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**Ione School Board approves management contract with Umatilla-Morrow ESD**

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replacing long-time athletic director Dean Robinson.  
-held an executive session to discuss performance evaluations; hiring of a high school tennis coach; and an issue regarding students.  
-heard the follow-

**Not Utopia, but eternal happiness**

By Fr. Gerry Condon

I suppose that everyone has given some thought to Utopia. Perhaps the sad part is that we always come to the conclusion that it is not going to happen in our lifetime, or perhaps ever happen in our world. So it may be just a dream. But surely we must have dreams to rise above the confusion that exists in our world. Surely we have to have dreams to rise above the clouds and think of eternity. Surely we can have dreams to envision our world motivated by lofty ideals. I wonder what our world would be like if everyone lived by the principals of Jesus Christ.

What would our world be like if there was true peace, not just the absence of war, the real true Shalom. Imagine the parents who would be relieved of the anxiety of their children being killed at war. Imagine no destruction of property, homes, lives. Imagine the vast sums of money that could be poured into the relief of starvation, poverty, the health of the general populace. Imagine the great sums of money that could be invested in research and technology.

Imagine a world in which all people lived by justice. There would be no need for police, for court systems, for jails. Imagine a world in which no one polluted the atmosphere, drug dealers did not corrupt youth. Imagine if everyone lived by the virtues of prudence and temperance and fortitude.

But, alas, we are not living in a perfect world. Consequently, Jesus Christ came into our world. He suffered and died for us. He did that, not that we would have a Utopia in this life, but that we would have eternal happiness in heaven.

**Easter egg hunt this Saturday**

The Heppner Elks will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, March 22. Preschool and kindergarten will be at City Park next to the library/museum.

First and second graders will be on the lower field. Third and fourth grade hunt will be at Hager Park. The bunny will be at the city park available for photos with the kids.

All hunts will start at 10 a.m.

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**Obituaries**

**Robert C. "Butch" Heideman**

Funeral services for

Robert C. "Butch" Heideman will be held 1 p.m. Friday, March 21, at the Ione Community Church. Interment will follow at the High View Cemetery in Ione.



Robert C. "Butch" Heideman

Mr. Heideman, 80, of Hermiston, former long-time Ione wheat farmer, died Friday, March 14, 2008 in Ione.

Butch was born in White Bluffs, WA, the second son of Arthur and Helen S. Meyenberg Heideman. He attended school in White Bluffs until 1943, when his family was forced to relocate due to construction of the Manhattan Project on the Hanford Reservation. The Heideman family moved to Connell, WA and it was there that he met and later married Helen M. Woody on February 22, 1948. They had four children; Loren, Loa, Dana, and Debbie.

While in Connell, Butch actively supported the Boy Scouts and was a member of the Grange. The family belonged to the Gideon Lutheran Church where all four children were married. He attended numerous school functions, was a volunteer fireman and ambulance driver, a member of the JC's, and was an avid bowler.

In 1976 Butch, Helen and their sons bought a

**Second annual alumni football game to be held**

It's time to start thinking about playing some football. The second annual alumni football game will be held on Sunday, June 15.

The cost to enter is \$30 and the deadline to sign up is June 1. Anyone entering needs to give their positions played, year graduated and t-shirt size. All proceeds will go to the high school football team. Checks should be sent to Jess Osmin, 58794 Balm Fork Road, Heppner, OR 97836.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for chains or officiating should call 676-9079.

**City of Heppner announces mailing date changes for water/sewer bills**

Effective March 2008, the City of Heppner is changing the mailing date for the monthly water/sewer service bills. Bills will now be mailed on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month. Payments will continue to be due 10 days after the mailing date. Meter readings will begin approximately 10 days prior to mailing.

For more information call City Manager Steve Bogart at 676-9618.

**Speaker announced for Chamber luncheon meeting**

The speaker for Thursday's Chamber luncheon meeting will be Melissa Benson. She will talk about the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel. The meeting will be held at John's Other Place at noon.

farm near Ione. The farm expanded to include property at Sandhollow and then the Fairview Ranch west of Cecil. In 1985 they purchased the hardware store in Ione and ran it until February of 1990. He worked on the farm until his retirement in 1992. In 1997 Butch and Helen moved into a house in the Emert Addition in Ione, and in 2007 they moved to Hermiston. He was a member of the Ione Community Church and avid fan of local school sports.

Butch and Helen celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in February 2008 along with all 39 members of their family.

He is survived by: his wife, Helen of Hermiston; sons, Loren Heideman and his wife Della, Dana Heideman and his wife Tonya, all of Ione; daughters, Loa Heideman of Hermiston, Debbie Morgan and her husband Virgil of Ione; sisters, Elizabeth Tucker of Spokane and Frieda Thompson of Pasco, WA; grandchildren, Kari Robie, Deacon, Aaron and Nathan Heideman, Cynda Stevens, Suzanna Brewster, Kelly, Corey and Karl Morgan; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Arthur and Helen S. Heideman; brother, Art Heideman; and sisters, Ida May Heideman, Irma Welch and Suzanne Reed.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione Cardinal Booster Club, PO Box 4, Ione, OR 97843 or to the Ione Community Church, PO Box 346, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Riverside Site Council meeting rescheduled**

The April meeting of the Riverside Site Council has been rescheduled for April 15, at 4:15 p.m. at the Riverside High School Library.

**Senior Center Menu**

United Methodist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, March 26. The menu will include Creole shrimp, rice and beans, buttered peas, coleslaw with pineapple, corn bread, and lemon/cranberry scones.

**Schedules for upcoming Easter services**

**Holy Week schedule for St. Patrick and St. William Parishes**

-March 20, Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Patrick's, 7 p.m.

-March 21 – Way of the Cross at St. William's, 5:30 p.m.; Solemn commemoration of the Lord's suffering and death at St. Patrick's, 7 p.m.

-March 22 – Easter vigil at St. Patrick's, 7:30 p.m.

-March 23, Easter Sunday – Mass of the resurrection at St. Williams, 8:45 a.m. and at St. Patrick's at 11 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend these special ceremonies.

**Valby Lutheran to observe Good Friday and Easter with special services**

Valby Lutheran Church will observe Good Friday, March 21, with a service of darkness, lessons, and hymns at 7 p.m. Our celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, March 23, will begin with breakfast at 9 a.m. followed by festive Easter worship with special music and communion at 10 a.m.

Regular Sunday schedule will resume on March 30 with Bible study and music rehearsals at 9 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m.

All are cordially invited. For more information, call Katy Anderson, Intern Pastor, at 989-8174.

**Hope Lutheran and All Saints' Episcopal Holy Week schedule**

Wednesday, March 19 – Confession will be held at 7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church.

Maundy Thursday, March 20 – Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Agape feast will be held at 7 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Good Friday, March 21 – Hope Lutheran, All Saints Episcopal and Heppner United Methodist churches will hold services together at Hope Lutheran at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 23 – Breakfast will be held in the All Saints Parish Hall beginning at 9 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person or \$12 per family. Proceeds will benefit the youth program. Services will be held at 10 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal.

**Heppner Christian Church**

This Easter Sunday, March 23, Heppner Christian Church invites everyone for coffee and donuts at 10 a.m. and services at 11 a.m. There will be no Sunday School.

**Marriages**

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:

-February 21: Justin Patrick Murphy, 24, Lafayette, IN and Alexzandra Faith McKinnis, 24, Lafayette, IN.

-March 17: Estaban Salvador Vargas, 22, Boardman and Aracely Campos, 18, Boardman.

**Happy Pi Day!**



Keenan Jack, Brent Eckman and Ashley Wolff pick their pieces of pie during the Pi Day celebration at HHS. Students in Mr. Morgan's and Mrs. Collins' math classes celebrated Pi Day (3.14) last week by eating pies that were made by Mrs. Gentry's Home Ec classes and various other volunteers.

**Divorces**

The Morrow County Circuit Court at the M.C. Courthouse in Heppner has released the following report:

-February 26: Ronnie Clyde McBride and Tressie Lynn McBride.

**THANK YOU**  
*Thank You to the Ione, Lexington and Heppner Fire Departments and my neighbors for responding to my fire on March 8. You were wonderful!*  
**Gene and Kristy Crowell**