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**Engagement
Daniels-Brudevold**



Donita Daniels and Keith Brudevold

Pastor Keith Brudevold of Heppner and Donita Carol Daniels of Salem are pleased to announce their engagement to be married.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Don and Joan Daniels of Salem and the niece of Evelyn and Don Campbell of Lexington.

The groom-elect is the pastor of the Heppner United Methodist Church.

The couple plans an Oct. 17, 2004 wedding at the Heppner United Methodist Church.

Anniversary celebration to be held



Patricia Larson Way and Kenneth Way

All friends and family are invited to the Vinson Way family reunion on Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Heppner City Park to celebrate Kenneth and Patricia Larson Way's 50th wedding anniversary.

Past issues of the Chronicles for sale

Previous issues of the Morrow County Chronicles, still in print, are available for purchase at the Morrow County Museum.

The most recent issue, the 2005 Morrow County Chronicles, is currently available at Bank of Eastern Oregon- Heppner, Ione, Boardman and Irrigon, Murray Drugs in Heppner and the Morrow County Museum in Heppner. Cost for the Chronicles is \$5.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

Vote for Kerry to maintain Social Security

To the Editor:

I have been thinking and have come to the conclusion that there hasn't been much if anything said in the papers or on TV concerning Social Security and Medicare.

President Bush has been promoting turning these agencies over to private companies. This might sound good to the misinformed voter at first glance. However, this is something that could backfire that other way and would surely make more millionaires out of the Wall Street brokers.

Social Security has been one of the few government agencies that have been successful right from the start.

I know that Social Security has to over go changes if it is to survive. However, privatizing Social Security isn't one of them.

So, if you want to save Social Security as it is

today, vote for Kerry.

People at my age, who were alive during the stock market crash in 1929 and have lived through the Depression, understand what could happen to our retirement.

Also, I know that the Washington politicians have been dipping into the Social Security Fund and backing it with worthless IOUs. Most of this money has been going for "pork barrel" spending not to national defense, or any other necessary expenses.

The government owes Social Security way over a trillion dollars.

Also, do you know that the Social Security Fund does not belong to you? It belongs to the government and if Congress so desires, they could disband it at anytime and we would have no Social Security.

Sweet dreams.
(s) Vernon Christopherson
Donald, OR

Matlack addresses Morrow County residents

To the Editor:

My name is Kenneth Matlack and I am running for Morrow County Sheriff. The political season is upon us and I have enjoyed the early stages of my campaign. Many people of Morrow County have been very receptive of my ideas and what a Matlack administration would look like for the people of Morrow County.

Recently, I became aware of several rumors about what will happen if I am elected Sheriff. One rumor that I want to stop immediately is that I plan to "clean house" and terminate current staff of the Sheriff's Office. This is not true. I have no intention of terminating any staff currently employed by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. Two other rumors that do not reflect my position concern Community Policing and the Sheriff's Office Reserve Program. My position is to expand community policing efforts and organize as many neighborhood watch

programs as possible. This is especially true of the Reserve Program. I want to increase, not decrease the size of the Reserve Program. I would like to see as many qualified people as possible become actively involved their communities and serve all parts of the county.

By now most of the voters of Morrow County have received an informational letter that was recently sent out. I must say again my campaign is about being available to the citizens of the county and being actively involved with deputies in the field. If you have any questions or concerns, please know that I am available 24/7. If you have any questions about any issue, please come by or call me at (800) 291-1791 or my home at (541) 922-5173. Thank you for your support.
(s) Kenneth Matlack
Irrigon

Justice Court report

Daniel R. James, 68, DUI Diversion, fine \$405.

**Health
district levy**

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providers include Dr. Sam Datta who is employed with the district full-time and Dr. Ed Berretta, who works for the district part-time. Dr. Ken Wenberg, a Heppner physician who operates a private clinic and is not under contract with the district, also provides ER coverage. According to Vander Does, Dr. Wenberg's ER coverage for the district will now become more limited. An additional physician's assistant provides care in the Irrigon Clinic and the district is also under contract with Dr. Robert Boss, who operates a private clinic in Boardman.

In other business, the board:

-approved a contract with Summit Springs Assisted Living in Condon to provide nursing care through Pioneer Memorial Home Health.

-appointed board member Ken Matlack and board Chair Larry Mills to the medical staff credentialing committee.

-learned from Rhea that Pioneer Memorial Home Health will now offer the "Lifeline Service." Through the service, units will be available which allow subscribers to push a button to summon help if they have fallen or become ill. The units, which are hooked up to the phone system, will cost \$65 initially for set-up and then around \$35 (or more) per month for the subscription depending on the level of services provided.

-learned that a committee formed to support passage of the MCHD tax levy has held its first meeting. Members include Leann Rea, Boardman, Norma Stahl, Irrigon, Ken Grieb and Melissa Lindsay, Lexington, Howard Mullins, Ione, and Barbara Hayes and David Sykes, Heppner.

-learned from CFO Nicole Mahoney that the district was \$2,722.88 in the black for the month. However, Mahoney told the board that the month was atypical. She said that the recent absence of two billing clerks, because of an injury and maternity leave, has temporarily affected the district.

-learned that Pioneer Memorial Hospital had 21 patients in July, 406 out-patients, performed 1280 lab tests, 98 x-ray procedures, 30 C-T scans and 26 EKG tests.

-Home Health had 275 visits total.

-learned that Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 403 patients with 18 new patients and 60 seen by a nurse.

-learned that Irrigon Clinic had 204 patients with 33 new patients and 67 seen by a nurse.

-learned that Dr. Robert Boss saw 221 patients in July and his physician's assistant, Rich Hamblin had 222.

Obituaries

Sophia Oleita Shipp

Sophia Oleita Shipp, 36, of Hermiston, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, WA.

A funeral service was held Sept. 1 at the Hermiston First Christian Church, with burial to follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Shipp was born on Sept. 22, 1967, at Tillamook, to Melvin Dean and Theresa Anne Wahleithner Spence.

On May 27, 1994, she married Bryan W. "Bill" Shipp at Richfield, WA.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Hermiston First Christian Church, which was her main focus and was also the Gazette editor for the Rock Hound Club.

Survivors include her husband, Bill, of Hermiston; sons, Joseph Sturgeon of Twin Falls, ID and Bryan Shipp of Hermiston; daughters, Destiny Spence of Twin Falls, ID and Misty Spence of Hermiston; parents, Theresa and Melvin Spence of Boardman; brothers, Lloyd Spence and Leo Spence, both of Twin Falls; sister, Annette Peterson of Twin Falls; and several other relatives. She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Free child safety seat inspections to be held in Heppner

On Saturday, Sept. 11, Umatilla Morrow SAFE Kids and Morrow County Public Health Department is hosting a free child safety seat inspection and installation clinic. The free clinic will be held at the Bank of Eastern Oregon on Main Street in Heppner from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Trooper Amy Ford of the Oregon State Police along with members of Umatilla Morrow Safe Kids will be participating in the free clinic. The trooper will be providing information and education to parents about the proper use, installation and laws pertaining to child safety seats.

We would like to invite parents, grandparents, caregivers and their children to drive through out free child safety seat clinic on Saturday to have your safety seats inspected by certified technicians.

Motor vehicle deaths continue to be the leading cause of death and serious injury for children. The majority of these deaths and injuries could be prevented through proper use of a child safety seat.

Even if you think your seat is safe and installed correctly we urge you to come to the free clinic and be absolutely sure. When it comes to our children's lives there should be no second-guessing.

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