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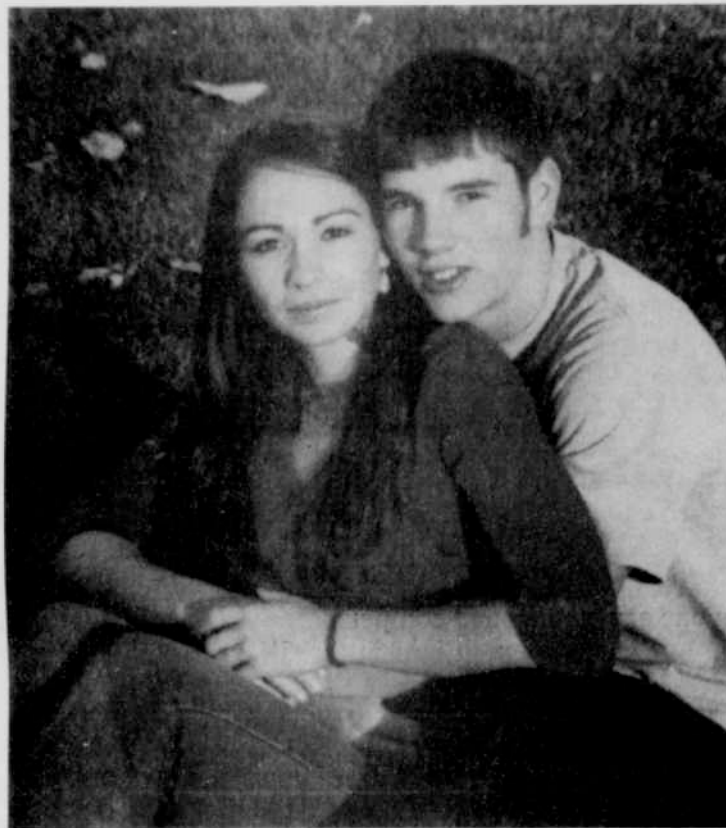
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Engagement
Kennedy-Christman



Cara Kennedy and Nicholas Christman

Cara Ralene Kennedy, Lexington, and Nicholas Paul Christman, Ione, together with their parents, announce their engagement to be married.

Cara is the daughter of Sid and Cindy Kennedy, Lexington. She graduated from Heppner High School and attends Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla, WA. She is employed at Premier Physical Therapy, Milton-Freewater, OR.

Nicholas is the son of Carl and Kelly Christman, Ione. He graduated from Ione High School and attended Whitman College at Walla Walla, transferring to Walla Walla College, College Place, WA. He is employed with Walla Walla College.

The couple plans a July 22, 2007, wedding at the Riverfront Center, Boardman. Family and friends are invited to share the day of their wedding. Because of limited seating, those planning to attend are asked to please RSVP to 541-989-8356.

Former Heppner resident to celebrate 80th birthday

Mary McLeod, who lived in Heppner for 20 years and still has many friends here, will celebrate her 80th birthday July 15 with family and friends at the Rockwood United Methodist Church, 178th S.E. Stark in Portland at 11:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to send her well wishes may write to her at the following address: 816 N.E. Fleming Ave, Gresham, OR 97030.

Brandon Young & Becky Jones wish to invite Family & Friends to share the day of their Wedding
Saturday, the Seventh of July,
Two Thousand & Seven
at five o'clock in the afternoon
Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
241 Southeast Second Street, Pendleton
Reception to follow at
Pendleton Round-Up Hospitality Room

At the MCGG GREEN FEED STORE in Heppner:
SALE EXTENDED ONE MORE WEEK! SAVE NOW!
ALL NURSERY STOCK 30% OFF
Morrow County Grain Growers Green Feed & Seed
242 W. Linden Way, Heppner • 676-9422 • 989-8221 (MCGG main office)

Ione American Legion Auxiliary members attend convention



Left to right: back-Irene Holtz, Jean Jepsen; front-June Crowell, Marlene Pointer

Ione American Legion Auxiliary Unit #95 members, Irene Holtz, Jean Jepsen, June Crowell and Marlene Pointer, attended the 2007 Legion and Auxiliary annual convention held in Astoria, OR. Delegates learned about the many projects being held across the state by other Legion Auxiliary Units. New officers were elected for the coming year. Department president was Phyllis Parent. Ellie Buell was elected to serve as president for the coming year.

Membership is up for the year with new members joining the Auxiliary Units regularly. Following the theme "Shoot for the Stars", District 6 placed second in membership and dues collection. Unit # 95 - Ione - was first in the state to have 100 percent dues paid for the year. There are approximately 25 new members to this district this year.

Committee representatives gave reports. "With the combination of all the committee reports, it was amazing to see what the Auxiliary Units across Oregon are capable of doing," said Jepsen. In District 6, which covers Eastern Oregon, a total of 448 hours was donated and \$4,349.00 in donations was given in the support of veterans at the hospital level this past year. One unit hosts monthly Bingo at the Walla Walla Veterans Administration Medical Center. Other units supply cookies and coffee to the Walla Walla VA Hospital and Veterans Home in The Dalles.

Many units have had projects in support of our military troops overseas. Some held sock drives, sent care packages with cookies and other support items needed by our military. Some units have given much needed support to families of veterans. These loved ones are the wives and children left at home to deal with everyday needs while their husbands and fathers are overseas.

A big hit for veterans in the VA hospitals is being able to choose a Christmas gift for each of their immediate family members. Units supply gifts or money to each hospital or VA Home and each veteran is able to shop at no cost. The Legion Auxiliary members wrap and mail the gifts them to each family at no cost to the veteran.

"Christmas wouldn't be much fun if we knew there were needy children in our local areas," said Jepsen. "So we try to find those needy families in our hometowns. Behind the scenes, we obtain sizes and needs and Auxiliary members shop for them so they can enjoy Christmas along with everyone else. Many businesses and organizations pitch in to help. Our Christmases are a little brighter knowing we made a difference in the life of a child."

Girls State is one of the activities aimed at educating young men and women who are in their

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Obituaries

Mary Bengé

Mary Bengé, 92, formerly of Heppner, died Thursday, June 21, 2007, at La Grande.

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 30, 2007, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery, followed by a potluck at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Mrs. Bengé as born April 9, 1915, in Coffey, Missouri, to Claude and Ethel Brumfield Cartwright. She grew up in Coffey, and graduated from Coffey High School.

She married Dem Reninger and they lived in Denver, Colorado, where they were in the restaurant business before divorcing.

In 1943, she moved to Heppner where she married Terrell Bengé. They

ranch on Social Ridge and Rhea Creek until retiring in 1972.

Mrs. Bengé was active in the Elks Auxiliary and Eastern Star. She was known for her cooking, especially her sourdough bread. She also enjoyed playing cards and gardening, and was an avid reader.

She is survived by son, Michael (Butch) Bengé of Falls Church, Virginia; step-daughter, Lynn Marie McDonald of Omaha, Nebraska; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Terrell; daughters, Maryann and Joan; step-son, Ralph; a brother; three sisters; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, Elks Sight and Hearing Foundation, or the charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Health District receives request from Boardman clinic for \$70,000 each year for three years

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\$20,000 pledge for \$20,000 each year for the next three years contingent on MCHD approving the \$210,000 three-year donation. Glenn said that the MCHD contribution was included in the CRCHS budget sent to the federal government.

MCHD Board Chair Larry Mills told Glenn that the board would consider the request and would also be considering whether to go before voters to ask for additional tax monies in consideration of the impending expiration of the three-year local tax option.

Mills also asked Glenn for public recognition of MCHD's contributions to the Boardman community, both financially as well as service provided, and asked for the Boardman community's support for a health district levy, if the board decides to go out for one.

Glenn also noted that CRCHS recruited a physician who was expected to be on board by June 20. He said that the hiring of another physician will pave the way for long-time Boardman physician, Dr. Robert Boss, "to ease into retirement." Dr. Boss also owns the building where CRCHS is housed and had previously operated his private clinic there.

Glenn spoke of building a larger clinic sometime "down the road", but also said CRCHS may enter into another lease with Dr. Boss. CRCHS is in the third year of a five-year lease with Dr. Boss. MCHD CEO Victor Vander Does suggested that MCHD may be interested in building a larger clinic in Boardman which CRCHS could rent or lease from the district. He said he believed the district could build a clinic much cheaper than CRCHS would be able to.

Vander Does also suggested to Glenn that MCHD is capable of providing lab tests for CRCHS and expressed the hope that CRCHS would consider sending its lab work to MCHD.

Also at the meeting, MCHD Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney reported another good month for the district with a \$158,763 gain for the month, a \$389,133 year-to-date gain and a \$35,375 average monthly year-to-date gain.

In other business, the board:

- adopted a \$6,516,384 budget for fiscal year 2007-08, appropriated the funds, imposed a tax of .6050 cents per thousand assessed value for operations and a .39 cent per thousand local option tax for opera-

tions.
-appointed Vander Does as an agent to appoint an architect of record.

-heard from Vander Does that he has recruited a new physician for the district, Dr. Betsy Anderson. He said he had two other physicians "in the pipeline", one from Iowa and one from Goldendale, WA.

-learned from Vander Does that one patient is currently in the hospital's swing bed program.

-learned that an employee wrote a thank-you note to the district in appreciation of new equipment that district purchased, which, said the employee, will make her job easier. The board was very appreciative of the note.

-heard the announcement of an employee barbecue planned for Sunday, July 1, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

-approved the low bid for a fire system from Moon Security Services, Inc., Pasco, WA. For \$53,743. General Fire Equipment Co. of Eastern Oregon had also submitted a bid for \$54,766.

-approved the low bid for professional auditing services for three years from current auditor Michael R. Bell & Company, PLLC, for \$47,250. The cost break-down was \$15,000 for 2007, \$15,750 for 2008 and \$16,500 for 2009. Barnett & Moro, P.C. also submitted a bid for \$19,725 for 2007, \$19,725 plus CPI adjustment for 2008 and the 2008 fee plus an additional CPI adjustment for 2009.

-approved an application for education reimbursement for an EMT as per MCHD policy.

-heard the following report: Irrigon Clinic had 197 patients for the month of May with 31 new patients, 45 patients seen by a nurse and 14 no shows; Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 396 patients for May with 17 new patients and 38 patients seen by a nurse; Heppner Ambulance had 26 page-outs with 21 transports for \$21,366 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 25 page-outs with 15 transports for \$15,893 in revenue; Ir-rigon Ambulance had 11 page-outs with nine transports for \$8,027 in revenue; Pioneer Memorial had three admissions, 18 admitted for observation, 412 total outpatients, 77 total emergency room encounters, 1,363 lab tests, 134 x-ray procedures, 35 CT scans, 24 EKG tests, 104 respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 167 visits; Hospice had six patients; and the pharmacy had 1,201 drug doses for \$78,187 in drug revenue.



You're Invited To
ED DICK'S 90th BIRTHDAY PARTY
Saturday, July 14th from 1-3 p.m.
Heppner Elks Lodge

No gifts, but you can bring a story!