

LaRue retires after 33 years



Ned Clark (left) shares a laugh with Linda LaRue (right) at her retirement party in Heppner.



Linda K. LaRue retires after 33 years in banking.

Linda K. LaRue retired at the end of September from Bank of Eastern Oregon after 33 years of service. Two retirement parties were held for LaRue, one in Ione, where she began her career and one here in Heppner, where she has worked for the last 19 years.

LaRue began her career in banking as a teller at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione in 1973. Two of her most memorable, however not so happy memories, times in Ione were the two armed bank robberies in the early 1980s. LaRue was present for both of these events.

LaRue came to the Heppner branch in 1992 to take over the position of teller supervisor. She then continued up the ranks serving as cashier, chief operations officer and retired as an executive vice president of the bank.

LaRue said the best thing about working for the bank has been the staff and the customers. "We have a tremendous staff," said LaRue. "From the president to the janitors, I am going to miss them all."

Another memorable moment for LaRue was the acquisition of the Klamath First branches. "It was a huge jump [for the bank],"

expressed LaRue.

Though she is retiring, LaRue is still planning to stay extra busy. When she is not spending as much time as she can with her nine grandchildren and husband, Del, who retired himself 10 years ago, she is still going to be active with banking. LaRue will continue serving on the BEO board of directors and she is going to teach several workshops over the next few months for the Oregon Bankers Association. LaRue will also continue serving on the Morrow County Health District Board.

As for finding new hobbies and enjoying old ones, LaRue says she plans on making a quilt, scrapbooking and taking in a little golf, of course, all these will only take place when she isn't following her grandchildren's activities.

Taking over the duties of LaRue will be Gary Propheer, who will handle the operations side of the job and Mark Lemmon, who will be adding LaRue's accounting duties to his own.

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Real Estate
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HOW NOT TO SET PRICE

If you try to sell your home without the services of a Realtor, there's a better than even chance that you'll set the wrong selling price. The selling price, by the way, is the most important factor in the whole sales process. Most owners base their price on the only facts known: original cost, improvements and hoped-for-profit. Then they factor in what they think similar houses are bringing. Unfortunately, the first three are irrelevant and the fourth is highly dubious.

The original price, improvements and hoped-for-profit have nothing to do with the right price to produce a sale. Prices of other homes may give you some clue to the market, but you only hear the asking price. It's not realistic and it won't be the selling price.

How then do you set a realistic price? By consulting a local Realtor whose business it is to know how much property can bring and will bring. A Realtor's knowledge of the market is invaluable.

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OSU Extension Association recognizes cooperators and friends

The Oregon State University Extension Service recognized several outstanding cooperators and friends of Extension during a recent awards ceremony held at the annual Extension conference on the OSU campus.

"These awards acknowledge the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations throughout the state that have freely given time and resources to support Extension Service educational programs," said Holly Berry, Family Community Development faculty with the Marion County office of the OSU Extension Service.

Those honored are Rod Bach, Monmouth; Catherine Brosnan-Tepas, Silverton; Diane Silverstein, Polk County; Dottie Zajac, Dexter; Bill Jepsen, Heppner; Bruce Hawks, Eugene; the Rietmann family, Heppner; the Hentze Family Farm, Junction City; Ellwood Miller, Linn County and Stuart and Clarice Miller, of Tillamook County.

While Jepsen and the Rietmanns could not attend the ceremony, there were

still honored. Jepsen, a Morrow County wheat producer, has allowed OSU to conduct both small-plot and large-scale field research trials on his farm for the past several years. He is on Extension advisory committees and is a 4-H livestock leader as well.

The entire Rietmann family of Heppner has been active in OSU Extension programs. Tami Rietmann has been a 4-H leader for 14 years and her husband Mark helps with the 4-H beef program. Daughters Shelly and Shanna came through the 4-H program and were camp counselors and Morrow County 4-H ambassadors.

The OSU Extension Service is the statewide educational outreach arm of the university, working to help Oregonians find solutions to high priority economic, environmental and social issues. Extension delivers research-based educational programs in agriculture, forestry, family and community development, marine and fresh water issues and 4-H youth development.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Things are looking pretty spooky inside the St. Patrick's Senior Center these days. With Halloween just around the corner, the residents of the apartments can't seem to rid the place of spiders and all the webs they weave. Some tenants claim they have seen a head on a silver platter, with rats and snakes running amuck. One even claims to have seen a tarantula on the floor. "I personally have seen two," said Kathy Turner, apartment manager. "One is real and one is a want-a-be. That's my opinion."

The real "Harry" has resided in the building for one year now. He will show up again on Halloween

night, downstairs when all the kids come trick or treating. He only shows himself once a year so you don't want to miss that. Harry doesn't wear a costume or mask. He comes just as he is. What would be the point? He is scary just the way he is.

On the menu for Oct. 18 is meat enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa, shredded lettuce with tomatoes, tortilla chips and marbled sheet cake. Serving this delicious meal will be volunteers from the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Don't fret. Harry won't be present this day; enchiladas spook him.

Jen the Hen visits HES



[Editor's Note: We are reprinting this picture, as the caption was unreadable due to a printing error.]

(Bottom Row L-R): Michael Olshove, Wyatt Steagall, Joseph Jones, Patrick Burch and Charles Cason; (Second Row L-R): Alex Victorio, Makenzi Hughes holding Jen the Golden Hen, Kassidee Cimmiyotti and Daniela Sanchez; and (Top Row L-R): Mary Haguewood, Pablo Lopez, Mary Ann Elguézabal, Zane Riddle, Casey Gray and Mary Flaherty.

Let's Celebrate!
Delmer & Judy Buschke's
50th Wedding Anniversary
When: Sunday, Oct. 22
Where: Heppner Elks
Time: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Buffet Dinner
Cake & Punch
No-Host Bar
Please - No Gifts Other Than Your Presence!

Wedding Kehr-Brannon



Dana and Russ Brannon

Dana Ann Kehr and William "Russ" Russell Brannon were joined in marriage on July 8, 2006 in Tillamook.

The bride, of Aberdeen, WA, is the daughter of Don and Pat Kehr of Tillamook. She is a 1984 graduate of Tillamook High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Linfield School of Nursing and her master's from University of Washington. She is currently employed as a family nurse practitioner at Family Medicine in Grays Harbor, WA.

The groom, of Heppner, is the son of Arletha Brannon of Heppner. He attended Blue Mountain Community College and Columbia Basin College. He is currently employed as a journeyman lineman for Columbia Basin Electric.

The wedding and reception took place at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds.

The bride's party consisted of Lisa Dick, matron of honor; Tammy

Martin, Suzi Mercier and Jessica Martin, bridesmaids; and Katelin Mercier, junior bridesmaid.

The groom's party consisted of Brian Price, best man; Terry Gray, Marty Brannon and Drew Brannon (groom's son), groomsmen; and Jacob Kehr, junior groomsmen.

Ushers were David Kehr and Ethan Martin. Flower girls were Rachael Dick and Markita Martin. Ring Bearers were Michael Mercier, Jaden Dick and Carson Dick.

The bride's bouquet was assembled in the back of the aisle. Twenty-three special friends who represented different stages in the bride's life presented her with roses in a variety of colors that were tied together in satin by Merry Brannon.

The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii.

The couple continues to maintain two residences, one in Aberdeen, WA and one in Heppner.

Grant workshop scheduled in Heppner

Blue Mountain Community College has scheduled a one-day workshop entitled, Getting a Grant, for Monday, Oct. 23, at the Morrow County Extension Office in Heppner. The class will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants should bring their own lunch. The cost of the workshop is \$20 and pre-registration is required.

This one-day seminar will introduce participants to the basics of getting a grant and then what to do once a grant has been received. Topics covered include:

- Demystifying the grant seeking process;
- Identifying funding sources;
- Framing the project;
- Elements of a proposal;
- What to do once you get a grant.

Susan Plass, Blue Mountain Community College's Director of Grants, will present the workshop. Plass has over 20 years experience in the field of grants and proposals.

Pre-registration is required and may be done by contacting Anne Morter, BMCC Coordinator for South Morrow County, at 422-7040.

Mini concert to be held at Ione Community School

A Cardinal Mini Concert will be held Monday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m., at the Ione Community School cafeteria. The event will feature the sixth through 12th grade music class and the Cardinal Chorus, with the Elite Strings Trio.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and enjoy the music talent of the Ione students.