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Everett Lee Keck
Everett Lee Keck, 82, of Heppner died Thursday, May 7, 2009 at his home from complications of Parkinson's Disease.
The son of Everett and Alma Fortner Keck he was born August 7, 1926 on the Delaware Reservation in Quaqua, O K.



He was oldest of nine children. He entered the United States Navy at the age of 16 to help support his family. He later went to work with his father, "Chief", as a carpenter.

He met Caroline Buell whom he later married on July 5, 1947 in Vancouver, WA. He spent most of his life doing heavy construction and later working as a consultant to large construction firms.

God and his family were most important to him. He was a devout member of the Willow Creek Baptist Church, which he and his wife started in Heppner out of their home. Everett and Caroline Keck spent most of their adult years and service to God, Everett was an interim pastor and both taught Sunday school and sang as well as volunteering countless hours whenever they were needed. Their church family in Heppner was such an incredible blessing to them, especially in their later years.

He also enjoyed fishing, reading, music and the outdoors.

Survivors include: daughter, Rebecca Zimmerman of Heppner; son, Everett Lee Kelley of St. Helens, OR; grandsons, E.L. Kelley, and Xtpher Everett Talon;

granddaughter Kaylee Kelley; and great-grandchild Aurora Talon.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 2008; daughter, Julieann Keck in 1948; and a son, Walter Bruce Keck in 1969.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at the Willow Creek Baptist Church, 560 N. Minor St., in Heppner.

Contributions may be made to Willow Creek Baptist Church Memorial Fund, PO Box 661, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Ray "Rick" Boyce

Former Heppner and Ione resident Richard Ray "Rick" Boyce, 55, of Tigard died Thursday, May 7, 2009 while visiting in Las Vegas, NV.



Richard Ray "Rick" Boyce

The son of Ray and Lillian Hubbard Boyce, he was born November 11, 1953 in Heppner. He was raised in Ione and Heppner, graduating from Heppner High School in 1971. He attended Blue Mountain Community College and earned a graduate degree from the University of Oregon.

Rick became a certified public accountant and worked in The Dalles and Portland, and most recently was self employed as a CPA and resided in Tigard. He was divorced and had no children. Rick was past state president of the Oregon Jaycees, and was an avid Oregon Ducks fan

and Duck football season ticket holder.

He is survived by: his mother, Lillian Boyce of Heppner; sister, Barbara Stillman and her husband Randy of Borning; brother, Jim Boyce of Heppner; aunts, Peggy Connor and her husband Skip of Heppner, Vi Dameron and her husband Jim of Wilsonville; uncle, Bob Hubbard of Ione; nieces, Shannon Foster and her husband Eric of Fairview, and Robin Stillman of Portland; and nephew, John Boyce of Heppner.

He was preceded in death by his father Ray Boyce in 1986.

A memorial service for Mr. Boyce will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Daycare, PO Box 44, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Philip Doherty

Philip Doherty, 82, of Heppner died Monday, May 18, 2009 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.



Philip Doherty

Mr. Doherty was born April 22, 1927 at Cardonough, County Donegal, Ireland the son of John K. and Bridget Bradley Doherty.

Mr. Doherty came to the United States in 1948. On January 8, 1955 he married Bettie Annie Rasmussen in Pendleton. He worked for the Rohrman Ford Motor Company in Hermiston,

and applied it towards the new debt and some maintenance costs. In 2005 the City completed its water improvement project. We had some legal issues that needed to be addressed with the firm doing the project and things were not fully resolved until last year. As a result our debt payments to the state for this project have been on hold. Now we are obligated to start making our annual payment of \$118,819 and to create a reserve account of \$11,882 per year, totaling \$130,701 per year. After 10 years the reserve will contain one year's

and Farley Motor Company in Heppner. He was an avid reader and loved Irish history and good conversation. Philip especially enjoyed using his computer to correspond with family and friends in Ireland. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

He is survived by: his wife of 54 years, Bettie Doherty of Heppner; sisters, Veronica Campbell and her husband Mac, and Mary Frances Doherty all of Hermiston, Patty Carroz and her husband John of Roseville, CA; eight nieces and nephews; a cousin, Lawrence Carey of Pendleton; as well as many cousins in Ireland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.K. and Bridie Doherty.

A memorial funeral mass for Mr. Doherty will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2009 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2009 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Carol M. Shipp

Carol M. Shipp, 79, former Heppner and Kennewick, WA resident died Sunday, May 17, 2009 at Regency Hermiston Nursing Facility.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on June 6, 2009 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next weeks Gazette-Times.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Marriages

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

-May 12: Mark Allen Bruno, 49, Ione, and Melisa Kay Jessen, 37, Ione.

-May 15: Frank Louis Nelson, 55, Echo, Laurie Lee Keizur, 51, Arlington.

Youth talent show to be held

Celebrate Heppner's Youth Talent Show will be held on Friday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. This year the talent show will be geared for elementary students (6th grade) and younger.

Talent acts will be interspersed with the dessert auction and prizes will be awarded by categories - ages 5 and under; kindergarten - 2nd grade; and grades 3rd - 6th grade.

Participants can pick up an entry form at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce. Entry forms must be turned in to the Chamber no later than Wednesday, June 10. For more information call the Chamber Office at 676-5536.

Heppner utility bills to increase

By Dave DeMayo
Heppner City Manager

During the past three to four months rumors have abounded about utility bill increases but details have been sparse.

On your sewer bill, in the past we have been billed \$8.90 as a bond fee payment. Two years ago we had to perform some very expensive repairs and improvements at the sewer plant. The bond was finally paid off but now we were strapped with a new loan to pay off. Rather than raising people's rates we took the same \$8.90 that people were already pay-

Collier's Market sold but will remain open

Marcus and Lisa Collier recently sold their grocery store, Collier's Market, in Ione. The store was bought by Don and Willa Coe, owners of the

Woolery House in Ione.

The Coes took over operation of the grocery store on May 8. The market's name will revert back to the Ione Market.

The Colliers will be moving to Kitsap County, WA, but for now are helping the Coes with the day-to-day operations of the market.

Senior Center Menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, May 27. The menu will include pork roast, sage dressing with gravy, green beans, applesauce, hot rolls, and ice cream.

full payment and that requirement will cease. The loan is to be repaid in 30 years.

Knowing that our payments would begin, but not until the legal issues laid to rest, we began putting some money aside towards our payments. As a result we were able to make our first payment without raising our utility rates. This cannot continue however, because of the large annual payments. The utility commission has devised a way that we can pay off the sewer loan and overall our utility bills will only rise \$2. We are going to pay off the sewer loan with money we had been saving against

the Water Improvement project loan. This loan will be paid in full. The money that we were paying on the sewer loan and maintenance (the \$8.90) will instead be applied to the Water Improvement project loan. There will be a \$2 increase to cover increased operational and maintenance costs. This total bill of \$10.90 will be applied to everyone's water bill and the \$8.90 will be dropped from the sewer bill. For most people this will be a modest increase overall. The utility commission has done an excellent job of keeping increases well below what other cities are experiencing.

Mustang Mop-Up held



Heppner High School students Stephanie Cutsforth, Mercedes Garrett, and Eric Vogel help Kay Proctor with some clean up work outside the Bank of Eastern Oregon. The students were participating in the annual Mustang Mop-Up. Students worked throughout the Heppner and Lexington communities worked on approximately 100 projects at 64 different sites. Some of the projects included stacking wood, mowing yards, planting gardens, and garbage clean up. -Photo by David Sykes

From the 1956 archives of the Heppner Gazette-Times

USED CARS WITH AN OK THAT COUNTS

1955 Chevrolet Bel Air 4 door	\$1995
1953 Chevrolet Corvette	\$1540
1951 Ford 6 Custom	\$495
1948 Ford 6	\$175
1947 Chevrolet Coupe	\$175
1946 Ford V8	\$125

Trucks - Pickups

1955 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup	\$1550
1954 Ford 1/2 ton pickup	\$1150
1950 Willys 4-wheel drive	\$850
1952 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup	\$950
1949 Dodge 1/2 ton pickup	\$375
1947 GMC 1 ton	\$650

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Chamber lunch meeting speakers announced

The guest speakers for this week's Chamber lunch meeting will be Rod Estes and Kimberly Lindsay who will talk about the status of the Secured Residential Treatment Facility.

The lunch meeting will be held at the Senior Center dining room, beginning at 12 p.m. Heppner Family Foods will be this week's caterer. They will be serving sweet and sour meatballs with rice and a green salad. The meal cost is \$9.

Next week will be a legislative update conference call with Greg Smith and David Nelson.

Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:

-Joan M. Dieter, 62, Stanfield, violation of the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$185 fine.

-Steven Brudevold, 28, Heppner, disorderly conduct, \$645 fine.

Morrow County would like to remind you of the County Ordinance 5.010 Transportation of Solid Waste.

No person shall transport or self-haul, as defined in the Solid Waste Management Plan, solid waste on a public road unless such waste or solid waste is covered and secured.

Be aware that Morrow County will attach a \$10.00 fine to anyone not complying with this County Ordinance. Thank you for your time and understanding.

Morrow County Public Works.
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South of the County
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Saturdays and Sundays
9:00-4:00