

The Official Newspaper
of the City of Heppner and the County of Morrow

**Heppner
GAZETTE-TIMES**

U.S.P.S. 240-420

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper

Published weekly and entered as periodical matter at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon under the Act of March 3, 1879. Periodical postage paid at Heppner, Oregon. Office at 188 W. Willow Street. Telephone (541) 676-9228. Fax (541) 676-9211. E-mail: editor@rapidsolve.net or david@heppner.net. Web site: www.heppner.net. Postmaster send address changes to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Subscriptions: \$25 in Morrow County; \$19 senior rate (in Morrow County only; 62 years or older); \$31 elsewhere; \$26 student subscriptions. David Sykes Publisher Betty MacTavish Editor

All News and Advertising Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.

For Advertising: advertising deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Cost for a display ad is \$4.90 per column inch. Cost for classified ad is 50¢ per word. Cost for Card of Thanks is \$10 up to 100 words. Cost for a classified display ad is \$5.50 per column inch.

For Public/Legal Notices: public/legal notices deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Dates for publication must be specified. Affidavits must be required at the time of submission. Affidavits require three weeks to process after last date of publication (a sooner return date must be specified if required).

For Obituaries: Obituaries are published in the Heppner GT at no charge and are edited to meet news guidelines. Families wishing to include information not included in the guidelines or who wish to have the obituary written in a certain way must purchase advertising space for the obituary.

For Letters to the Editor: Letters to the Editor MUST be signed by the author. The Heppner GT will not publish unsigned letters. All letters MUST include the author's address and phone number for use by the GT office. The GT reserves the right to edit letters. The GT 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 \$10.

On the HEPPNER WEBSITE: www.heppner.net

- Start or Change a Subscription
- Place a Classified Ad • Submit a News Story
- View Real Estate for Sale • City Council & Planning Minutes
- Local Businesses • County Park • Willow Creek Park Reservations
- Free Digital Postcards • Senior Housing • and more!

Engagement



Katy Shaw and David Norton

Cindy and Jeff Shaw announce the engagement of their daughter, Katy Ann Shaw of Portland, to David Thomas Norton of Portland. He is the son of Tom and Pam Norton of Sandy and the late Sue Norton.

Katy Shaw graduated from Pendleton High School in 2000. She has earned a bachelor's degree in public health from Portland State University and is employed as a sleep clinician at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

David Norton graduated from Heppner High School in 2002. He is currently a student at Cascade College, where he is preparing for a degree in elementary education. In addition to attending college, he is a basketball coach at West Linn High School.

The couple plans a May, 2006, wedding in Pendleton.

Heppner Booster Club meeting scheduled

The Heppner Junior/Senior High School Booster Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in the home economics room.

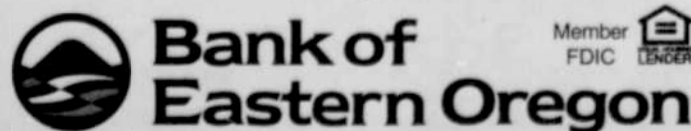
Booster Club members, class representatives and other interested individuals are invited to attend.

A cookie cutter profile



Our loan decisions are not made solely on the basis of a cookie cutter profile. Why? Because people are not cookies. They are individuals. We consider your character. We can't always say yes, but we always do our best to make sure our loan request is given the full respect and consideration it deserves.

Celebrate the spirit of your hometown!



**Bank of
Eastern Oregon**

Member
FDIC
Equal Housing Lender

Obituaries

Opal G. Cook

A memorial service for Opal G. Cook will be held Saturday, January 14, 2006, at 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston Chapel. A reception will follow in the Altrusa Community Room at the Agape House, 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. Disposition was by cremation. Burial of remains will be at the Hardman Cemetery at a later date.



Opal G. Cook

Opal G. Cook, 97, of Hermiston, passed away January 3, 2006, at Ashley Manor Residential Care Facility in Hermiston.

She was named Opal Grace by her brother, Carl McDaniel, when she was born September 3, 1908, in Burton Valley, Oregon, about 20 miles south of Hardman, Oregon. She was the youngest of four children born to Edward and Emily (Pennington) McDaniel. Opal's mother, Emily, died of the premature childbirth of a fifth child when Opal was but three years old. Her father, Edward McDaniel, remarried about two years later to Vena Swick who had a two-year old son, Herbert. They later had a daughter, Jessie. Vena passed away in 1918 of Spanish Influenza.

After the death of his second wife, Mr. McDaniel and his family wandered back and forth between Hardman, Spokane, and Mukilteo, Washington. Opal attended grade school in Hardman and high school in Washington. At the age of 17 she went to work as a cook's helper on a ranch out of Hardman for \$35 a month and room and board. She met and married Harlan Adams May 26, 1928, in Hardman. The couple had four children before moving to Kinzua in May of 1942. There, Harlan worked in the sawmill until his death in January 1955.

Opal met Larry Cook of Camp 5, (a few miles north of Kinzua), and they married in December of the following year. When Larry retired in 1962, the couple moved to Heppner. Opal, wanting to keep busy worked part-time in the Mode-O-Day dress shop, at Western Auto and as a cook at the school. She and her sister, Elsa Leathers, also cooked for 25 to 100 men each summer for fire school at Tupper Guard station. When Larry passed away in 1977 Opal moved to Hermiston where she was active in Eastern Star, senior citizen activities and was president of the Golden Age Club in Hermiston for some 15 years.

According to the family, Opal lived by this quotation: "I discovered years ago that happiness is a decision not a condition." The family says, "All who knew her can attest that she was the most positive person anyone has ever known. She

took life as it came and always looked for the bright side. She was the last of the original McDaniel family and will be greatly missed by all that knew her."

She is survived by her daughter, Shirlee VanRoekel of Hermiston; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; many step-children, grand and great-grand-children.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Harlan Adams and Larry Cook; sons, Harlan Norvin "Nornie" Adams of Hermiston and Perry Alan "Pep" Adams of Heppner; daughter, JoAnn Lee of Baker City; siblings, Carl McDaniel of Heppner, Dorothy Bromley of Arlington, WA, Elsa Leathers of Heppner, Jessie Lovgren of Heppner, and Herbert Swick of Arlington, WA.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hermiston Senior Center.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Earl McKinney

Earl McKinney died Friday, December 30, 2005, at his home in Umatilla, Oregon, at the age of 94. At his request, there will be no services held. A private family inurnment of remains will take place at the Wasco Cemetery at a later date. Disposition was by cremation.



Earl McKinney

He was born September 20, 1911, at a farm in Beumont, Illinois, to Ernest and Minnie (Alley) McKinney. On November 1st, 1935, he married Zela Marie Ruggles. According to the family, "They gained the respect and friendship of many generations in Morrow and Umatilla counties. Honest, hardworking, and fair, they made their living farming and ranching on upper and lower Rhea Creek and lower Buttercreek." The family says, "You could always get a twinkle in his eyes and a mischievous grin at the mention of hunting or fishing. Memorable highlights were a successful moose hunting trip to Alaska with long time pal, Barton Clark, and a fishing trip to Kenai, Alaska, with all his sons catching salmon, halibut, and great experiences."

He is survived by three sons, Malcolm, Leland, and Alan; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Zela in 2002; his parents, Ernest and Minnie McKinney; and his brother, Bill McKinney.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sherman County Historical Society, Moro, OR 97039.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

Richard L. Cox

Richard L. "Rick" Cox, 55, of Lexington, passed away December 28, 2005, at his daughter's home in Scappoose, Oregon, following a short illness. A memorial service for Mr. Cox, a lifelong Morrow County resident, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 14, at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

He was born February 12, 1950, at Pendleton, the son of Lyle and Maxine Huston Cox. He attended Lexington and Heppner Schools. Cox also attended some college courses at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

Mr. Cox was a member of the Morrow County Search and Rescue and Heppner BPOE No. 358. He enjoyed being with family and friends, hunting and four wheeling.

Survivors include his daughter, Randie Cox of Scappoose, Oregon; brother N. Lee Cox, Roanoke, Virginia; sister Karen Gavin, Salem, Oregon; aunt Berneise Cross of Portland, Oregon; uncles, Lionel Huston of Portland and Omar Huston of Boardman; niece Jennifer McGrory of Maine; and nephew Jacob Cooper of Eugene.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Elks 358 Foundation, PO Box 494, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of local arrangements.

Everett Harshman

Everett O. Harshman, 93, of Heppner passed away Friday, January 6, 2006, at his home in Heppner. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, January 10, at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Concluding service and burial will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Harshman was born December 8, 1912, in Pendleton, the son of Harvey and Annie Sperry Harshman. He was raised along with two brothers and two sisters in the Rood Canyon area near Hardman and attended the Hale Ridge School. He lived all but three years of his life in Morrow County.

On May 27, 1933, he married his childhood playmate, Elma McDaniel, in Heppner. The couple was married 68 years and raised three children, Noel G., Sandra and Teresa. Mr. Harshman's early adult years were filled with adventure and hard work. He herded sheep, worked in the shipyards, hauled potatoes and other commodities, and farmed in the Hardman and Heppner area.

In 1954 he moved his family to Port Angeles, Washington, where he purchased a motel and small farm. Eastern Oregon soon called and he returned his family to the Heppner area in 1957. The couple purchased a ladies' apparel shop and Everett worked for the government in the Agricultural and Soil Conservation Service office

for 14 years. He also raised cattle and sheep. In 1974 he began serving as the Morrow County Assessor, retiring in 1979.

After retirement the couple traveled to Arizona each winter and enjoyed time with family and friends. Elma Harshman preceded him in death in 2001. His last few years were happily spent with his friend and companion, Lillian Boyce.

Survivors include his son, Noel G. "Harsh" Harshman; daughters, Sandra Rill and Teresa Ward; special friend, Lillian Boyce; 12 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to the Heppner Elks 358 Foundation, PO Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Death Notice
Warren Sam Miller**

Warren Sam Miller, former ranger for the Heppner District died in Portland on January 3, 2006.

Private services will be held at a later date.

His wife, Pauline, preceded him in death approximately one year ago. They had retired to Dallas, Oregon, where they lived until her death.

Survivors include his daughter, Sara, and one granddaughter.

SWCD/Weed Board meeting to be held

The Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board has scheduled their annual meeting for Thursday, January 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the Heppner Elks Club with the regular meeting following at 11 a.m.

Annual meeting agenda items include the introduction of directors and staff, the treasurer's report for the last fiscal year and review of the annual report. The regular meeting agenda includes appointment of associate directors, election of officers, meeting minutes from December, treasurer's report, written staff report and partnership reports. An executive session may be held.

A joint SWCD/Weed Board/Morrow County Cattlemen program will begin at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Heppner Elks Club. The program will include biodiesel on the farm, biological weed control, information on the "Weed Seeker" technology and conservation funding programs availability.

The Cattlemen portion will include the animal identification program, a presentation by Beef Northwest on animal age and a presentation by Dave Fowler on the use of Global Positioning Systems (GPS).

Lunch will be provided to attendees of the joint program. Those planning to attend should RSVP to Janet Greenup at 676-5452. Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

We Print
Business Cards
Heppner Gazette

MCGG GREEN FEED STORE in Heppner



PURINA, Wind and Rain

All - Season Complete Mineral

Buy 10 bags, get 1 FREE!

~ Morrow County Grain Growers ~

Lexington 989-8221 • 1-800-452-7396 For farm equipment, visit our web site at www.mcgg.net