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City workers appreciated for work done

To the Editor:

I am writing to commend the City of Heppner Public Works Department for getting out early last Thursday morning

to clean the downtown streets for the Celebrate Historic Heppner Celebration.

(s) John Edmundson
Heppner

Rietmann, Orem promoted at BEO



Sharon Rietmann (left) and Anita Orem (right)

The Bank of Eastern Oregon has announced the promotion of Sharon Rietmann to Branch Manager of the Ione Branch. Rietmann replaces Fran Barnett, who recently retired.

Rietmann is a seven-year veteran of the Bank of Eastern Oregon and most recently served as Branch Operations Supervisor at the Ione branch. She is an Ione native and is married to Brian Rietmann, who is employed at the Umatilla Army Depot. The Rietmanns have five children ranging in age from 5 to 19.

Anita Orem is transferring to the Ione Branch as the Branch Operations Supervisor. Orem has a total of eleven years of service with the bank and will continue her duties as Operations Support Specialist for the branch system. Orem and her husband, Joe, a PGE employee, have a 10-year-old at home and four grown children.

BEO Bancorp is a holding company for Bank of Eastern Oregon, which operates 11 branches in six eastern Oregon counties. Branches are located in Arlington, Ione, Heppner, Condon, Irrigon, Boardman, Burns, John Day, Prairie City, Fossil, and Moro. The Bank of Eastern Oregon also operates a mortgage division and offers brokerage services thru BEO Financial Services. Its' website is www.beobank.com.

Local man recovering in Bend hospital

Melvin McDaniel, of Heppner, recently underwent triple bypass surgery at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend.

For those wishing to send cards, the address is: St. Charles Medical Center, 2500 NE Neff Road, Bend, OR 97701.

Obituaries

James H. Morgan

James H. Morgan, 70, of Shelton, WA, formerly of Ione, died July 21, 2004, at his daughter's home in Rainier, WA.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ in Ione.

Morgan was born Sept. 10, 1933, in Heppner to James Edison and Hazel Ellis Morgan. He grew up in Ione and attended schools there, graduating from Ione High School in 1953.

Morgan served in the Army in the 1950s, then returned to Ione where he lived for many years before moving to Shelton, WA, in 1961, where he was employed at Simpson Timber Company until his retirement in 1994.

On Sept. 30, 1978, he married Faye Peek at Shelton. The couple recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge at Shelton and had held many offices in the organization.

After retirement, Morgan and his wife became full-time RV travelers, moving about the country visiting family and friends.

Survivors include, his wife, Faye of Shelton, WA; children, Lynn Coleman and husband, Joe, of Shelton, WA, Vickie Morgan, of Olympia, WA, Clay Owings and wife, Lori, of Lexington, NE, Debbie Koepf and husband, Bill, of Rainier, WA, Carla Brown of Imperial, NE, and Lon Peek of Portland; sister, Juanita Shultz of Ione; 23 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, by son, Jimmy and grandson, Rylan.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of local arrangements.

Ada J. Piper

Ada J. Piper, 92, a former longtime Morrow County resident, died Thursday, July 29, 2004, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A graveside memorial service was held Aug. 3 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born June 21, 1912, at Big Timber, MT, to James and Nina Morris Osborne. She grew up at Big Timber and attended schools there.

She came to Morrow County to look for work and met Rufus C. Piper. They were married in 1930. They lived on the Piper Ranch near Lexington. They later divorced.

Piper enjoyed being a caregiver to her family as well as to her friends. It was also said she had a green thumb.

She lived in Nevada for a short time as well as Heppner and Hermiston.

She had been a member of the Grange and the Rebekah Lodge. She and her four sons were baptized

and confirmed at All Saints Episcopal Church in 1946 under the guidance of Fr. Neville Blunt.

Survivors include sons, Loren Piper of Orinda, CA, Melvin Piper of Heppner, Delbert Piper of Lexington and John Piper of Portland; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Walter Osborne and a sister, Eva Duran.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Douglas Kent McKay

Douglas Kent McKay, 63, of Ione, died of injuries sustained in a wheat truck accident near Wasco on Monday, July 26, 2004.

A celebration of life service was held on July 31. Disposition was by cremation.

The third of four children, McKay was born June 20, 1941, at The Dalles to Jay Franklin and Phoebe B. Lyons McKay. He was raised at Kent on the family ranch and graduated from Sherman County Union High School in 1959. After high school, he began an electrical apprenticeship at Oregon State University and then went to work for Otis Elevators in San Francisco. In 1965, he transferred to Portland and moved to Wasco in 1968 and did farm work.

On Nov. 21, 1965, he married Nancy Lee Hicks at Wasco. They moved to Stayton, where he worked at the cannery and then returned in the fall of 1973 to the family farm in Kent, where he raised wheat and cattle. In the fall of 1991, they moved to Ione, where Mrs. McKay took the postmaster's job and Mr. McKay commuted to work.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially his grandchildren. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy of Ione; children, Shawn McKay of Seattle, Mark McKay and wife, Jamie, of Bend and Steve McKay and wife, Jamie of Elgin; three grandchildren, Carson, Jaydon and Gage; brother, Frank McKay of Salem and sisters, Kay Thompson of Goldendale, WA and Peggy Mineer of Boise, ID.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sherman County High School Rodeo Association, in care of Sherman County High School, 65912 High School Loop, Moro, OR 97039, or the Oregon 4-H Foundation- OSU, 119 Ballard Extension Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-3608.

Private cremation was held at The Dalles Winquatt Crematory with Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Edward Eldon Gard

Edward Eldon Gard, 63, of Boardman, formerly of The Dalles, died at his mother's home in The Dalles on Sunday, July 25, 2004.

No public funeral service will be held. Disposition was by cremation.

The youngest of three children, Gard was born April 2, 1941, at The Dalles, to Eldon Chester and Dorothy May Ellison Gard. He was raised in The Dalles and graduated from The Dalles High School with the class of 1959.

After high school, he moved to Madras where he worked at meat cutting, a

trade he learned from his father who owned and operated Columbia Meat Market in The Dalles.

Gard enjoyed the outdoors, horses and his work.

Survivors include his children, Scott Gard and wife, Kathy of Portland, Michelle Shine of Bend and Patrick Gard of Post Falls, ID; grandchildren, Andy, Carlie, Callen and Jera; and his mother, Dorothy James of The Dalles.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of The Gorge, 751 Myrtle St., The Dalles, OR 97058.

The Dalles Winquatt Crematory with Smith Callaway Chapel is in care of arrangements.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

"Economic Development sounds so boring, what exactly is it?" a citizen asked last week. It's truly not a catchy phrase or one most people search out to read about in magazines or newspapers. It doesn't sound like much fun; in fact, it sounds like hard work and it is. It seems like it is also community development, because without it, communities tend to shrink and backslide.

Simply said, economic development is developing and retaining our economy, encouraging growth, brining in jobs, brining in people, business retention, shopping locally, marketing Heppner and holding events to attract people who might just decide to move here and start a business or buy a business. It's about finding jobs. WCVED and volunteers again sent out a mailing to 10,000 businesses to encourage them to move their business to the Willow Creek Valley. When a community is off the beaten path, convincing businesses to move here takes perseverance. This is economic and community development.

The Chamber was honored to host Congressman Greg Walden and the Assistant Secretary of Commerce Dr. David Sampson and Economic Development Administration Chief of Staff Sandy Baruah at the Tuesday Chamber luncheon. This is economic and community development.

Al Heppner from Florida was cycling the Lewis and Clark Trail, headed for Astoria, when he spotted Heppner on the map. He rented a car in Hermiston and came for the weekend, stopping in almost every store to buy hats, t-shirts, pins and souvenirs to mail back home. He will let others know about Heppner, he will remember Heppner and he is spending money in Heppner, staying at the motel, eating out and enjoying getting to know our community. This is economic and community development.

The City continues to work at keeping up the infrastructure with the help of your tax dollars, grants, matching funds, etc. Those dollars stay in town and help with water, parks, sidewalks, streets, etc. Employees assist with projects to enhance Heppner. This is economic and community development.

People coming out for the "short parade" and buying from our local merchants know that when you spend a dollar, it turns over seven times before it leaves town. That dollar may go to: support our schools, organizations or hospital; pay an employee; or provide a donation for daycare, little league, Chamber, rodeo, church or auction. This is economic and community development.

Chamber non-dues income, such as the pie auction, enables the organization to market Heppner by sending out information to people who are interested in moving here or visiting here and by putting on events to make living here a great experience. The Chamber is involved in the Eastern Oregon Visitors Association who continually markets eastern Oregon. Chamber members help to pay for ads in the Portland Oregonian. Currently, the Chamber is working with the county on "Bite of Oregon," to encourage visitors to come enjoy our recreational amenities or to move here. This is economic and community development.

The Chamber of Commerce, WCVED and this community working together to take care of what we have and to make it better is economic and community development. This means supporting our local businesses, growing a community that will attract people to come and buy businesses with "for sale signs" in their windows, increasing business for those downsizing and retaining businesses. Call it what you will, it's about your community- the hospital, schools, building, businesses, streets, sidewalks, promotions, events and jobs- all in the town you call home.

Change and grow and develop. It's Heppner's future.

Heppner soccer cancelled for the year

Soccer in Heppner has been cancelled this year in Heppner due to lack of

interest, said Darrell Raver, soccer organizer. If there is enough interest next year a team could be started again.

For those parents with children who are interested in playing soccer this year, there is a possibility they could be placed on a Boardman or Irrigon team.

For more information contact Darrell Raver at 676-8710.

Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation Compressor Station 9 (near Ione, Oregon)
Has applied for an Oregon Title V Air Operating Permit Renewal

The Department of Environmental Quality has conducted a preliminary review of this application and is providing an opportunity for public comment. For a copy of the draft permit and a "Request for Comments" call Bonnie Hough at (541) 388-6146 extension 223 or call toll free in Oregon at 1-800-452-4011. For more information see the legal notice section of this newspaper.

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