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Obituaries

Albert Morgan Conner

Albert Morgan Conner, 77, passed away Friday, March 21, 2008 in Gresham. Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 29 at 11 a.m. at Lynchwood Christian Church in Gresham.



Albert Morgan Conner

Conner was born October 21, 1930 in Heppner to Albert R and Mary (Morgan) Connor. He graduated from Heppner High School in 1948 and attended Oregon State University.

In 1979 he married Leota Jo Conner. He was self employed as AM Connor Distributing until 1978. He then worked 18 years at Carco Equipment in Portland before retiring in 1996.

Conner was a member of the Goldendale Elks,

a member of American Legion Louis Leidl Post in Goldendale for 50 years, and was also a member of Lynchwood Christian Church. He served in the US Army during the Korean War.

He is survived by: his wife, Leota Jo Conner; daughters Tracie Fields of Corvallis and Tina Alamar of Danville, CA; stepdaughters Ginny Ross of Federal Way, WA and Lesa Stanley of Gresham; brothers Gary Connor of Springfield and Nelson Connor of Heppner; sisters Colleen Williams of Beaverton and Darlene Drake of Fairfield, CA; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Jody Crawford in February 2008, and brothers Dean Conner and Keith Conner.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lynchwood Christian Church in Gresham.

Beatty graduates from Basic Military Training

Air Force Airman Jared M. Beatty has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.



Jared M. Beatty

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field

training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Beatty, a 2007 graduate of Riverside High School in Boardman, is the son of Tim and Cindy Beatty of Irrigon.

St. Pat's O' Ducky Race results

Results have been announced for the St. Patrick's Celebration O' Ducky Race sponsored by the Heppner Colt Football program.

First place was Kay Kludt winning \$100. Second place was Kelsie Fox winning \$75. Third place was Red Lovgren winning \$50. Fourth place was Don Johnson winning \$25. and fifth place was Dennis Miller winning \$10.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Applause for reviving the boxing smoker tradition

Letter to the editor:

Congratulations to Daye Stone and the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and URock for the boxing smoker over St. Pat's Day in Heppner.

May I add one small correction for next year's smoker in Heppner? This was not the first ever smoker in Heppner. I helped organize a smoker in the summer of 1968 at the rodeo grounds. I can not remember who helped me but I can remember some of the boxers. It was great entertainment.

Rick Johnston and Dennis O'Donnell fought the most compelling match. I believe both lost their dinners between rounds. I was supposed to box the late Jeff Turner whose dad was an excellent boxer. After sparring with Gene Heliker he decided to let Gene have the fun. Seems Gene learned how to defend himself growing up with Pat, Fritz and Kenny Cutsforth. Fortunately for me it was a hot summer's night and by the third round we were mostly dancing the bear hug.

The best fight of the night was match between Pendleton's best and Heppner's best. For Heppner that would be Carl Bauman, now a Superior Court Judge in Alaska. We all knew that Carl was smart, but a boxer? Seems Carl came from a boxing bloodline since his father, Sheriff Clarence Bauman, was renowned as a fearless fighter/wrestler in smokers at the turn of the 20th century.

The smokers in those days were more like the cage fights of the present hour. Carl did not let the Heppner faithful down on that hot summer night 40 years ago. Smokers in Heppner have tradition that goes back over a century, so I applaud Daye Stone for reviving this tradition and making some money for the community.

Stuart Dick
Pendleton

Recognizing good deeds and learning from thoughtfulness

Letter to the editor:

My ten year old son, Ryan, is a Type-1 diabetic. On Wednesday evening, March 12 we were at a wrestling practice in Boardman when Ryan's blood sugar went extremely low. He needed carbohydrates immediately.

Without hesitation, a Riverside student gave me his sugared drink. After Ryan was feeling better, I approached the young man to pay him for his drink. He simply replied it was "not necessary".

I am extremely grateful to Chase Simpson, a sophomore at Riverside High School. I wanted to take a moment and share this story with your readers. There are a lot of great kids in our community and whenever possible, we need to recognize their good deeds. Chase's parents have much to be proud of, and the rest of us can learn from his thoughtfulness.

Thank you Chase Simpson, you helped someone in need, and you have reminded us that the youth of Eastern Oregon are truly great!

Oregon State Representative Greg Smith
House District 57

No candidate endorsement from HHS band

Letter to editor:

The Heppner High School Band does not endorse any candidate. As band director of the HHS band I would like to apologize for a candidate's name appearing on our float in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Heppner March 15.

Being involved with many activities that weekend I had gratefully accepted help from a student who was both able to get, and willing to decorate the float. The student had told me that the float he had access to was on condition that it bear the name of a certain person. Please understand that I had never heard the person's name before and had no idea even what he was running for. With my mind set on the numerous performances with several different groups over the weekend it didn't even cross my mind to ask, I was just grateful for the help. Had I taken a moment's thought to how it would appear that the band was taking a side in an election I never would have allowed it.

I apologize to the candidates, the School, community, student who had helped, and also the band who put on a great performance that was overshadowed by my inexcusable lack of common sense.

Joe Lindsay
Heppner

Free AARP tax-aide to be provided at Senior Center

Karen Dubuque and Leann Rea will be at the St. Pat's Senior Center on Monday, March 31 from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. to prepare returns for the seniors that need to file to receive the stimulus rebate. On this day, seniors do not need to make appointments.

To prepare the return we will need something that will provide us with a Social Security number and how much was received in 2007. A statement from Social Security or a copy of a bank statement showing how much was received from Social Security or Veteran's Disability will work.

Also, please remind those individuals that are required to file a tax return that they still need to call the Morrow County OSU Extension office (541-676-9642) and make an appointment. We are at the Extension Office to prepare free tax returns on Fridays.

Garden Club news

Heppner Garden Club will meet at noon on Monday, April 7, at the Willow Creek Diner. The program will be led by District Superintendent Jan Reed. For reservations call Neva DeMayo at 676-8017 by Saturday, April 5.

On Saturday, April 12, the annual district meeting will be held in Hermiston at Trinity Lutheran.

Heppner Garden Club recently won second place in dry arrangements from Portland's Home and Garden Club show at the expo center.

During the month of April, merchants in Heppner will be displaying the poems entered by the first and fifth graders.

Senior Center Menu

Nazarene/Seventh Day Adventist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, April 2. The menu will include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, green salad with tomatoes, hot rolls, ice cream, milk, coffee and iced tea.

Litter pick-up a success

Each year in the lead up to the St. Patrick's Celebration, the Heppner Chamber of Commerce heads up an Oregon Department of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway litter pick-up project.

This year 10 Chamber volunteers picked up the state highways through town. Also, the Heppner Elementary staff, the Heppner Lions and the Bank of Eastern Oregon employees picked up litter along the state highways leading into the city.

Additionally the businesses and residents along the highways did a super job of helping with the litter pick-up effort.

The result of the litter pick-up effort is that our community looks very nice, both for ourselves and for our visitors.

New scholarship available to students from 10 eastern Oregon counties

A new scholarship is available to students enrolling at Eastern Oregon University. The Eastern Oregon 10-County Award is for students from 10 eastern Oregon counties, who will be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 in financial assistance from EOU.

Beginning fall 2008, awards will be given to new students from Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler counties. Students must live on campus to be eligible.

"We're really excited about the prospect of being able to help students who are from our own 'backyard,'" said Danny Aynes, admissions director at EOU.

Amounts will range from \$500 for students who have already received awards from EOU, to \$1,000

for students who have not received any other awards from the university. Eligible students are identified based on the admissions process. The Financial Aid Office at EOU has identified approximately 75 students who have been admitted from the 10-county area who will be eligible to receive awards.

Students from the 10-county area are encouraged to apply for admission as soon as possible as a priority deadline of May 1 has been set. Awards given after the May 1 deadline will be dependent on continued fund availability.

"The payback that students receive by living in the residence halls in terms of academic success, graduation, satisfaction with their campus experience and campus involvement are well documented," said Stephen Jenkins, director of Residence Life at EOU. "I am thrilled that we can reach out to even more students and have them benefit from living on campus."

For more information contact the Admissions Office at (541) 962-3393, toll free at 800-452-8639 or e-mail admissions@eou.edu.

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Thank You!
Thank you to the employees of Morrow County who donated sick leave while I was on maternity leave. After a couple trips to the children's hospital and emergency surgery, Alexander Cooper is a happy, healthy baby boy.
Gillian Nelson and Alexander Labenske