

Obituaries

Everett O. Keithley

Everett O. Keithley, 93, a longtime Heppner resident, died Friday, April 29, 2005 at Summit Springs Retirement Village in Condon.

A funeral will begin at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 5 at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Concluding service and burial will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 28, 1911, in the Eightmile area near Heppner, to Oscar and Eunice Estab Keithley. He was raised in the Eight-mile area where he attended school.

On June 3, 1935, he married Helen Grabill at Ione.

The couple moved to Baker in 1937, where he was employed by the railroad at Sumpter and also ran a transfer company in Baker.

In 1945, the Keithleys returned to Ione and shortly thereafter moved to Heppner. He worked for Clarence Rosewall as shop foreman at the Heppner Ford Garage.

In 1962, they moved to Condon where he operated the Texaco station and also sold cars for Heppner Ford. While in Condon he served as president of the Commercial Club.

In 1967, he returned to Heppner where he sold cars and did carpentry work. He worked as a crop adjuster for Farmer's Insurance and built grain elevators before retiring in 1977.

After retirement he went to work for Morrow County in maintenance and parks.

He enjoyed working in the outdoors and working during harvest. He enjoyed hunting until he was 88.

He was an active 60-year member of Heppner BPOE 358 where he had served as Exalted Ruler and Trustee. He had been a member of the Ione Masonic Lodge.

He enjoyed baseball, had been a Little League umpire as well as a member of the old Heppner town baseball team.

Survivors include, son and daughter-in-law, E. Laverne and Ginger Keithley of Heppner; daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Jerry Kloeppel of Vernal, UT, Sharon and Robert Harrison of Lexington; and Trisha and Pat Sweeney of Heppner; his companion for the past 17 years, Maude Hughes; 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Keithley in 1988, a daughter, Shirley Keithley in 1943, his brother, Howard Keithley, sisters, Nola Warmuth and Alice Anderson; a great-grandson, Roger Palmer, and a great-granddaughter, Amber Lynch.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Elks Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Ida May Reed

Ida May Reed, 90, of Boardman, a longtime Hood River resident, died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at her home surrounded by family and caregiver/granddaughter Fay.

A celebration of life service was held April 30 at Anderson's Tribute Center in Hood River. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Poplar Bluff, MO.

One of 14 children, Reed was born March 27, 1915, to George and Lottie Allison, at Chaonia, MO. She was raised and educated in Missouri where she completed her nursing degree.

When she was 16, Reed married her sweetheart, Robert Reed.

In 1955, the family moved west to White Salmon, WA.

While living in White Salmon, she worked in a care facility that she and her husband, Robert, eventually bought. They ran Reed's Rest Home for over 25 years.

Reed was a homemaker and her greatest love was being around family and cooking large family meals. She loved to sew, play cards, raise a garden and flowers, cook, can and do things for others.

She was a longtime member of the Nazarene Church and had been involved in the creation of the Senior Center in Boardman.

Survivors include her son, Daniel Reed and his wife, Julie, of Portland; daughters, Laura Jeffries and her husband, Willard, of Hood River and Eva Ray and her husband, George, in Missouri; grandchildren, Barbara, Kathryn, Fay, Ronnie, Renna, Vicki, Vivian, Roberta, Darla and Rhonda; 20 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boardman Hospice or the Boardman Senior Center through Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont, Hood River, OR 97031.

Charles M. "Butch" Smith

Charles M. "Butch" Smith, 65, of Boardman, died Sunday, April 24, 2005, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A memorial service was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hermiston. Private family burial will be in the Hermiston Cemetery.

He was born July 22, 1939, at Pendleton, to Jewell and Doris Welch Smith.

He was raised in Pilot Rock and later Echo where he participated in football, basketball and baseball while attending Echo High School. He graduated from Echo High School in 1957.

He moved to Roseburg where he attended optometry college for two years. He then returned to Hermiston and went to work at Pendleton Grain Growers for a time before going to work at Marlette Homes where he was employed from 1968 until 1974.

On Dec. 23, 1969, he married Carol Johnson at Walla Walla.

In 1975, he went to work at Inland Empire Bank in Hermiston and worked there until 1984, when he started Smith's Custom Farming. He owned and operated the business until 1994.

In 1995, he returned to work at Banner Bank, first working as a loan officer and then working as a field representative.

He enjoyed golfing, playing cards, especially cribbage and most of all spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Smith had volunteered at the Umatilla County Fair for the past several years.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Smith of Boardman; sons and daughters-in-law, Marcus and Lisa Smith of Milwaukie, J.D. and Vickie Smith of Apache Junction, AZ, Jeff Thompson Sr. of Hot Springs, MT, Jeff Thompson Jr. of Boardman, and John Thompson of Boardman; daughters, Linda Boutelle and husband, Bill, of Las Vegas, NV, Trivia Haverkamp of Manteca, CA, and Shelley Smith of Las Vegas; brother, Don Smith of Hamilton, OH; sister, Julie McMichael of Prineville and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to a memorial fund in his name at any Banner Bank Branch or the Tri-Cities Cancer Center at 7350 W. Deschutes Ave. Building A, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Walter E. Zak

Walter E. Zak, 60, of Irrigon, died Friday, April 22, 2005, at Hermiston.

A memorial gathering date is pending.

Zak was born Aug. 22, 1944, at Boston, MA, to Broislaw and Lillian Zak. He was raised and attended schools in Florida and Massachusetts.

He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Unions 103, 112 and 7791 and had traveled throughout the United States in his capacity as an electrician. He had worked many construction jobs.

He met Rhonda Clark and they moved to Irrigon 12 years ago.

After moving to Irrigon, he went to work for Union Pacific Railroad where he was employed at the time of his death.

He and Rhonda Clark were married March 30, 2004, at Lewiston, ID.

Zak enjoyed going for drives to see new areas and enjoyed traveling. It was said he had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Zak of Irrigon; stepson, Chris Clark and his wife, Dana, of Pray, MT; son, Walter Zak Jr. of Duxbury, MA; daughter, Jo Ann Molner and her husband, Zoltan, in Virginia; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22311.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Death Notice

Dorothy J. Birindelli

Dorothy J. Birindelli died at her home in Arcata, CA on Feb. 27, 2005.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2005 at Christian Life Center in Heppner, with concluding service and inurnment to follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Gazette-Times.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of local arrangements.

Memorial Day dinner to be held

A Morrow County Memorial Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 29 at 1 p.m., in the dining room of the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. A time to meet and greet friends and relatives is planned to start at 12:30 p.m., with a welcoming ceremony and program to follow.

The Senior Center and community churches

Morrow SWCD Hays joins BEO lending staff

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 10, at the Ione School beginning at 3 p.m.

A tour of the Ione School Greenhouse will be held prior to the meeting with a presentation by students of Dale Holland and Duane Neiffer.

Agenda items include minutes of the April meeting, treasurer's report, office building purchase update, written staff report, written weed coordinator report, partner agency reports and an executive session according to ORS 192.640(2).

Meetings of the SWCD are open to the public.

Wyden to hold town hall meeting in Irrigon

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden will host a town hall meeting in Irrigon on Friday, May 6. The meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 West Opal Place, Irrigon.

County residents are invited to attend the open forum to voice their questions and concerns.

In Wyden's first U.S. Senate campaign in 1996 he promised to hold a town hall meeting in every Oregon county each year; since being elected he has held more than 350 town hall meetings.

DA's report

Donald Ray Wright was convicted of Harassment Physical, a Class B misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 90 suspended days in jail, one year bench probation and payment of \$626 in fines and fees.

Noe Viesca was convicted of Criminal Mischief-1, a Class C felony reduced to a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, 24 months bench probation, 80 hours community service and payment of \$126 in fines and fees and \$645.60 in restitution.

Christopher Dewayne Schneider was convicted of Assault-4, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, 24 months bench probation, 40 hours community service and payment of \$626 in fines and fees and \$35 in restitution.

provide dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$6. Preschoolers are free. The menu includes an entrée of turkey breast or roast beef, a variety of salads and dessert of homemade cobbler and ice cream. Any proceeds from the dinner will be used to provide necessities for the Senior Center.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up and serving. If you can help, call 676-9030.

John Hays has joined the lending staff as a Commercial and Agricultural lender at the Heppner Branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon, according to President and CEO George Koffler.

"We are very pleased to have someone of John's education, work background and work ethic join us," said Koffler.

Hays graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in business and a minor in Animal Science. He spent a total of almost 20 years managing two different, large ranching operations in Eastern Oregon. He comes to the bank from the Farm Services Agency in Pendleton.

Hays and his wife, Joan, a Heppner native and their daughter, Mary, are currently living in Hermiston and looking for a home in the Willow Creek Valley.

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. Bank of Eastern Oregon also operates a mortgage division, loan production offices in Hermiston and Ontario and offers brokerage services thru BEO Financial Services.

Head Start recruiting families for 2005-06 year

Umatilla-Morrow Head Start is recruiting families for the 2005-06 program year. Head Start is a comprehensive program for families of 3- and 4-year-old children that include education, nutrition, social services and parent involvement. Head Start is primarily for low-income families, but assistance also is available for families with children with disabilities.

The Heppner center is a combination model, where children receive a preschool experience three days per week, part-day, and in addition families receive one home visit per month.

The cut off date for determining the age eligibility for children is Sept. 1. Families also must meet federal income guidelines. Applications are available at Heppner Head Start, located at Heppner Elementary School and at various public places.

For more information, contact Candy Green, Child and Family Advocate in Heppner at 676-5482 or call the main office in Hermiston at (800) 559-5878.



John Hays

VOTE

PORT OF MORROW COMMISSIONER POSITION # 2

JOE TAYLOR

- Morrow County Resident for 30+ years
- Graduate of Heppner High School
- U.S. Air Force - Honorable Discharge
- Married - Two Children
- President Boardman Kiwanis
- Occupation: Farmer
- Director: Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District
- Director: Columbia-Blue Mt. Resource Conservation and Development Council
- Morrow County Republican Committee

Paid for by Committee to Elect Joe Taylor

GT News & Advertising
Deadline:
Mondays at 5 p.m.

M.C.G.G. Morrow County Grain Growers Inc.

LEXINGTON, OREGON
1-800-452-7396 • 989-8221
WASCO, OREGON
1-800-824-7185
www.mcgg.net

SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY AND PROVIDING:

- * PROPANE SALES AND SERVICE
- * FARM EQUIPMENT SALES, PARTS AND SERVICE
- * ATV SALES, PARTS AND SERVICE
- * FERTILIZER AND FARM CHEMICAL SERVICE
- * FARM SUPPLIES AND LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT
- * DIESEL AND GAS SALES

POLARIS CASE IH Kawasaki

ELECT CHRIS RAUCH

Port of Morrow Commissioner

Paid for by Chris Rauch