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**Birth Announcement**

**Kaitlyn Elizabeth Dolphin** – Chris and Erika Dolphin announce the birth of a daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Dolphin on December 15 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI.

At birth she weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

Grandparents are Jackie and Rudy Bergstrom of Ione.

**Birth Announcement**

**Tru Piper Halvorsen** – Ryan and Mollie Halvorsen of Henderson, NV announce the birth of their daughter, Tru Piper Halvorsen. She was born on November 3, 2008 at St. Rose Sienna Hospital. At birth she weighed nine pounds, two ounces and was 20 1/2 inches in length.

She joins a sister, Ziya, at home.

Grandparents are Frank and Cathy Halvorsen of Ione and Steve and Joyce Schneider of Henderson, NV.

Great-grandparents are Laurel Cannon of Ione and Dot Halvorsen of Ione.

**Howe's About Gifts to hold grand opening**

Howe's About Gifts will be holding their grand opening on Thursday, December 18. The gift shop is located inside Howe's About Pizza and carries a variety of gifts.

Store hours are from 10:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

**Now Open Sundays!**



**Peterson's Jewelers will be open on Sundays**

**December 14 & 21 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.**



**Obituaries**

**Norbert Dale Herschell**

Norbert Dale Herschell, known to his family and friends as Swede, made the final crossing on December 15, 2008 to join his wife and son.



Norbert Dale Herschell

Born December 4, 1923 at home in the 200 block of Buchanan Street, Swede was raised in and around Topeka and Lecompton, KS. He served as a PFC in the Infantry Division of the Army from 1943 to 1945, where he learned the bakery skills which served him well when he opened a bakery in Heppner. He was a member of the American Legion.

While working in Topeka, Ks after his stint in the military, he met and married Eleanor Marie Blevins on September 12, 1949. They moved from Topeka to Portland where his parents, George Clark Herschell and Bessie Luella Glenn Herschell, and several siblings were living at the time. Two daughters, Verla Marie Herschell and Dayle Ann Herschell were born in Portland. His son, William Bruce Herschell was born in 1958, while Swede was running the bakery in Heppner.

Both his wife, Eleanor, and son, Bruce, preceded him in death in April 1987 and June 2004.

In 1964 the family moved back to Kansas and have been residents in Tecumseh since that time. Swede worked for Champney Wrecking Company, re-

tiring after 28 years. He was an avid fisherman and deer hunter. Known as a "jack of all trades," Swede knew cars and trucks best and spent much of his career as a mechanic. He retired in 1986 to care for his wife, Eleanor, who was fighting a losing battle with cancer. In 1979 his son Bruce fell and lived as a quadriplegic until he too, crossed over in June 2004.

Swede is survived by: a sister, Iona Spencer of Big Springs; two daughters, Verla and Dayle of Topeka and Tecumseh; and plenty of nieces and nephews.

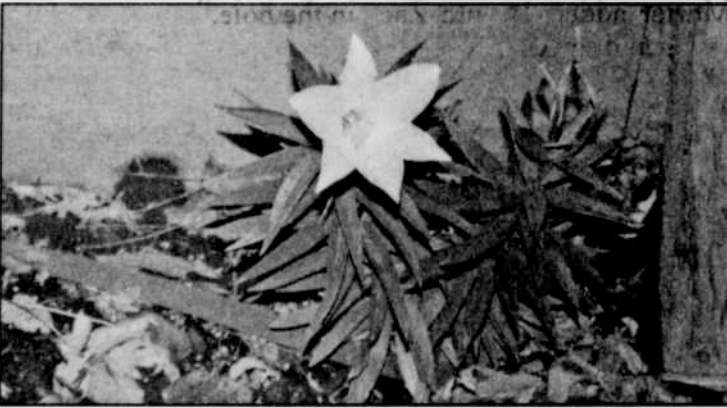
He will be buried in the Clinton Lake cemetery beside his wife and son where he will be able to watch the sunrise/sunset over the lake and walk down to the lake to fish whenever he wants.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday at Newcomer Funeral Home, Topeka, KS. The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to S.C.A.R.S., P.O. Box 22 Auburn, KS 66401, Midland Hospice Care, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS 66606, or to the organization of the donor's choice.

To leave a special message for the family online, visit [www.Newcomer-Topeka.com](http://www.Newcomer-Topeka.com).

**A bloom before the snow**



This lily at St. Patrick's Catholic Church decided to make its appearance just before Heppner's first winter snow. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

**Area pastors invited to submit Christmas messages**

All area pastors are invited to submit Christmas messages to be run in the December 24 edition of the

Heppner Gazette-Times. Messages can be dropped off at the GT office, faxed to 676-9211, or emailed to editor@rapidsolve.net no later than Friday, December 19.

**Christmas schedules announced for St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic Churches**

St. Patrick's Catholic Church and St. William's Catholic Church announce their Christmas schedules:

St. Patrick's  
Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas carols at 8:30 p.m.; Blessing of the Nativity scene and vigil mass at 9 p.m.

Thursday, December 25 – Nativity mass and Christmas carols at 11 a.m.

St. William's  
Thursday, December 25 – Nativity mass and Christmas carols at 8:45 a.m.

**Sykes, Anderson announce engagement**



Christopher Sykes and Breana Anderson

Christopher Sykes and Breana Anderson, both of Pendleton, along with their parents, Randy and Barbara Anderson of Condon, Barbara Sorenson of Wisconsin and David and April Sykes of Heppner, announce their engagement to be married.

Christopher is a 1996 graduate of Heppner High School. He attended Walla Walla Community College and Blue Mountain Community College. He is the owner of Rapid Print print shop in Pendleton.

Breana is a 2002 graduate of Condon High School. She is a student at Eastern Oregon University, majoring in elementary education.

The couple plans a February 28, 2009, wedding at the Free Methodist Church in Pendleton.

**Public meetings scheduled on the West-End OHV Project postponed**

The Heppner Ranger District is postponing three public meetings scheduled for Heppner, Fossil and Monument due to the hazardous weather conditions and will reschedule after the New Year, announced Tom Mafera, Heppner District Ranger. The meetings, originally set for December 17, 18, and 22, were to discuss the five alternatives developed for the West End OHV Project Draft Environmental Assessment (EA).

"We'll reschedule the meetings in January and hope that the road conditions will have improved enough to ensure a better turnout,"

**Colemine Hill closed for season**

The Morrow County Public Works Department has announced that as of December 15, Colemine Hill is closed for the season.

said Mafera. A copy of the West End OHV Project Area Draft Environmental Assessment is available at the District Office at 117 South Main Street in Heppner. The Draft EA will also be available online at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/projects/readroom/>.

More information about the West End OHV Project can be found on the Umatilla National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/> or by contacting Janet Plocharsky, Heppner District Planner at 541-676-2148.

**Marriages**

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

-December 8: Gary Lee Kroske, 60, Irrigon, and Kami Ilene Kroske, 40, Irrigon.

**Weather Report**

By the City of Heppner

For the month of November

	High	Low	Precip.
11/1	68	50	.01
11/2	66	47	.01
11/3	60	38	.00
11/4	59	40	.22
11/5	48	35	.00
11/6	50	37	.11
11/7	58	39	.01
11/8	66	41	.00
11/9	60	43	.07
11/10	54	42	.04
11/11	54	39	.02
11/12	65	45	.09
11/13	69	47	.07
11/14	57	30	.00
11/15	50	33	.00
11/16	55	34	.00
11/17	63	34	.00
11/18	57	32	.00
11/19	57	39	.00
11/20	43	31	.00
11/21	51	32	.07
11/22	57	34	.03
11/23	47	28	.00
11/24	47	24	.00
11/25	42	25	.00
11/26	45	28	.02
11/27	43	30	.00
11/28	44	31	.00
11/29	51	39	.01
11/30	62	42	.01

**Hay For Sale**

Blue Grass Straw  
Wheat Straw  
3 x 4 Bales  
Small Bales Horse Hay Available  
Delivery Available  
Tygh Campbell  
541-701-4404

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ALONG WITH

DAVID AND PATTY MATHENY  
INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THE JOY OF THE MARRIAGE UNITING THEIR CHILDREN

♥ Sarah Jean to Shane David ♥

SATURDAY, THE TWENTIETH OF DECEMBER  
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON  
ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
HEPPNER, OREGON  
RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY  
MORROW COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

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Stop by Murray's Thursday and check out all our great Christmas gifts and specials



**Lots of Christmas floral centerpieces**

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