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St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Each senior center in the Morrow-Umatilla County area reported on activities of their respective centers at the quarterly meeting of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee meeting, held at Boardman on March 11. All centers were represented.

Within the next few weeks, each center will be monitored for maintaining proper standards of food handling and nutrition. The schedule was prepared and monitors selected for each place. All phases of the processes of preparation, serving and cleaning up will be observed by the selected monitors. Those persons to whom Meals on Wheels are delivered will have an opportunity to evaluate their services received as part of the monitoring process. This review of services takes place each year.

Eva Mabbott, Executive Director, announced that Sheila Piper is the new director of the CAPECO program at the Heppner

Senior Citizen's Center. Corol Mitchell will complete her interim duties on March 31.

Ed Baker reported that 14 RSVP volunteers had signed up to attend the appreciation luncheon at the Pendleton Conference Center on March 23, at 12 noon. There is still time to do so, for those needing a ride.

The Heppner Christian Church volunteers will serve the noon meal on March 24. The menu is roast beef, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit, hot rolls and chocolate cherry dessert. Serving time is from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The Legal Aid meeting concerning elder abuse is scheduled for 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 23, in the dining room of St. Patrick's Senior Center. District Attorney David Allen and attorney Bill Kuhn will be presenters.

Sunday afternoon, March 21, friends are invited to a reception honoring Bud and Harriet Batty, from 2-5 p.m., at the Senior Center. The celebration is for their 60th wedding anniversary and also Harriet's 89th birthday. They request no gifts. Both have given many hours of service to the development of St. Patrick's Senior Center and to other community projects. They are both natives of Morrow County.

Letters to the Editor

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If we are going to clean up the city, clean up everything

To the Editor:

This is something that might be of interest to Heppner residents. When questioned about a property owner storing unused equipment, used tires and other junk on public property across a city street from a certain residence, a city official, who will remain unnamed, seemed to find this practice perfectly acceptable. How could a private party's junk on public property be less offensive than a private party's junk on private property? This official told me that if I objected to this mess, the solution was to close this city street, adding that other city streets had been closed in the past, as if this closure would somehow cause everything to magically disappear. The street might disappear, but the junk would remain. I hate to be the one to tell him this, but there is no such thing as a genie.

If storing unused, unwanted items (junk) on public property is condoned, we (the residents of Sperry St.) should be able to utilize the public property, on the opposite side of Sperry St.

from our residences, for our own private junk piles. The plus side of this, for us, would be the elimination of numerous trips to the transfer station between Heppner and Lexington. The minus side of this is the public property on our side of Willow Creek would then look exactly the same as the public property on the opposite side of the creek. Believe me this is not something you would want to have to look at every day.

Is there such a thing as selective enforcement of a city ordinance? If it is legal for the city to enter private property, remove material that they find objectionable, and bill the property owner for that removal, why shouldn't city residents be able to clean up public property and bill the city? If we are going to clean up the city, let's clean up the whole city, whether it be public or private property; whether it be zoned residential, commercial, pasture land or industrial. The people deserve nothing less.

(s) Gene Sonstegard
Heppner

Hill addresses citizens in Morrow and Umatilla counties

To the Editor:

Citizens of Morrow and Umatilla Counties:

I have filed for election as circuit judge. I am endorsed by Judge Rudy Murgo as his replacement.

I have 10 years experience as a judge and for nearly 17 years, I have been a practicing attorney. During this time, I have been an attorney in the Army, a private practicing attorney, a city prosecutor, a city judge, and am currently a circuit judge, pro-tem, having been appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court, after recommendation by the presiding judge, after the previous recommendation by a select advisory committee.

My experience ranges from judicial experience on the bench, to prosecution, to criminal defense, to civil litigation and civil law. I have nearly six years on the bench as the elected municipal judge for Hermiston, and three years on the bench as a half-time circuit judge, pro-tem, with my appointment renewed in April of 2003 for another term. I have prosecuted cases from traffic to murder, and defended in prosecutions of misdemeanors up through negligent homicide. I have been a legislative aide, and know first hand the legislative drafting of statutes, and the legislative process. I have

practiced a broad range of civil matters over the years, gaining civil experience in a vast array of civil law.

I am a life long Umatilla County resident, born in Pendleton and raised in Hermiston. My parents are Jim and Dee Hill of Hermiston. I attended Hermiston High School, Blue Mountain Community College, Oregon State University and obtained my law degree from Willamette University. I am married to Jacque Mack Hill (J.J. Gems, Quality Jewelers, Ltd, Hermiston) and we have one daughter, Mackenzie. My roots are here, especially since my relatives were farming in the Pendleton area around the 1930's.

I believe that the duties of judge take precedence over all other activities; that everyone with a legal interest has a right to be heard; that those appearing before the court should be treated with patience, and in a dignified and courteous manner; and that the duties of judge should be carried out in a faithful, impartial and diligent manner.

I know that there are two sides to every story, that each case is important to the parties involved, and that everyone is due a fair and unbiased judge presiding over and or deciding their cases according to the rule of law.

I ask for your vote in this election.

(s) Daniel J. Hill
Hermiston

Obituaries

Christopher Michael Whittington

Christopher Michael Whittington, 31, of Pendleton, died Friday, March 13, 2004 in Pendleton.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, March 17, at 2 p.m., at the Burns Mortuary Chapel in Pendleton.

Whittington was born May 13, 1972 in Lodi, CA to Larry and Alice Whittington. The family moved to Eastern Oregon in 1979, where he graduated from Baker City High School in 1990.

After graduation Whittington enlisted in the Navy and was a veteran of Desert Storm. Afterwards, he returned home where he enjoyed Monday night wrestling and many friends. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Amanda of Baker City; daughter, Chelsey of Southern California; parents, Larry and Alice Whittington of Pendleton; sister, LeAnne Hightower of Lodi, CA; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews from California and Oregon.

Memorial contributions can be made to Burns Mortuary of Pendleton in the name of Christopher Michael Whittington.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in care of arrangements.

Julia Mae Hill

Julia Mae Hill, 92, formerly of Heppner, died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at the Dalton Gang Foster Care Home in La Pine.

A graveside service was held Friday, March 5 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 24, 1911, at La Grande, to longtime Heppner residents A.T. and Mellie Presley Harris. She attended Heppner

schools, graduating from Heppner High School.

On April 17, 1932, she married Harold H. Hill at Yakima. The couple lived in and around Heppner until 1949 when they moved to Coos Bay, where they lived until 1976 when they returned to Heppner. Mr. Hill died in 1992. Mrs. Hill lived in Heppner until 2001 when she moved to La Pine to be near family.

She enjoyed gardening, crocheting and working crossword puzzles. She liked to read and take day trips in Oregon.

She belonged to garden clubs in both Heppner and Coos Bay.

Survivors include sons, Dale Hill and his wife, Betty, of La Pine and Clayton Hill and his wife, Mary of Coos Bay; daughter, Creagh Williams and her husband Jim of La Pine; five granddaughters; 10 great-granddaughters; and other relatives.

Memorial contributions may be made to Newberry Hospice, P.O. Box 1888, La Pine, OR 97739, or to a charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Justice Court

Ryan E. Hite, 25, Boring, Hunting with No Big Game Tag (Deer), fine \$209.

Hank J. Falcon, 47, Heppner, VBR 72/55, fine \$143.

Scott Allen Hollis, 40, Lexington, Expired Registration, fine \$73.

Marriage Licenses

March 9: Eduardo Alberto Ventura, 19, Hermiston and Maria Cruz Morales Rodriguez, 26, Hermiston.

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ABOUT THE HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES NEWSPAPER

News articles

The Heppner Gazette welcomes news articles that are of interest to the communities of Ione, Lexington, Heppner and the surrounding area.

You can submit your article through mail, fax, email or bring it to our office (see below under how to contact us).

There is no charge for news articles, but if the article is a money-making activity for a person or business other than a non-profit or community service organization, it must run as a paid advertisement.

Advertisements

There are several different types of advertisements in the Heppner Gazette.

Display ads are the boxed ads that run throughout the newspaper and are charged for by the amount of space. The larger the ad the more it cost. Photos and graphics may be used in display ads.

Classified, or want ads, run in the section near the back of the newspaper and are charged by the number of words in the ad.

Business directory ads are boxed ads at a discounted rate. You must agree to run the ad unchanged (except for minor corrections) for a minimum of three months.

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Letters in poor taste or libelous will not be published.

Photos

The Gazette welcomes photos to run with news articles. We accept either black and white or color photos and they can be returned. We also accept digital photos. Email or bring the digitals to the office on a disk. We also accept digital camera "chips" to download the photos from your camera. Please contact us if you are unsure how to submit your photo.

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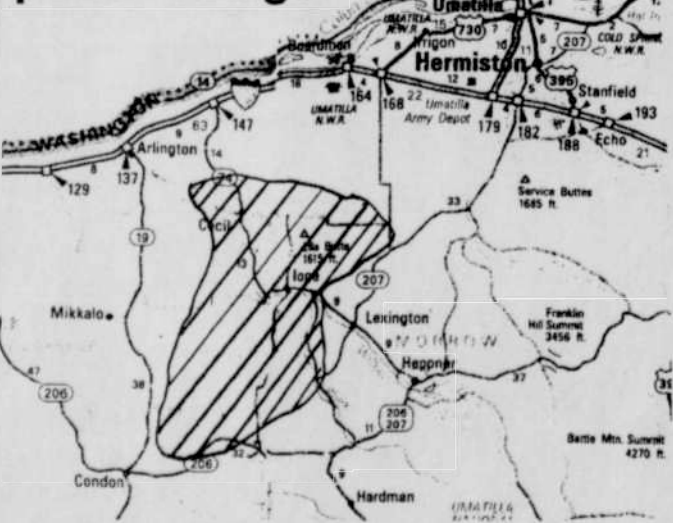
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BPA schedules power outage



Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op announces a planned BPA power outage on Wednesday, March 24 for the lone substation and the service areas it serves. The outage will be from 8-8:45 a.m. and from 4-4:45 p.m. There is a small chance the outage could last the entire day.

This outage will affect the following areas: City of Ione, Lower Rhea Creek up to the Hoskins place, the Perry Morter-Holtz-Snow/McElligott lines, the Dale Holland Rietmann-Peterson-McElligott lines, the Ladd/Martin-Osterlund-Dalzell lines, Joe Rietmann-Morter-Anderson-Juniper Canyon lines to Rauchis, the Cecil-Morgan areas, and the lower Fourmile and lower Eightmile canyon lines. It will be necessary for all irrigation pumps to remain off between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on March 24.

The lower Rhea Creek services will be off from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., including Jepsen, Tullis, Padberg, Gray and Palmer.

CBEC regrets any inconvenience this will cause, however, it is very important that Bonneville complete this maintenance work. CBEC appreciates your patience.

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Legion Auxiliary celebrates 85th birthday

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet on Monday, March 22 in the Methodist Church basement. A potluck will be held at 6:30 p.m. with a birthday cake furnished by the Auxiliary to celebrate the 85th birthday of the Legion.

Girls' State, Auxiliary scholarships and future food sales will be discussed.

All members are invited to attend and mark this special occasion.