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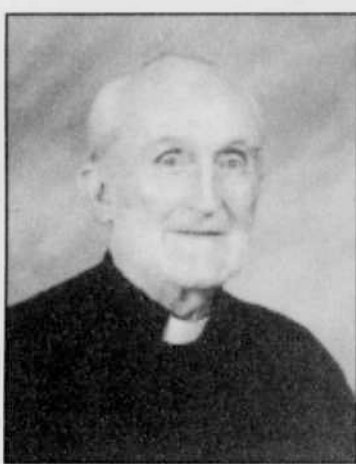
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Obituaries

Rev. Francis A. Hebert

Rev. Francis A. Hebert, 90, of Fossil, former long time Heppner resident, died Thursday, November 22, 2007 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Recitation of the Rosary was held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with concluding service and burial at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.



Rev. Francis A. Hebert

He was born April 29, 1917 in Custer, SD, the son of Emmanuel and Mary Conway Hebert. He was raised and attended school at Hill City, SD where he graduated from high school. He worked in the Citizens Conservation Corp for several years before being drafted into the Armed Service in June of 1941. He served in the United States Army, participating in the Major European Campaigns during World War II. He was honorably discharged in December of 1945.

Before entering the Seminary, Father Hebert worked in the mines and in the woods, occasionally using horses in that line of work. He was ordained as a Catholic priest in May of 1960. He served as a priest in the Idaho Diocese, first serving Mass in Hailey, ID. Following his retirement he moved to Heppner to be near family. For nearly 20

years he helped at St. William's Parish in Ione and St. Patrick's Parish in Heppner. He most recently has been a resident of Haven House Retirement Center in Fossil. While in Fossil he served weekday Mass at St. Catherine's Catholic Church when his health permitted.

He is survived by: a sister, Aileen Brooks, of Gannett, ID; a niece, Jean Ann Adams, of Heppner; and 21 additional nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by sisters Margaret Lerseth, Rita Harrington, and Camilla Samples.

Memorial contributions may be made to Haven House Retirement Center, P.O. Box 386, Fossil, OR 97830 or to the Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or the donor's charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Baker, DeMayo honored at open house



Terri Baker and Dave DeMayo were recently honored at an open house held at Heppner City Hall. Baker recently resigned as Heppner Chamber of Commerce director and DeMayo may be recalled to active duty with the U.S. Army.

MC Sheriff's Office investigates theft and vandalism incidents

On November 26, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office took two reports involving theft of large amounts of wire from two separate victims. A third incident occurred in the mountains south of Heppner involving vandalism of county equipment.

Morrow County Public Works reported that when workers arrived at the county rock crusher facility located off of Gravel Pit Lane in Irrigon, they found that a large amount of the electrical cabling used to operate the crusher facility had been stolen. The theft occurred sometime between Wednesday, November 21, and Monday, November 26. In addition, a number of items were damaged during the theft. The preliminary estimate of damage and loss is well in excess of \$10,000.

Wesley Wise who operates a rock crusher in the same area, also had 1,000 plus feet of electric cabling taken from their facility as well. The value of the items damaged/stolen in this incident is estimated at over \$3,000.

In addition to these two incidents, Morrow County Public Works reported that sometime between Wednesday, November 21, and Monday, November 26, someone vandalized two portable "reader boards" that were on Tupper Lane just off of the 21 road in southern Morrow County. The subject(s) involved also used a county excavator located nearby to place a slash pile in the roadway obstructing vehicular traffic. Estimates of damage in this incident are not available at this time.

All incidents are currently under investigation. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office requests that anyone with information on possible suspects and/or suspicious vehicles seen in the area of any of these three incidents, contact MCSO at 676-5317.

Prep work begins on Court Street



Court Street was blocked off for a few hours on Tuesday, November 27, as workers used a crane for prep work needed for road expansion that will begin in 2009. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

Willow Creek Symphony & Singers to perform first concerts of the season

The Willow Creek Symphony and Willow Creek Singers are gearing up for their first concerts of the season on December 1 and 2, 2007. The ensembles, which are part of Inland Northwest Musicians (INWM), will perform Saturday, December 1 in Arlington at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 2 at Heppner Elementary School in at 4 p.m. Both concerts are free.

"This is the seventh year that Willow Creek has been a part of INWM. We are proud to continue to be an active member of the music culture of this region and to have this student/adult ensemble activity be available to the citizens of those communities," said R. Lee Friese, Music Director/Conductor of Inland Northwest Musicians. Friese is the principal conductor of the Willow Creek groups, and is assisted by Associate Conductor Holly MacDonell, who is a resident of Arlington and the public school music teacher there.

Willow Creek Symphony and Willow Creek Singers will jointly perform *What Child Is This?* (arr. Hopson) at the concert, plus several selections separately. The symphony will perform six other pieces, among them *Snow White Fantasy* by Churchill (arr. Herfurth), *Scarborough Fair* (arr. Muller) and *Finale from Swan Lake* by Tchaikovsky (arr. Carlin). The singers will perform four other compositions, including *Skye Boat Song*, (arr. Rodgers) and *This Is My Country* by Raye/Jacobs (arr. Scott).

"The audiences will recognize several of the pieces we are performing, and I know they will also enjoy the less familiar pieces; it will be a great pair of concerts for our two en-

sembles," said MacDonell, Associate Conductor.

The audience is invited to a reception after each concert to meet and mingle with the musicians. Donations will be accepted at each event. Inland Northwest Musicians relies on local support in each community in which they perform. The Heppner concert is being sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

For more information on the above concerts or for the entire season schedule, please call the Inland Northwest Musicians office at 541-966-6649 or visit online at inwm.org. If you are interested in supporting the organization, annual Sustaining Memberships are available.

Inland Northwest Musicians will continue its season in December with a trio of holiday concerts featuring Handel's *Messiah*.

Inland Northwest Musicians is a nonprofit, regional organization whose mission is to bring fine orchestral and choral music and education opportunities to large and small communities in northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington. Founded in 1999, it is comprised of five performing ensembles—Inland Northwest Orchestra and Inland Northwest Chorale (rehearsing in Pendleton), Wallowa Valley Orchestra (rehearsing in Wallowa) and Willow Creek Symphony and Willow Creek Singers (rehearsing in Heppner). The ensembles have performed 180 concerts in 50 communities throughout their history. All of the musicians are volunteers who believe that music is for everyone, regardless of income or geographic location. All concerts are free.

Birth Announcement

Cole Jon Roy – Josh and Jessica Roy of Heppner announce the birth of their son, Cole Jon Roy, born Monday, November 19, at Good Shepherd Hospital at 9:46 a.m.

At birth he weighed nine pounds, 11 ounces, and was 23 inches in length.

Grandparents are Jim and Donna Roy of Heppner and Jeff and Kathie Maben of Mount Vernon.

Area school Christmas programs announced

Heppner Elementary School will hold their Christmas program "Elvis and the sleigh riders" on Tuesday, December 11, at 6 p.m. at the HES gym.

Heppner High School will hold a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, in the high school cafeteria.

Ione School will hold their Christmas program at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, in the school cafeteria.

The public is welcome to attend these events.

Ione Community Church welcomes new pastor

The Ione Community Church in Ione has a new permanent pastor. Stacy Shelton will preach her first sermon as the permanent pastor this Sunday, Decem-

ber 2. Shelton comes to Ione Community Church from Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton where she has served as an associate pastor since August of 2000. Shelton and her husband, Jason Reid, will be moving to Ione this week and are looking forward to getting to know the community.

Sunday School starts at 9:45 followed by the regular Sunday service at 11 a.m. All are invited.

Come to Ione and join us for our Annual Open House and Bazaar.

The traditional open house will take place on Friday November 30 from 10 am to 3 pm and will include the usual great food and door prizes from local businesses.

New this year will be a two-day Holiday Bazaar at the Legion Hall from Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 10 am to 4 pm each day.

Be sure to stop by Taylor's and make a bid on one or more of the many wreaths created by various organizations. Bidding is open until December 15.



Royce,
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