called Castle Keep near Port Appin, which is home to an age-old spirit known simply as The Boggart.

Interest in Scotland grew as the pupils celebrated the birthday of Robert Burns, complete with a piper in full Highland dress, tea, shortbread and haggis. Scottish songs were sung, Scottish television documentaries viewed and famous Scots from William Wallace to Greyston's Bobby were discussed in detail.

With this great interest in all things Scottish at its height, Oregon teacher Janet Allen thought her pupils might like to correspond with children in Scotland. Blairgowrie was the obvious choice, as Allen's family hails from Blairgowrie. Her great-grandfather was artist William Geddes, her grandmother lived in Blairgowrie until going to the United States at age 30, and her cousin Jennifer Woods still calls Blairgowrie "home". Allen also has a pen-pal of her own, Audrey Penny of H.W. Irvine Butchers. Phone calls to Woods and Penny put Janet in touch with the headmaster of the Hill Primary (elementary school in Blairgowrie), Mr. Bryan Massie.

The letters were mailed from Oregon full of information about school, families, hobbies, books, television and sports. All types of questions about life in Scotland were asked, from "Do you believe in the Loch Ness monster?" to

"Do you read Harry Potter?" The young people in Oregon anxiously awaited letters from Hill Primary and were so excited when they arrived. Hill Primary teachers Miss Knight and Mr. Poole had their classes answer the letters from Oregon. Many pupils involved continue to write, and several use e-mail to stay in touch.

While on holiday recently in Blairgowrie, Allen found that one of the pen-pals, Bruce Gilchrist, lives right over the garden wall from her cousin. (Gilchrist is Heppner Elementary School student Sean Murray's pen pal.) Bruce arranged a meeting in the Wellmeadow on July 25 between the Oregon teacher and the Scotland pupils.

The pictures and the story in the Blairgowrie Advertiser will also appear in the local newspaper in Heppner.

"Six thousand miles doesn't seem very far away, as the new friends found that kids are kids, whether in Oregon or Scotland," said Jennifer Woods.

The group at the Wellmeadow included James Beck, Ewan Nicoll, Bruce Gilchrist, Catriona Smith, Emma Moore, Paula Auchterlonie, Sher Crawford, Pablo Belastegi, Lewis Fraser and Mrs. Janet Allen, right, from Heppner Elementary School, Oregon.

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**John and Ann Murray win state pharmacist of the year award**



John and Ann Murray with pharmacist of the year plaque

John and Ann Murray, owners of Murray's Drug in Heppner, have won the Oregon State Pharmacists Association Pharmacist of the Year award.

The award was presented at the OSPA annual meeting held at Salishan Lodge near Lincoln City on June 22. Unfortunately, the Murrys were unable to be present to receive their honor.

"It's normally a difficult decision, but in this case the board made their decision right away," said Tom Holt, OSPA executive director, concerning the Murrys' selection. "The primary reason was their public stand regarding cuts in state Medicaid reimbursement. They spoke out at a time when it made a difference. It's not always an easy thing to do. It's not easy to speak out publicly."

Holt said that OSPA has around 800 members throughout the state, including pharmacy owners as well as pharmacist employees of chain stores, hospitals and other organizations.

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**Gun Club to hold shoot**

The Morrow County Gun Club will hold a shoot at the Ruggs Ranch shooting range on Saturday, Aug. 24, beginning at 9 a.m. This shoot is open to the public, not just MCGC members. Cost will be \$50 for the day and will include lunch. Shells may be purchased on-site for an additional cost.

Those interested in shooting or for more information, contact Sandi Day at 676-5275 or Mark Schlichting at 989-8525 to reserve a spot in the shoot.

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