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Moore Excavation honored for help with old pool site



Chuck Bailey (right), chairman of the City of Heppner's Beautification/Parks and Land Commission presents Dale Michaels (left), equipment operator, and Kenneth "Sparky" McGrew (center), foreman of Moore Excavation, certificates of recognition for work done at the old swimming pool site. Photo by Kay Proctor.

The City of Heppner's Beautification/Parks and Land Commission recently presented certificates of recognition to Moore Excavation, Inc., of Portland, and to Kenneth "Sparky" McGrew, Moore's local project manager for the city water line replacement.

They were all recognized for their volunteer work at the old swimming pool site, which had become an eyesore and potential hazard since being abandoned in 1991. Moore Excavation's workers and equipment attempted to dismantle the old pool, but were unable to do so because of extensive rebar reinforcement in the concrete. They then brought in fill and leveled the site. Grant money is being sought to turn the area into a "Welcome to Heppner" site with a piece of antique agricultural machinery and signage both lit with uplights. Plans are for minimum upkeep with a gravel covered lot and perhaps a dripline for hardy, drought tolerant plants.

The Beautification Commission was created in 1999 by the Heppner City Council to educate, advise, promote and recognize attractive environments within the city limits. This year it was combined with the Parks and Land Commission.

Fair and Rodeo Court tryouts set

Tryouts for the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court will be held Sunday, Sept. 25, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Application deadline for tryouts is Friday, Sept. 23, at 11 a.m.

Those interested in applying may pick up an application at their high school or call (541) 676-9474 for information. The Morrow County Fair Office address is P.O. Box 464, Heppner, OR 97836.

Lex. Fire Fund to hold Hunter's Bake Sale

The Lexington Fire Fund organization will be holding a Hunter's Bake Sale, Friday, Sept. 30 from 7 a.m. until all food is sold, in front of the Shell Station Convenience Store in Lexington. Other than gathering metal (brass, aluminum and copper), this is the one fundraiser held each year.

This year the Fire Fund was able to buy one pair of Nomex pants, help with a grant match for the Fire Department and honor the Fire Department volunteers for their efforts at a dinner. The organization is also looking into purchasing logo hats so the volunteers have an identifying garment when on duty or at trainings.

All Lexington residents are encouraged to participate in the food sale by bringing pies, cakes, bagged cookies, muffins, cinnamon rolls, caramel popcorn, breads, and/or quality garden produce and/or fruit packaged for lunches or easy carry, as if you were going to the "out back" country.

If you are able to help sell food or bring food, please call 989-8209 or 989-8534 and let them know. May leave a message.

The next Fire Fund Meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 19 at 150 W. Main, Town Hall at 7 p.m. Any Lexington resident interested in helping its Volunteer Fire Fighters is welcome to come.

Electric Co-Op to test utility poles in area

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op, and their subcontractors, will be conducting their annual pole testing operation throughout parts of the service territory during the next two months. Periodic testing of poles is required by REA and RUS, and helps reduce failure rates and power outages. Crews visually inspect each pole unit for damage and bore a test hole in the pole to inspect for soundness. All poles in the service territory are inspected on a 10-year rotation basis. Specific areas to be tested this fall include the cities of Heppner and Lexington, Clarks Canyon, East Baseline area, Willow Creek up to Cutsforth Park, Blakes Ranch and Shobe Canyon lines. Vehicles should be marked with "National Wood Treating Company" or "Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op" signage. Crews will be operating 4-wheelers while traveling from pole to pole along the power lines.

Any comments, concerns or questions about the inspection crews or program may be made to Slater Mitchell at (541) 676-9146 or slater@columbiabasin.cc.

**Obituaries
Robert Beattie Abrams**

The Hon. Robert Beattie Abrams, 80, died quietly at his home in Portland on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005 after a long, valiant struggle to recover from a stroke suffered in 1995.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner.

Judge Abrams was born in Bellingham, WA, on Jan. 18, 1925 to Richard Melbourne and Margaret Beattie Abrams. He graduated from Bellingham High in 1943 and attended the U.S. Military College at West Point. A medical condition caused him to leave West Point. He worked for the Forest Service, then transferred to Stanford University in 1944 and graduated in 1948. While at Stanford he played football and worked as a campus fireman.

In 1949 he married Marion Frances Morrow. They moved to Oregon to study law at the University of Oregon. Following graduation in 1953, he practiced law briefly in St. Helens, OR with Marshall Hjelte. Later that year, he moved to take the District Attorney position for Wheeler County, in Fossil. In 1956 he became District Attorney in Morrow County and took a position in the firm of P.W. Mahoney in Heppner. He practiced law in Heppner for 28 years, first with Mr. Mahoney, then with William Kuhn and Anne Spicer. In 1984 he was elected as a Circuit Court Judge in the 6th Circuit Court for Morrow and Umatilla counties. He served as judge until retirement in 1996.

Judge Abrams served on the first board and was an active supporter of Blue Mountain Community College throughout his years in Eastern Oregon. He was the Chancellor and lay reader for the Eastern Oregon Episcopal Diocese, serving both All Saints parish in Heppner and Holy Redeemer in Pendleton. In addition to his work in the church and BMCC, he was a member of the Rotary club in Pendleton, a Boy Scout leader in Fossil and Heppner and involved with the local schools. Judge Abrams and Marion considered themselves lucky to include exchange students, Jari of Finland, Kris from Australia, Maria Esmeralda of Costa Rica, and Simona from Sweden as members of their family.

Judge Abrams was an avid hiker and mountain climber with an intense respect for the natural world. As a member of the Mazamas Mountaineering Club, he scaled all the major northwest peaks at least once.

Judge Abrams is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marion; his daughters, Frances Louise of Yellow Springs, OH, Mary Margaret, Elizabeth Rick and Alice Catherine, all of Portland; his son, Robert Henry of Sedro Wooley, WA; his sister, Mary Haskell of Edmunds, WA; his brother, Richard of Longview, WA; many beloved nieces and nephews; and four grandchildren, Sarah Frances, Jonathan Goddard, Noah Leon and Charlotte Marion.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Mittleman Therapy Pool, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219, where he found welcome relief in the years following his stroke.

Donald Lee Adams

Donald Lee Adams, 75, of Irrigon, died Monday, Sept. 5, 2005, at Deana's Adult Foster Care Home in Irrigon.

A celebration of life gathering with a potluck luncheon to follow will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005, at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon.

He was born Jan. 8, 1930, in Portland, to Fred and Mary Rash Adams. He was raised and attended schools in The Dalles and Arlington then at Irrigon after moving there with his family in the 1940s.

He was employed by A.C. Houghton School as a bus driver and as a custodian. He also served as a fire chief in the Irrigon Volunteer Fire Department for 39 years and served as mayor of Irrigon for several years. He enjoyed camping, boating, metal fabrication and carpentry.

Survivors include his sons, Mark Adams and Robert Adams, both of Portland and Scott Adams of McMinnville; brother, Robert Adams of Seattle; and grandchildren, Amy and Mike. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross - Katrina Relief Fund through Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Darren Roland Bradford

Darren Roland Bradford, 34, of Heppner, died Sept. 10, 2005 in Pilot Rock.

Viewing will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 14 and 15, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Burns Mortuary in Pendleton. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. at Burnt River High School in Unity. Interment will be at Unity Cemetery in Unity.

Bradford was born Jan. 14, 1971 at Seattle, WA to Gail and Lea Clevenger Bradford. At the age of 6 weeks old, Bradford and his family moved to Baker until he was 9 months old. From

Baker the family moved to Unity where he grew up and graduated from Burnt River High School in 1989. He attended Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton and later moved to Pilot Rock in 1990 where he worked for L.P. from 1990-1994. In 1994, Bradford moved back to Unity until 1998.

Bradford met his wife, Belinda Harrison in 1998 and on July 17, 1999, they were married.

He later worked for Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Oregon for 2-1/2 years and then Kinzua in Pilot Rock.

In 2001, the Bradfords moved to Heppner where he joined the Heppner Volunteer Fire Department, a job that he was very proud of. He owned and operated Heppner Auto Service.

He loved sturgeon fishing and any other kind of fishing; he enjoyed hunting and is remembered as being a workaholic. He also enjoyed collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia. He was a "jokester" and loved to laugh and make others laugh. Most of all, he loved his children and spending time with them and his family.

He was a member of the Heppner Fire Department, Heppner Ambulance team, the Heppner Christian Church and the Unity Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Belinda of Heppner; son, Logan Bradford of Heppner; daughters, Amanda Bradford of Pilot Rock and Samantha Robbins of Pendleton; parents, Joe and Lea Greenwood of Unity and Shirley and Wayne Liles of Pilot Rock; grandmother, Evelyn Kirk of Toledo, WA; step-grandmother, Dorothy Lorene Bradford of Unity; brothers, Jeffrey and wife, Debbie Bradford of Sweet Water, TN, Shawn Greenwood of Huntington, Michael Liles of Pilot Rock, Rob Bradford of Unity, Brian and wife, Cheryl Bradford of Unity, Rod and wife, Kathy Bradford of Vale, Loyd Harrison of Pilot Rock and Burt and wife, Barb Harrison of Pilot Rock; sisters, Alice Bradford of New Jersey, Virginia Christian of Baker and Chessa Liles of Pilot Rock; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Clifford Clevenger and Roland Bradford; father, Gail Bradford; and brothers, Mitch Bradford and Steve Bradford.


Memorial contributions may be sent directly to Belinda Bradford, PO Box 667, Heppner, OR 97836 or Heppner Fire Department Darren Bradford Memorial Fund, PO Box 743, Heppner, OR 97836.

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