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Court reads to SMART students

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SMART volunteers are: Bonnie Ball, John Bristol, Don Bristol, Laurel Cannon, Marcus Collier, John Collin, Trish Cornelison, June Crowell, Theresa Dumler, Gayle Eynetich, Ashly Grams, Betty Gray, Dianna Hams, Tonya Heideman, Debbie Holtz, Amy Jepsen, Penny Krebs, Katherine Lindstrom, Lea Mathieu, Lena McElligott, Patty McNary, Sheila Miller, Anne Morter, Kathy Morter, Anita Orem, Anita Peterson, Joel Peterson, Kathy Rankin, Judy Rea, Betty Rietmann, Kerry Rietmann, Lisa Rietmann, Sharon Rietmann, Ed Rollins, Claudia Smythe and Pastor Lori Wiley. The reading programs are just as much fun for the volunteers as the students.

The Ione SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) volunteers read with two children for one hour a week and the children receive two books each month to keep and read with their families. SMART

delivers two things that K-3 students need most to learn to read: adult attention and books. This gives them the one-on-one support they need to learn to read and build brighter futures.

Everyone seemed to be having fun reading and listening to all the wonderful stories. The students loved book give away day but the hard part was choosing which book to take home. The program is a huge success due to all the help of the volunteers.

Michelle Stone's middle school students from her music class volunteer to read when SMART is short a reader or two. The SMART readers really enjoy reading with them.

There is always a need for more volunteers as well as financial support as SMART is a non-profit organization. To learn more about SMART, visit www.getsmartoregon.org or call the Ione Community School at 422-7131 to volunteer.

Garden Club news

The Heppner Garden Club will be meeting June 5 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The program will be by Marti Luther. She has recently established a new business the Victorian Rose. She sells a variety of items that are quite reasonably priced. It is a delight just to visit her store; she creatively decorates and displays her wares in a creative and early 1900s theme. The program will be: arrangements other than flowers.

The hostesses for the evening are Eve Ironhawk and Gayle Snell.



Kindergarten



Senior Year

**ROY MICHAEL HALE
PROCTOR**

**We are celebrating
our son's graduation from
Heppner High School**

Please stop by and join us!

**OPEN HOUSE ALL DAY SATURDAY
June 3rd starting at 11 a.m. at our house
Mike is barbecuing & Kay has planted flowers!**

(Our apologies for not mailing announcements)



Obituaries

Otto "Skip" Eugene Ruhl

Otto "Skip" Eugene Ruhl, 68, a longtime Hermiston resident, died Thursday, May 25, 2006 at the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy Hospice in Kennewick, WA.



Otto Ruhl

Funeral services were held May 30 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hermiston. Burial followed at the Hermiston Cemetery.

He was born at Heppner on Jan. 15, 1938 to parents, L. E. and Faye Gray Ruhl. He grew up on the family farm outside of Lexington. He graduated from Heppner High School and attended Oregon State University. He was a longtime resident of Hermiston.

He married his wife Jean Stahly on May 21, 1964.

Ruhl was employed at Pioneer Implement in Hermiston as parts manager for 34 years. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing and boating. He was an avid sports fan and loved to watch the Mariners. He enjoyed yearly fishing and crabbing trips to the coast. He also loved spending time with his family and friends. He was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Ruhl of Hermiston; daughters, Cynthia Ruhl, Laurie Ross and husband Rick Ross and Tracey Pollock and husband Sam Pollock, all of Hermiston; grandsons, Joshua Ross, Ryan Ross, Bryce Pollock and Hayden Pollock; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Dick Ruhl.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy Hospice 2108 West Entiat Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336 or to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Richard E. "Dick" Ruhl

Richard E. "Dick" Ruhl, 65, died Friday, May 19, 2006 at his home near Lexington.

At his request no service will be held. Disposition was by cremation.

He was born Dec. 1, 1940 at Heppner, the son of Laurel E. "Buck" and Viola Faye Gray Ruhl. He grew up on the Ruhl family ranch in Black Horse Canyon near Lexington. He attended school in Lexington and then Heppner High School where he graduated. He went on to play football for Oregon State University and played in the 1965 Rose Bowl.

Ruhl married Susan McQuarry also from Heppner and they had two

children, Dana and Rich. He received his master's degree in physical education, starting a teaching and coaching career in Henley. After two years, he moved to Roseburg where he continued his career for 27 years. Dick and Susan divorced in 1978.

Ruhl returned to the Ruhl ranch every summer for harvest, returning permanently after he retired in 1991. In 1993, his companion, Lyn Reuteler, joined him on the ranch where they have lived happily for the past 13 years.

He enjoyed fishing, watching sports, his computer and his many animals.

Survivors include his companion of 21 years, Lyn Reuteler of Lexington; daughter, Dana Epperly of Roseburg; son, Rich Ruhl of Eugene; brother, Otto "Skip" Ruhl of Hermiston; and grandchildren, Brett and Kayla.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner in charge of arrangements.

Death Notices

Dennis Jobs

Dennis Jobs, 83, died Saturday, May 27, 2006 at Pilot Rock.

A funeral service will be held Friday, June 2 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton. A celebration of life ceremony will follow at 1 p.m. at the Pendleton Elks Lodge.

He was born May 11, 1923.

A full obituary will be in next week's paper.

Florence C. Green

Florence C. Green, 92, of Heppner, died Monday, May 29, 2006 at Juniper House in Pendleton. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary.

Donalda M. Reed

Donalda M. Reed, 86, of Heppner, died Monday, May 29, 2006 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Morrow SWCD board, weed advisory board to meet

A Morrow SWCD Board and quarterly Weed Advisory Board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 6, at 6:45 p.m., at the Pettyjohn Office Building in Heppner. Agenda items include approval of April and May meeting minutes, treasurer's report, written staff report, minutes policy, Natural Resource Manual discussion, PURS review, TMDL process, weed supervisor report, weed plan review and partner agency reports. There is prospect of an executive session according to ORS 192.660(2)(f).

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

Heppner uses local artistic talent to beautify old pool site



(L-R): Corey Sweeney, Mike Hann and Steve Marlett. Photo by JoAnne Burleson.



New museum sign with metal work on display at old pool site. Photo by JoAnne Burleson.

Have you noticed the new sign recently erected at the old pool site in Heppner? If you haven't, you owe it to yourself to stop by and take a look. The artistic skills of Steve Marlett, metalworker, and Mike Hann, woodworker and sign maker, have been skillfully integrated to create a work of art in this new sign. Hann, who works with glass, wood and stone, has been in the sign making business since 1993. He started out in Townsend, WA. Marlett's skill is displayed above the main entry at many local ranches, his work is appreciated and in demand. Corey Sweeney is his assistant. This sign is a work of art, of which we are rightfully proud.

United Way distributes \$260,000 to partner agencies

The Board of Directors of the United Way of Umatilla and Morrow Counties has approved allocations to local partner agencies for 2006-07, as recommended by the 36-member United Way allocations committee. According to Perry Wilson, United Way allocations chair, "This represents the great generosity of our community and the willingness to invest in services to needy neighbors."

The United Way allocations committee spent six weeks analyzing partner agencies' financial requests, visiting agency facilities and interviewing partner agency staff and board members. "Our allocation volunteers took very seriously the duty to make good decisions with donors' contributions," Wilson stated.

United Way Funding for 2006-07: \$24,200- Agape House, Hermiston, emergency needs; \$23,246- American Red Cross, Umatilla-Morrow Counties, emergency-disaster preparedness; \$2500- Boardman Senior Citizens, noon meals; \$8926- Boy Scouts, Blue Mountain Council, serving youngsters in Umatilla-Morrow Counties; \$9000- Breadbasket, Milton-Freewater, emergency food pantry; \$16,769- Camp Fire USA, Pendleton, daycare-latch key program; \$20,012- Campus Life, Hermiston, a safe place for teens; \$34,069- Domestic Violence Services, Umatilla-Morrow Counties; \$18,009- Eastern

Oregon Alcoholism Foundation, family-oriented residential treatment; \$9000- Foster Grandparents/Senior Companions, volunteers with schools/homebound elderly; \$5069- Girl Scouts, Mid Columbia Council, serving youngsters in Umatilla-Morrow Counties; \$2942- Habitat for Humanity, Oregon Trail Chapter, affordable housing; \$3000- Irrigon-Boardman Emergency Assistance Center, emergency needs; \$8267- Milton-Freewater Youth Services, Horizon Project, wholesome activities for kids; \$1204- Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County, emergency needs; \$11,363- Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, elderly-disabled transportation program; \$10,898- St. Mary's Outreach, Pendleton, emergency needs; \$8912- Salvation Army, noon meals and emergency needs; \$17,094- Tonya's House, shelter-counseling for teenage girls; \$16,853- Vange John Memorial Hospice; and \$7821- Walla Walla Community Hospice.

The 2006-07 allocations include all designated contributions from donors who directed their gifts to specific agencies through United Way, the Combined Federal Campaign and the Oregon State Employee Charitable Fund Drive. An additional \$20,502 will be distributed to non-partner agencies as designated by United Way contributors.

The United Way Board of Directors appreciates the many workgroups throughout the two-county area that support the United Way campaign through employee payroll deduction programs.

For more information, contact Lauren Dickey at 276-2661 or visit the website at umatillamorrowunitedway.org.

At the MCGG GREEN FEED STORE in Heppner:

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

MCGG Green Feed will close at noon on Saturday, June 3 for the HHS Graduation



Morrow County Grain Growers

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