

Heppner Beautification Committee recognizes hard work



Sonia and Gerald Smith receive a certificate for "Creating an Attractive Environment at the Old Swimming Pool" from City of Heppner Beautification Committee Chairman, Chuck Bailey (far right).

The City of Heppner Beautification Committee has started a new program of recognition in the community. The committee will present letters of thanks and certificates of recognition to selected residents, businesses, churches or entities that have helped create an attractive environment in Heppner.

The first recipients of the recognitions are John and Ann Murray of Murray Drugs and Gerald and Sonia Smith.

Murrays are recognized for the peaceful oasis they have created with their miniature park on what was a vacant lot next to their business. The fencing, signs, plants, lattice gazebo and sitting area were all purchased and maintained by the Murrays.

Gerald and Sonia Smith's home with its own

Son of area residents clears the way for Navy fleet

By Amy Pomeroy, journalist assigned to the Navy Public Affairs Center in Norfolk, VA

Approaching enemy shores is a dangerous task for the U.S. Armed Forces. The coastlines of hostile countries are often lined with underwater mines, making for potentially deadly situations. Before ships can sail through the waterways, Navy mine countermeasures forces sweep the bottom of the ocean, searching for and detonating enemy mines.

USS Dextrous (MCM 13), forward deployed to Manama, Bahrain, is among the unique band of ships, whose primary mission includes sailing directly into harm's way. Petty officer 3rd Class Joseph Baker, son of Robert Baker and Robin Baker-Krebs of Ione, says part of USS Dextrous mission during recent operations included removing mines from the Kaa River, located in Iraq. "We cleared the waterways for humanitarian aid and provided technical assistance to other commands who needed help accomplishing their missions."

The Navy's mine countermeasures force was developed in the early 1980's and since then has played a major role in many world conflicts, including operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The ships are equipped with state-of-the-art sonar and detonating systems and are uniquely designed to find, classify and destroy enemy mines, thus making

well maintained yard is right across the street from the old swimming pool. Over the years, the Smiths have planted attractive shrubs, trees and flowers helping to soften the rough appearance of the once active pool site. They continually work hard at maintaining the plants and discarding the weeds.

The City does have long-term goals of developing the site into a recreational facility. In the meanwhile, the expense and time spent on landscaping by the Smiths is appreciated by many.

The Beautification Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Heppner City Hall. They plan to present this recognition on a regular basis, according to Chuck Bailey, Chairman.

them a vital asset in securing the waterways.

The success of the minehunter's mission relies on the job skills of each sailor on board. Baker is a mineman on board USS Dextrous, and plays a key role in its daily operations. "I'm the primary mine countermeasures system tech and pilot for the mine detection and destruction vehicle," said Baker. "I kept the countermeasures system operational and deployed numerous mine detonating packages."

The 1996 graduate of Ione High School commented on his deployment overseas and described what he looks forward to when he returns home. "It's been very interesting to learn about the culture, although it's hard to understand them at times. Most of the people here are extremely friendly," said Baker. "I miss my dad. We haven't had much of a chance to visit each other over the past few years. I'd really love to see him again. I also want to help my mom out at her museum. When I get home, I'm going to visit my new nieces and nephews, take a few days to spend with my dad for quality time and see my mom."

Although the war in Iraq is officially over, USS Dextrous continues to hunt for underwater enemy mines and secure the waterways. It is the sacrifices of sailors like Joseph Baker, which help create a safe wake for U.S. Navy and coalition ships to navigate through, and make true of the mine countermeasures force's motto: "Where the fleet goes, we've already been."

2003 W.C. Ladies' Club Championship results

The Willow Creek Country Club hosted the 2003 Ladies' Club Championships, Tuesday, Sept. 2 and Wednesday, Sept. 3.

On Tuesday, the Play of the Day: 1st in gross- Pat Edmundson, 2nd in gross- Shari Stahl, and 3rd in gross- Karen Thompson. Cindi Doherty took flight A, Luvilla Sonstegard took flight B and Jackie Allstott took flight C.

In the special events on Tuesday, Virginia Grant had a long drive for flight A and Loa Henderson had one for flight B. KPs went to Grant in flight A, Lynnea Sargent in flight B and Allstott in flight C. Stahl also had longest putt.

On Wednesday, the Play of the Day: 1st in gross- Edmundson, 2nd in gross- Thompson, and 3rd in gross- Doherty. Stahl took flight A and Henderson took flight B.

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Henderson had long drive for flight B. Doherty had a KP in flight A and Thompson had the longest putt.

Birdies for the 36-hole event were: Stahl on #4, Edmundson on #13 and Grant on #10. Chip-ins were Sonstegard on #16, Stahl on #7, Grant on #10 and Allstott on #3.

After 36 holes of play Edmundson came out as Club Champion with a score of 160. Best Net Score went to Thompson with a 120 and Least Putts went to Henderson with a score of 55. Mystery Score Winners: Stahl, Sargent and Allstott.

Three Ladies' Day members participated in the day play of nine holes on Sept. 2, they were Joyce Dinkins, Dorris Graves and Bernice Lott.

Special prizes were awarded in all events. "The weather was a little warm for September," commented one of the players.

Pledge sheets available for St. Jude Bike-A-Thon

The annual Ione St. Jude Bike-a-thon will be held Sunday, Sept. 28. Participants are urged to gather pledges now to raise funds for this cause. Riders turning in at least \$35 receive a St. Jude t-shirt. Riders gathering \$75 or more receive a t-shirt and sports bag or sweatshirt. The person raising the most money over \$125 will also receive a CD boom box. "The real prize, though, is the pride everyone can take in giving children a chance to live a normal life," said ride coordinator, Anne Morter.

The ride will follow a similar format of past years with an in-town circuit route

for younger riders and the 22-mile Ruggs to Ione route for the more adventurous. Both rides will begin at 1 p.m. with registration prior. As usual, refreshments and moral support will be offered to riders on both routes.

Pledge sheets are available at several locations in Ione, or by contacting ride coordinator Anne Morter at 422-7429. All funds raised by this bike-a-thon go directly to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN, America's largest childhood cancer research center.

For further information or those interested in helping with this event may contact Anne Morter.

Roundup Services this weekend

Lexington Baptist Church will celebrate its annual Roundup Sunday this weekend, Sunday, Sept. 14. One Sunday in September has traditionally been marked as Roundup Sunday for many years at Lexington Baptist Church.

On this particular Sunday people attending are encouraged to come dressed in western attire and to roundup a friend to bring along. This service is mainly a musical Sunday with members doing the music some years and other years special music is brought in from outside the area.

This year a musical group named Fisherman's Praise from LaGrande will be the featured talent at the 11 a.m. service. This group came many years ago to the roundup Sunday services (might have been the first one) as a quartet. A couple of the singers and the number in the group have

changed since they originally came but their desire to share their musical talent and the message of Christ has not changed.

Following the morning service people are invited to stay for lunch at the church. Members are preparing a chuck-wagon stew and biscuits in the fellowship hall.

Everyone is invited to attend services on this special Sunday. Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages. For more information call Lexington Baptist Church at 989-8555.

Correction

In the 2003 Morrow County Fair results the awards for Maggie Armato in the junior snack contest and the junior cookie baking contest were posted wrong. She received champion in the junior snack contest and reserve champion in the junior cookie baking contest.

Obituaries

Lile T. Dudley

Lile T. Dudley, 77, of Ione, died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

At his request, no service will be held and his body will be donated to medical science.

Dudley was born Sept. 3, 1925, in San Francisco, the son of Herbert and Lilian Bostwich Dudley. He was raised and attended school in California. He then served with the Navy for seven years and worked as a marine welder at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

On Aug. 6, 1947, he married Phyllis Mossberger at Colorado Springs, CO. The family moved to Hood River in 1966. He believed in teaching and started the Hood River Sheltered Workshop. He was a foster parent as well as a teacher in the Hood River School District. He moved to Ione in 1992.

Dudley was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion and the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife; children Robin Moran, Vivian Smith, Jay Dudley, Martin Dudley, Lory Dudley and George Dudley; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and two brothers and sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Facility, P.O. Box 610, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Life Center to host guest speaker

Dan Anderson will be at Heppner Christian Life Center, on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 10:30 a.m. He will be doing a quick draw demonstration.

Anderson is a quick draw specialist who likes to share his faith in Jesus Christ with young people. He began doing quick draw competitions in 1974 because of his fascination with westerns as a child. His first trophy came in 1975 for a third place finish in the state of Washington. In 1976, he won his first championship in the Western States Championship in Cottage Grove. In 1980, he won an Oregon Station Championship.

After winning the Oregon title he "retired." After three years, he felt the pull of competition calling him back. He then won a state championship in Washington. After this championship he "retired" once again.

In 1987, Anderson received Jesus as his personal Savior. In 1989, he felt a call to put his talent to work for God. He began doing demonstrations of his quick draw to bring people to the Lord.

The public is invited to attend. Christian Life Center is located at 535 W. Morgan St., Heppner.

Rosetta Joan Palmateer

Rosetta Joan Palmateer, 76, of Heppner, formerly of Ione, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

Recitation of the rosary was held Sept. 3 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner. A funeral mass was held Sept. 4, with concluding service and burial at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Palmateer was born Nov. 3, 1926, at Heppner, to John and Annie Kenny Healy. She grew up on the family ranch on Butter Creek and attended the Pine City School on Butter Creek and graduated from Heppner High School in 1943.

On Feb. 5, 1949, she married Ted Albert Palmateer at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. They lived on a wheat ranch near Ione for nearly 40 years. They moved to Heppner after their retirement in 1992.

Palmateer enjoyed being a homemaker and living in the country with her family.

She was a devout member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner and St. William Catholic Church in Ione. She was actively involved in the Altar Society and was a catechism teacher for many years.

Her husband, Ted, died in 1992; daughter, Janet Wohlford, in 1981; and son, Ronald, died this year. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Tom Healy, Jack Healy and Bill Healy; and sisters, Marie Walters, Helen O'Donnell and Cecelia Healy.

Survivors include her grandchildren, Tyson Palmateer, Treve Palmateer, Kyle Palmateer, Kaylee Palmateer, Shane Wohlford and Wendy Wohlford; one great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health or Hospice, at P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Kids' Crusade to be held at Christian Life Center

Christian Life Center, in Heppner, is holding a Kids' Crusade, Sunday through Tuesday, Sept. 14-16, at 6:30 p.m., each evening.

Special speakers will be Dan Gordanier and his daughter, Amanda Gordanier, of Irrigon. Dan is the children's pastor at Hermiston First Assembly of God Church. His group, "KIDZ 4 HIM," will feature puppets, stories, games, music, prizes and more.

Door prizes will be given out every night. The Kids' Crusade will focus on kids in grades K-6, but all kids, youths and adults are invited to attend.

Christian Life Center is located at 535 W. Morgan St., Heppner.

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