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Birth Announcement

Juan Sebastian Tellechea - Jim Tellechea and Ingrid Montenegro welcomed their first son, Juan Sebastian Tellechea, born August 12, 2009 in Panama City, Panama.



Juan Sebastian Tellechea

At birth he weighed eight pounds, six ounces and was 20 inches in length. Paternal grandparents are Kathy Tellechea from Lexington, OR and the late Juan Antonio Tellechea. Maternal grandparents are Homero Ivan Montenegro and Martha Munoz from Panama City, Panama.

HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

Friday Nights Specials
August 21st August 28th
Chicken Enchiladas Western Burgers
Rice & Beans Fries & Salad
Saturday Night- Full Menu
Claudia Ramirez will be preparing German Dishes as well as Ethnic and Eastern Oregon favorites beginning in September. Come join other members, family and friends at your Elks club.

Andrew Sykes

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Obituaries

Florence Beatrice Re Wright

Florence Beatrice Re Wright, 85, of Hermiston, passed away at her home on Friday, August 7, 2009.



Florence Beatrice Re Wright

Florence was born in The Dalles on September 1, 1923 to parents, John McNeal and Dorothy Beatrice Cavanaugh. Also welcoming her into this world was her oldest brother, William "Bill" McNeal. Her mother later married John "Gramps" Kittson, who would become one of the most influential men in her life.

Florence grew up in The Dalles and married Emilio Curtis Re in 1939. They had two children, their son, John Wesley Re and his wife Margaret of Hanksville, UT and Peggy Jean Bock and her husband Vern of Hermiston. Their children continued on to have families of their own. John has three children, Mark, Dean, and Rona. Peggy has five children, Steven, Sharra, Shawna, Robin and Ryan. She loved being a grandma and it showed in her grandchildren's eyes, they lit up whenever they were with their grandparents. Florence took them camping, fishing, huckleberry picking, to the coast, Crater Lake, and just spent quality time together.

In 1970 her husband, Emilio preceded her in death. She later met and married William "Clayton" Wright in 1978. Marrying Clayton brought more love and friendship into her life, the Wright family of Heppner. They have all loved her from the beginning and were there for her in the end. She was always grateful for the love and

respect they had always shown her. She was really close to her sister-in-law Beverly and brother-in-law Albert. Florence resided in Arlington until 1996 when they moved to Hermiston to be closer to their family. They had a Shih-Tzu named Abby that gave them many years of enjoyment. They spoiled and loved it to no end. They enjoyed gardening, bird watching, birdhouse building, camping, fishing, anything outdoors, and spending time with their families. They were the Park Host at Anson Wright Park for a year. Florence loved to sew and she sewed for all her grand and great-grandchildren. She was an amazing cook and hostess, you always had a full stomach when leaving her house. When you walked in, her famous line was "There's cookies in the cookie jar".

Her grandchildren continued on in their parents footsteps with families of their own. Steven has three daughters, Stephanie, Tessa, and Tara. Sharra has a daughter, Shawnda. Shawna has three daughters, Lacey, Leiha, and Kendra. Robin has two children, Ashley, and Jordan. Ryan has one daughter Madison. Mark has two children, Katie and David. Dean and (Susie) Rona and (Marty) have two Sons, Tanner and Colter. Florence is also survived by her two half-sisters, Jody (McNeal) Cochenour and Marnetta (McNeal) Tobias and half-brother John McNeal and an aunt, Francis (Kirschner) Kentner.

Earlier this year in April, she lost her beloved husband Clayton, who was 89, and had been fighting

his own illnesses and caring for her at the same time. He loved all of us just as much as she did. They were the greatest grandparents, and great-grandparents, a child could ever wish for.

Florence, was one of the most amazing kind hearted person that anyone has ever known. She never had anything ill to say about anyone. She listened when no one else would and always gave her honest opinion without judgment. She stood for one thing and that was family. To some, she was Florence, she was grandma grandma to the grandchildren, she was granny or Grandma Clayton to her great grandchildren.

Disposition was by cremation. Inurnment of cremains will be at the Arlington Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arlington Cemetery District.

A Celebration of Life potluck will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Riverfront Park in Arlington and a private family celebration of life will be held on September 6, 2009 at her daughter's home in Hermiston.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Elmer A. Heath

Elmer A. Heath the last of nine children, died Thursday, August 13, 2009 in Heppner at the home of his niece.



Elmer A. Heath

He was born October 8, 1920 at Jetmore, KS the son of William Alfred "Fred" and Harriett Ethel Sheeks

Heath. He was raised and attended school in Jetmore where he graduated from high school. After graduation he entered the United States Army and served during World War II with five of his brothers. Following an honorable discharge from the Army he moved to Oregon. He purchased a dairy on Rhea Creek near Heppner. In March of 1965 he married Betty Hughes, and the couple raised one daughter. They later divorced. Elmer also worked for Kinzua Lumber Mill in Heppner until his retirement in 1983.

He enjoyed hunting, bowling, square dancing, and watching high school sports. One of his favorite passions was fishing. He had owned and operated the bowling alley in Heppner for a number of years.

He was a member of the American Legion and the Woodworkers Union.

Survivors include: his daughter Betsy Heath of Hermiston; grandchildren Ashley Barnes, Bo Brawse, and Brianna Brawse; great-grandson; Cameron Barnes; stepsons, Mickey Kindle of Heppner and Bob Kindle of New Mexico; stepdaughter, Sherri Romane of Missouri; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial graveside service with military honors will be held for Mr. Heath at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 20, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836 or to the Heppner Booster Club, PO Box 917, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Kansas farmers tour Morrow County farm



Morrow County farmers welcomed Barry Flinchbaugh and his group of farmers from Kansas to the Mader-Rust Farm last Tuesday. During the brief stopover, everyone enjoyed refreshments provided by Anne Morter and a tour of the wind turbines on location by project manager Carey Hungerford of John Deere Wind Energy. The Kansas farmers were passing through the area in hopes of seeing as much harvest in the Pacific NW as they could. They were headed on to Idaho and Washington. -Contributed Photo

Fundraisers being held for Irrigon Children's Park

The Irrigon Children's Park Committee has been approved for a grant from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation. The committee is now raising money for the match that they must come up with. Donations have already been received but more money still needs to be raised. The committee will be doing this through fundraisers and more donations.

The first fundraiser is an Irrigon cookbook. This book is comprised of recipes from residents of Irrigon. The cost is \$7.50. The second fundraiser is a chess set raffle. It is a Civil War chess set and tickets are \$5 each. The drawing for the Chess Set will be held in September during the Park Dedication Ceremony.

The Children's Park will be a one of a kind park in the region. Not only is it ADA compliant, but the park will be ADA usable. What this means is, the

park will have equipment that disabled children of all abilities will be able to use, not just sit back and watch and listen to the other children play. The park will be located right next to the Don Baxter Skate Park, so there will be activities for children of all ages and abilities.

The park will be a community build, so all volunteers are welcome. Keep in mind, this park will not simply benefit the children of Irrigon, it will benefit children from all the surrounding communities because of its special equipment.

Any donations of money or equipment will be recognized with a plaque engraving.

To donate money or equipment, purchase a cookbook, or buy a ticket for the Chess Set raffle call Amy Sandy at 922-2361 or Irrigon City Hall at 922-3047.

Smithsonian "America's Art" Program Set at Heppner Aug. 27

Live from Washington, D.C., an interactive videoconference program for area residents from the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) will be held in Heppner on Thursday, August 27.

The 50-minute program is open to persons of all ages and will begin at noon at the Heppner public library, 444 N. Main St.

Educators from the Smithsonian museum in Washington, D.C. will feature art treasures in our national collection and discuss pieces of art that they will show to area residents.

Attendees will be able to view art in several formats from the national museum and will be able to talk directly with SAAM staff via live time, two-way videoconferencing.

"This program will allow East Oregonians to trace America's heritage through artists' eyes, with particular emphasis on our relationship to the land," said Sherwood Dowling, SAAM distance learning manager.

"From sea to shin-

Marriages

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

- August 11: Daniel Lee Smith, 25, Irrigon, and Mary Andrina Brock, 24, Irrigon.

Justice Court Report

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

- Hayden Shane Blair, 17, Vale, Driving While Suspended Violation, \$429 fine.
- William A. Parker, 46, Bend, Driving While Suspended Violation, \$429 fine.
- Chuck Ephrem, 36, Eagle, ID, Driving While Suspended Violation, \$511 fine.
- Jason Lee Hanna, 34, Eugene, Failure to Use Seatbelt, \$124 fine.
- Christi L. Taylor, 29, Heppner, Failure to Use Seatbelt, \$124 fine.