

**Obituaries**

**Norma "Dee" "Jean" Johnson**

Funeral services for Norma "Dee" "Jean" Johnson were held at Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home on Monday, July 18, 2005. Private interment will be held at a later date at Dufur Community Cemetery.

Norma "Dee" "Jean" Johnson, 85, a resident of Dufur, died at her home due to natural causes on Wednesday, July 13, 2005.

She was born September 20, 1919, in Heppner, the older of two daughters to Charlie R. and Gladys M. (Van Horn) Beckett. She grew up on the family wheat ranch outside of Heppner and attended Liberty School, a school house built by her grandfather Beckett. She graduated from Heppner High School in 1937.

During WWII, She lived in Portland and worked in the shipyards and attended beauty school. Jean's working career found her at Kramer's Store for several years and for the United States Forest Service for 20 plus years. She settled in Dufur with her husband and her daughters in 1949.

She was a member of the Dufur Historical Society and enjoyed spending time with her family and always looked forward to trips to Kah-Nee-Tah with friends and family. Jean had also enjoyed being apart of the Air Force Ground Observers Corp. during the 1950's, and had also been a Sky Watch assistant chief.

Jean is survived by her sister, Florence McCarty and her husband, Paul, Portland; daughters, Nancy Hunt, Dufur, Judy Staehnke and her husband, David, The Dalles; grandchildren, Marti Hunt, The Dalles, Rich Hunt, Dufur, Sandy Loop and her husband, Larry, The Dalles, Mike Sigman and his wife, Adrienne, Murrieta, CA, Mark Staehnke and his wife, Heather, Portland; great-grandchildren, Jena and Ryan Loop and Trevor and Dylan Sigman. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard R. "Dick" Johnson in 1993.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 380 Spokane St. #110, Portland, OR 97202 or The Dalles Celilo Center, 1800 East 19th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058.

**Marian Jane Brosnan**

Marian Jane Brosnan, 90, of Heppner, died Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at her home. Recitation of the rosary was Friday, July 15, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Funeral Mass was Saturday, July 13, 2005, with concluding service and burial at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.



One of six children, she was born August 25, 1914, at Independence to Floyd and Ada Tilson Good. She grew up and attended schools at Independence, then attended Oregon Normal School at Monmouth for two years before accepting a teaching position at Lena School near Heppner. She boarded with John and Zetta Brosnan while teaching at Lena and eventually became a part of their family when she married their son, Jerry Brosnan, on March 28, 1936, at Heppner.

The couple built their home on Buttercreek where they raised sheep and later, cattle. She briefly returned to the classroom as a substitute teacher at Heppner. She was said to have maintained a quiet nature throughout her life as she tended camps in the mountains, tended ill sheep and calves and cooked for sheep shearing crews and ranch hands and led students in the classroom.

She was an active member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, had been a member of the CowBelles Association and a volunteer at the Morrow County Fair. She enjoyed being surrounded by people, especially her extended Eastern Oregon family which included her best friend Helen Currin and, more recently, her neighbors at St. Patrick's Senior Apartments.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Brosnan, in 1991, a sister and two brothers. Survivors include her children, daughter, Joann Weister of Heppner, and sons, John Brosnan, and his wife, Charlotte of Hubbard,

Eddie Brosnan and his wife, Lorraine, and Dan Brosnan and his wife, Doris, all of Heppner; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Patrick Altar Society, P.O. Box 633, Heppner, OR 97836, or St. Patrick Senior Center, P.O. Box 266, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

**Thelma G. Coates**

Thelma G. Coates passed away July 13, 2005, at the Marquis Care Center in Vermont Hills. She was a week away from her 104th birthday.

Mrs. Coates was born July 19, 1901, at Forest Grove, Oregon, the youngest child of 10, to John F and Mary Ann (Nelson) Haynie. She attended school in McMinnville and Forest Grove. Thelma graduated from Binkie Walker Business College after high school. She married Walter Raymond Corley at Ione, Oregon, in 1921 where they farmed for several years. They had two children, Walter and Marianne. She was very active in community activities, organizing the city library while president of the Ione Study Club.

In 1939 she and her children moved to Hood River where she operated a small restaurant. She married Ralph C. Coates in 1940 and they moved to Portland where they owned and operated a small grocery store throughout the war years.

Ralph and Thelma moved to a new community in Quincy, Washington, in 1948. Ralph was a building contractor and Thelma again became active in community affairs. She was elected to the Soap Lake Hospital Commission and was a member of the Quincy Hospital Commission for 10 years during its formative years. She was instrumental in getting the Quincy Valley Hospital started and constructed. She helped organize the Town and Country Garden Club which still meets today. Thelma served as Grant County State Committeewoman for the Democratic Party for several years.

Thelma and Ralph were active in the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge where they both served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Thelma also served as Grand Warden at the Grand Lodge in Tacoma.

After retirement the couple lived for a number of years in Rochester and Auburn, Washington, before moving to Beaverton to be near their daughter, Marianne Stiles, and her husband, Bill. Ralph passed away in 1993. Thelma joined The Somerset Christian Church and remained socially active until she

entered the Marquis Care Center in 2004.

Thelma is survived by her daughter Marianne, three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Walter, and all of her brothers and sisters.

**Sue Jones**

Sue Jones, 69, of Heppner died Friday, July 15, 2005, at her home. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. Private family committal services will be held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.



Sue Jones

She was born November 14, 1935, at Eugene, Oregon, the daughter of James and Edythe Whitney White. She was raised and attended school at Eugene where she graduated from high school in 1953.

On June 15, 1953, she married Robert A. Jones at Eugene. She attended Blue Mountain Community College at Pendleton and then Eastern Oregon State College at LaGrande where she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1972 with a degree in education.

She began teaching second grade at the Heppner Elementary School, was a librarian for many years and did substitute teaching until 2001.

She was a member of the All Saints Episcopal Church and the Bridge Club at Heppner. She also had been active with youths in 4-H.

Survivors include her husband, Robert A. Jones, of Heppner; daughter, Bobbette Hedman (and husband Dale) of Mattawa, WA; sons, Steven Jones (and wife Carey) of Portland, and Mike Jones (and wife Robin) of Heppner; brother Whit Fellers of Tigard, OR; grandchildren, Endy Hedman, (Amber) Chazney Perusich, Tiffany Hedman, Brianne Jones, Kellee Jones, and Anne Marie Jones; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 3366, Portland, OR 97207-3366

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, in charge of arrangements.

**Justice Court Report**

The Morrow County Justice Court has released the following report:

David L. Brown, 35, Heppner, Dog at Large, \$159 fine.

**Engagement Rietmann-Callaway**

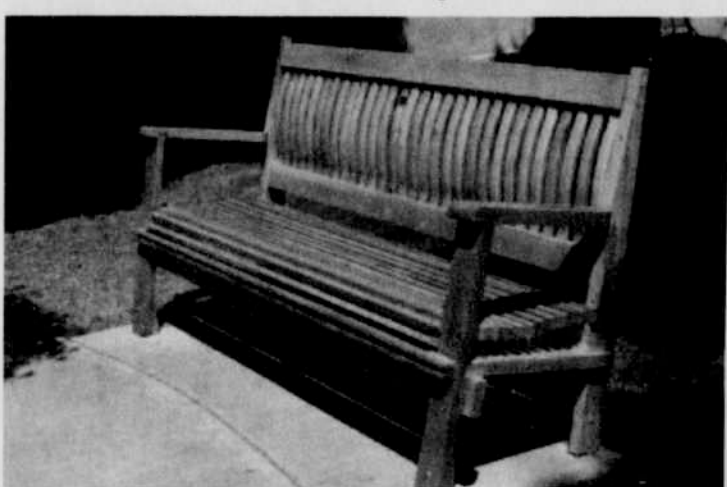


John and Kerry Rietmann of Ione, Oregon, announce the engagement of their son, Jeremy Michael Rietmann, to Carly Dyan Callaway, daughter of Jim and Cathy Callaway of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Jeremy is a 2001 graduate of Ione High School and a 2005 graduate of Colorado State University with a B.A. in Politics and a B.S. in Soil and Crop Sciences. Carly is a 2000 graduate of Wasson High School in Colorado Springs and a 2004 graduate of Colorado State University with a B.S. in Health and Exercise Science.

The couple plans a small family wedding on September 17, 2005, in Rocky Mountain National Park.

**New bench installed by museum**



A new bench was donated to the city of Heppner and has been installed in front of the Morrow County Museum in Heppner.

The wooden bench was made by woodworker Bob DeSpain of Heppner and donated by Joyce Dinkins' daughter. Joyce, a Heppner resident, recently passed away.

The bench replaces two benches that were in the site previously, but had been damaged.

**Thomas Condon Paleontology Center to open**

The Thomas Condon Paleontology Center at John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Sheep Rock Unit, grand opening ceremony and ribbon cutting will be held Saturday, August 13, beginning at 10 a.m., at the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Sheep Rock Unit, Kimberly, Oregon.

Fran Mainella, director of the National Park Service (NPS), will be on hand to celebrate the grand opening, accompanied by National Park Service regional director Jon Jarvis and John Day Fossil Beds National Monument superintendent Jim Hammett. Oregon and U.S. congressmen and senators may be in attendance, though confirmations have not arrived as of this date.

The Thomas Condon Paleontology Center, which houses the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument Visitor Center and Fossil Museum,

has now been completed. Mainella will speak about the opening of the new paleontology center and the 2,500-square-foot fossil museum. The park is located in the picturesque John Day River region of eastern Oregon, and contains a well-preserved and diverse fossil record of plants and animals, including the dawn redwood (Metasequoia), the recently designated Oregon State fossil. The world-renowned fossil beds contain fossils spanning more than 40 of the 65 million years of the age of mammals. Annual visitation to the monument is in excess of 110,000 people.

It is located at milepost 122 on State Route 19, 16 miles south of Kimberly and nine miles west of Dayville, OR.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided. Food service for lunch will be offered at the monument as a local school fund raiser (there are no restaurants within 30 miles).

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COULD IT BE... K.T.... TURNING 70?!?!?

Please join us for a 70th Birthday Celebration for **Kenny Turner**

When: July 23, 2005  
Where: Heppner Elks Lodge  
Time: Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Lite Dinner: 7:30 p.m.  
No Gifts Please

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