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**In the Service Justice Court**

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Shawn R. McKimmy, son of Marli Gordon of Texas City, Texas, and Scott McKimmy of Boardman, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, McKimmy learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. McKimmy also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Graduates' newly acquired skills and knowledge will enable them to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. McKimmy's first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with his training, McKimmy can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections.

McKimmy is a 2002 graduate of Dickinson Independent District School of Webster, Texas, and joined the Navy in August 2002.

**Marriage Licenses**

The Morrow County Clerk's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner has released the following report:

April 8: Blas R. Zapata, 25, Boardman, and Areli Alvarez, 30, Boardman; Carlos Barragan, 59, Hermiston, and Ester Mendoza, 49, Hermiston.  
April 11: Gary Dean Buchanan, 30, Hermiston, and Kristina Michelle Gray, 25, Hermiston.

**Obituaries**

**Marjory Alta Berry O'Harra**

Marjory Alta (Berry) O'Harra of Canby, OR, died April 5, 2003.

Mrs. O'Harra was born March 17, 1924, in Dayton, WA, the daughter of Raymond and Alta (Davidson) Berry. She was an LPN and worked in various hospitals and doctor's offices within Washington and Oregon. She was very active in the Altar Guild of the Episcopal Church and was a member of the Eastern Star. She had a great love of life, family, and the outdoors. She especially enjoyed horse back-packing into the wilderness of the Wenaha.

Mrs. O'Harra is survived by her husband, Willard O'Harra of Canby, OR; daughters, Kathleen Ray-Annis of Vancouver, WA, Melodic Trusty of Sentinal Butte, ND, Margaret "Pattie" O'Harra of Orting, WA, and Mary Colleen Bushnell of Bonney Lake, WA; son, Raymond O'Harra of Deer Island, OR; step-daughters, Katie O'Harra of Estacada, OR, and Christine O'Harra of Spokane, WA; sisters, Laura Turner of Dayton, WA, and Glenna Oliver of Caldwell, ID; brother, Cecil Berry of Kennewick, WA; grandchildren, Perry Hughes, Scott and Kelly Banks, Nancy Blegen, Carlene Johnston, Casey Q'Harra, Sean, Patrick and Jonathan Ahern, Murry and Patrick Bushnell, and great-grandchildren, Raymond Berry, Stephanie and Tony Dowde, Trillity and Chantel Blegen and MacKensie Johnston.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Wesley "Jack" Ray, a stepdaughter, Marlene Sue (O'Harra) Ahern and grandsons, Rick and Russell Berry.

It was her wish to be cremated with no special services and to have her ashes scattered in the wind around the area of her youth.

Arrangements were under the direction of Canby Funeral Chapel.

**Norman E. Swanson**

Norman E. Swanson, formerly of Ione, died April 8, 2003. Funeral services were held April 16 at St. Pius X Church, 1280 N.W. Salzinan Rd. An informal reception followed the services.

Mr. Swanson was born on September 10, 1913, in Ione. He was raised in Ione and graduated from Ione High School. After two years attending college at Willamette University, he completed his education at the University of Oregon and went on to a career as a C.P.A. in Portland. He was a well-known and highly respected C.P.A. for 50-plus years in Portland. He

had a variety of community interests. He was past president of the Oregon Society of CPAs, president of the Aero Club, president of the Portland Execs and had a 35-40 year membership in SERTOMA. He also enjoyed returning to his roots in Eastern Oregon where he loved to hunt both pheasant and deer, and visit family.

According to the family, he was great husband, father and friend who will be terribly missed by all who knew him and loved him.

Survivors include his wife, Dena; sons, Norman, Bill and Jerry Swanson; daughters Marie Goins, Jo Woodward, Debra Stout, Linda De Clerck and Sandra Brock; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and locally, Irene Swanson, Ken and Jean Ann Turner, Heppner, and Jim and Monica Swanson, Ione.

Remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Births**

**Brody Wyatt Sowards**- a son, Brody Wyatt, was born March 29, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Misti S. and Darrell W. Sowards, Jr., of Irrigon.

**Anessia Gutierrez**- a daughter, Anessia, was born April 1, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Elizabeth and Manuel Gutierrez of Boardman.

**Allyson Jean Maddern**- a daughter, Allyson Jean, was born April 7, 2003, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton to Jeremy and Janet Maddern, Pendleton. The baby weighed 8 lbs., 13 oz and measured 21-1/2 inches long. She joins sisters, Molly, 15, and Desiree, five. Grandparents are William and Sally Maddern, Heppner, and Daniel and Glo Jim, Pendleton. Great-grandparents are Mildred and Fred Breeding, Heppner.

**55 Alive class scheduled**

AARP and Blue Mountain Community College have scheduled a 55 Alive Class for Tuesday, April 22, at the Columbia Basin Electric conference room in Heppner. The class will run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with a break for lunch.

55 Alive is classroom instruction for drivers age 55 and over, stressing laws and safety. Most insurance companies offer premium discounts to drivers age 55 and over who have completed the class. The cost of the class is \$10, payable to AARP on the day of the session.

Pre-register by contacting Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator, 422-7040, or John and Judi Swanson, instructors, 922-9568. Pre-registration is required as a minimum enrollment must be met for the instructors to travel to Heppner.

**Eugene mayor plans Heppner visit**

The mayor of Eugene, Jim Torrey, has planned a town meeting to discuss statewide education funding this Thursday, April 17, at 1 p.m. at Heppner City Hall. He has also scheduled a meeting with Morrow County School District Superintendent Dr. Jack Crippen.

Torrey plans to visit every county in Oregon to meet with locals concerning the education funding crisis. "I honestly believe that the most important service government can provide is education," said Torrey. He says he hopes to seek input from citizens around the state concerning: the importance of school funding; the quality education model; the CIM and CAM; citizens' willingness to support a local option tax; and creation of a special panel to address the education funding crisis.

Everyone is invited to attend.

**Arts and crafts club to meet**

The Morrow County Creative Arts & Crafts group plans to meet Thursday, April 24, starting at 1 p.m. at GD's Restaurant banquet room.

The agenda will include discussion on the group's yearly trip. This year's trip will include a visit to the Oregon Gardens and other sites to be determined. The group will also decide whether the trip will be for two or three nights. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Betty Crosswhite's workshop in oils is planned for this month. This year's class is on Irish cottages and sail boats and is a good class for those starting to paint in oils. To sign up or for more information, contact Betty Mills, 676-5546.

Robert and Robin Walton are painting on the mural at the Ag Museum. Everyone is invited to stop by to see the mural in progress, especially noting the wool wagons and the importance of sheep in the county. The next half of the mural, including depictions of sheep ranches and the railroad depot, still needs a lot of funding, says Mills. Donations for the project may be made at Klamath First or at the Ag Museum on weekends.

**Handicapped programs topic of Lex Grange**

Suzanne Tosten, director of the Horizon Project of Umatilla County, will be the featured speaker at the Lexington Grange meeting planned for Monday, April 21, at the grange hall. Tosten will speak on the Horizon Project, which provides programs which allow the handicapped to become more self-sufficient.

A potluck supper will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the program to follow.

**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes, Executive Director

What is the Heppner Chamber up to these days? It continues to strive to create a positive environment where business, people and community thrive. How do we do this? By keeping the lines of communication open, offering trainings, sponsoring events to bring visitors to Heppner, creating a new Chamber web page with links to members businesses; marketing events and activities in the area; promoting events put on by other organizations; answering requests, and the list goes on.

The new Chamber website is up and running with only a few glitches to be ironed out. Visit it at [www.heppner.net/chamber](http://www.heppner.net/chamber). Plans are underway for the School Candidates Public Forum to be held Tuesday, April 29 at Heppner High School cafeteria. An ad has been prepared for the Visitor Guide; the new Heppner brochures are being sent to visitor centers; and another customer service training is being planned.

Life is never dull where the Heppner Chamber is concerned. It's all about making Heppner the place to do business and the place to relax, recreate, relocate and retire. We invite your membership. We also invite volunteers interested in answering the phone, picking up mail, and assisting, to stop by the Chamber.

Chamber's newest members are: Keith Brudevold - Heppner United Methodist Church; individuals Cyde Estes, Nancy Snider; and Dobyns Pest Control. Welcome. Most recent renewing members are: Kay Fowler of Hair Expressions; Morrow SWCD; Willow Creek Realty - Joyce Kay Hollomon; Hayden Family Dentistry, and Commuter Cafe - Pam Schmidt.

This week's Third Tuesday included discussion on getting along with difficult people. That would be all of us at some point or another. There are no easy answers, but there are skills to assist on both sides of the counter. Sometimes customers deliver "gifts", other times, "whiplash". Often someone perceived as "difficult" may just be off in another zone, have a personality conflict, be in a huge hurry, or does not mean to be difficult, but is dealing with personal issues. Therefore, one should not take the difficult person to heart and let it ruin his day; rather recognize the challenge to get under the "difficult" skin and coax a smile. If unable to do so, then it is really the "difficult" person who loses. It all comes down to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Monica Coleman, who has given her all since October in the Chamber office, is moving from Heppner. The Chamber has been fortunate to benefit from her computer web skills, high energy and ideas. We wish her luck as she moves forward with the growth of her business in Eugene.

Mark your calendars: Business 2003 in Pendleton - April 22 (Chamber will also meet that day for a conference call with Senator David Nelson; April 29 - National Volunteer Week (members, bring a volunteer to lunch); and that evening attend a School Board Candidates Forum.

Thought for the week: "One of the nice things about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, someone else does."

**JOHN'S PLACE will be open  
Easter Sunday, April 20 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
for a special brunch on a special day!**

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HONEY-BAKED HAM, JUICY BARON OF BEEF,  
TENDER LEG OF LAMB, BAKED SALMON,  
MELT-IN-YOUR-MOUTH CREPES,  
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**JOHN'S PLACE  
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**HEPPNER ELKS 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

**Thursday, April 17th**  
**FISHERMAN'S NIGHT.** Oysters and Barbecue Pork dinner starting at 6 p.m. There will be a drawing for a chainsaw plus many more prizes. For current Elks members and out-of-town guests only.

**Saturday, April 19th**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT** starting at 10 a.m. Preschool and Kindergarten will be at the city park. First and second grades will be at the lower field at the grade school. Third and fourth grades will be at Hager Park. The Easter Bunny will be at the city park. Have those cameras ready!