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New pre-trial date set for Cannin

At a pretrial hearing for former Heppner High School teacher Wendy Cannin on Thursday, October 8, defense attorney Kittee Custer asked for more time to complete her investigation. Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard stated that she anticipates turning over phone records to the defense.

Cannin was arrested August 31 and charged with multiple sex crimes involving underage students.

A new pre-trial date has been set for December 17 at 8:15 a.m. at the Morrow County Courthouse.

**From the 1957 archives of the
Heppner
Gazette-Times**

**Near-normal number of students
report for Tuesday classes**

Heppner schools resumed classes Tuesday after a six-day forced layoff due to heavy absenteeism because of the flu. The superintendent reported Wednesday that when class opened there were only 7 students missing from the high school. When school was dismissed on November 4 there were 82 out of high school a percentage of 61% absent and 112 out of the grades. The 40 still ill in the lower grades is a much higher percentage than normal, it was reported, but it was not felt that the percentage was sufficiently high to require further postponement of classes. Most of the new absentee list is on the primary grades, a group that had not previously affected by the epidemic.

One casualty of the epidemic and school shutdown, was the high school's final season football game, which was to have been played Monday against Echo. Coach hoped to be able to field enough team members to play the game, but last Thursday a second practice call turned up only 11 able bodied athletes, two less than had turned out that morning. As a result the game was forfeited.

**ODOT Heppner project
near completion**

The Oregon Department of Transportation's \$2.17 million project to upgrade surfaces for vehicles and pedestrians in and around Heppner is nearly completed. The project included repairs to the Willow Creek (Court Street) Bridge, rebuilding sections of Court Street / Oregon Highway 74 in town, resurfacing OR 74 east of town and constructing new retaining walls, sidewalk and bike lanes in the area. Weather permitting; the final stages of the paving work will be done October 21 through 23. During that time approximately 500 tons of asphalt mix will be laid down. Travelers can expect delays of up to 20 minutes and local detours in Heppner. In addition, Willow, Stansbury and Barrett streets will be closed during the paving operation. Motorists are advised to plan for extra travel time and use alternate routes. ODOT will stripe the new pavement later this fall, after all the paving work finished.

"This project is seen as a big success for ODOT, our contractors, the City of Heppner and Morrow County," said ODOT Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg. "Along with the downtown

improvements, a 19-mile section of Oregon Highway 74 east of town was chip sealed, thanks to the infusion of about \$1.02 million in ARRA federal stimulus funding."

The project included numerous retaining walls along the hillside. ODOT's contractor Knife River Construction of Bend, Oregon and their concrete subcontractors worked with the City to select an embossed concrete pattern for the retaining walls that complimented the original basalt stonework of other retaining walls in the area and the circa 1903 court house.

"The contractor has been very responsive," said Heppner City Manager Dave DeMayo. "Everyone is pleased."

The extensive transportation project has been on the City's needs list for years and is now providing safer routes for cars, bicycles and pedestrians. The new walkways connect with the school, county fairgrounds and sports fields.

"It's very important for pedestrians to have safe access to those sites," DeMayo said.

John D. Ledbetter

John D. Ledbetter, 82, of Heppner died Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.



John D. Ledbetter

He was born January 28, 1927 in Heppner the son of Bergin and Leta Nix Ledbetter. He attended school in Lone, Boardman, Lexington and Heppner. He joined the United States Navy in 1944 and served two years in Alaska before returning to Oregon in 1946.

On June 5, 1976, he married Rene Griffith Toll at Heppner. Mr. Ledbetter farmed the Duvall Ranch for Amanda Duvall from 1963 until 1973, then leased the land until 1978 when he purchased it and continued farming. In 1986 he retired and the couple moved to Heppner in 1989.

He was a member of the Heppner B.P.O.E. # 358, the Willow Creek Country Club, the Oregon Wheat League and he served as vice president of the board of Morrow County Grain Growers from 1975 through 1987. He enjoyed snowmobiling and golfing.

He is survived by: his wife of 33 years, Rene Ledbetter of Heppner; daughters, June Bennett of Dallas, TX, and Judy Lathrom of Portland; stepdaughters, Toni Carter of Sand Point, ID and Tami Johlke of Pendleton; stepson, Terry Toll of Prineville; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Clara Sue Pikens of Centralia, WA.

He was preceded in death by: his daughter, Jeanette Sunseri; grandson, Robert Klingler; brother, Jimmy Ledbetter; and sister, Barbara Bergstrom.

Graveside service with Military Honors for Mr. Ledbetter will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

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

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Alfred A. Schade Jr.

Alfred A. Schade Jr., 71, of Heppner, died Sunday, October 4, 2009, at his home near Heppner.

He was born June 12, 1938 in Tillamook the son of Alfred A. and Ruth F. Dix Schade. He graduated from Franklin High School in Portland. Mr. Schade served in the United States Air force. On March

3, 1963, he married Mona Louise Jewell in Spokane, WA.

Mr. Schade was a heavy equipment operator in the underground utilities industry and member of Local Union 701. Some of his favorite things to do were hunting, fishing eating ice cream and exploring the Blue Mountains with his dog Hershey.

Survivors include: his wife Mona of Heppner; children, Kris L. Schade and his wife Constance, Tamara Lynn Hansen, Charles M. Schade, Alfred A. Schade III, Timothy L. Schade and his wife Allisyn, all of Portland; and grandchildren, Ashley B. Hansen, Nicolai H. Hansen, Christian T. Schade, Jacob P. Schade, Emily J. Schade and Cohen A. Wiblemo.

At his request no service will be held. Disposition was by cremation.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Anita Hughes Lutchter

Anita Hughes Lutchter, 101, died Thursday, October 8, 2009 at the home of her son, C. Lawrence Lutchter, MD and daughter-in-law, Priscilla A. Gilman, MD.



Anita Hughes Lutchter

She was born on December 26, 1907 to Mabel and Percy Hughes of Heppner. Mrs. Lutchter was the granddaughter of William Hughes, one of the first Irish immigrants to Morrow County in the early 1870's. Her father, Percy Hughes, filed a homestead claim near Heppner in 1909 and this land and adjacent properties were later developed into the Hughes family cattle ranch centered on Little Butter Creek.

Mrs. Lutchter graduated from Whitman College in 1930 and married Lawrence J. Lutchter in 1933. They settled in Milton - Freewater, Oregon where they were founding members of St. James Episcopal Church. She was a member of P.E.O and had long-lived interests in public education, in development of the Columbia River Gorge, and in Irish ancestry.

Mrs. Lutchter was predeceased by her husband, Lawrence J. Lutchter; daughter, Suzanne Colgan; and brothers William "Ebb" Hughes and Arthur Lee Hughes.

Survivors include: her son, C. Lawrence Lutchter and wife Priscilla A. Gilman of Evans, GA; son-in-law, Richard Colgan of Newberg, OR; five grandchildren, Larry K. Lutchter and wife Roberta of

Heppner, Shawna Todd and husband Glenn of Evans, GA, Loren Derk Lutchter and wife Sandra of North Hollywood, CA, Sarah Muzzin and husband Gary of Birmingham, MI, and Stephen Colgan and wife Susan of Silverton; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church in Milton-Freewater at a time yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Colgan-Lutchter account at the Medical College of Georgia Foundation, Inc., 1021 Fifteenth St., Suite 6, Augusta, GA 30901-3197.

Please sign the guestbook and send condolences at www.plattsfuneralhome.com.

Platt's Funeral Home of Evans, GA is in charge of the arrangements.

Irene M. Swanson

Irene M. Swanson, 99, a longtime Ione resident died Sunday, October 11, 2009 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.



Irene M. Swanson

She was born May 24, 1910 in the small Canadian Town of Leipzig, Saskatchewan, the daughter of Jacob and Regina Schwab Miller. She was the sixth of nine children. Her parents were born in Manheim, Germany, immigrated to Russia as farmers, and in 1875 migrated to Canada. They left Canada in 1919, and moved to the small town of Shaw, near Salem. Her father died in 1922, leaving her mother and the nine children. They all worked odd jobs and contributed to the support of the family. Irene met her husband, Gar Swanson while working at a soda fountain in Salem. They married on June 30, 1932 at Gladstone and settled in Ione. She was very proud to become a naturalized United States citizen in December of 1940.

Mrs. Swanson was very dedicated to her family and to her Catholic faith. She enjoyed crocheting, oil painting, and flower arranging. She was known for her cheery disposition, her positive attitude, and her witty sense of humor. She lived in Heppner the past few years at Willow Creek Assisted Living and at Pioneer Memorial Hospital Long Term Care where she died surrounded by her loving family.

She is survived by: her daughter; Jean Ann Turner; sons, Dennis Swanson and his wife Joann, John Swanson and his wife Kathy, and James Swanson

and his wife, Monica; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband Gar Swanson, their first born infant son Ronald Swanson, and a son-in-law Kenneth Turner.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 17, 2009 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner with Funeral Mass to follow at 11 a.m. A luncheon will be held at the church parish hall immediately after the funeral with concluding service and interment at 2 p.m. in High View Cemetery at Ione.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836, or to Willow Creek Assisted Living Facility, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Rodger Arntt Jr.

Rodger Arntt Jr., 81, passed away October 1, 2009 at Ahtanum View Correctional Facility in Union Gap, WA.

Rodger was born April 3, 1928 in Diller NE. At the age of 12 the family moved to Oregon. This is where Rodger grew up. He graduated from Benson High School. He then went to work at Journal Newspaper in the printing shop. He also worked at various jobs in his lifetime including: Woahink Lake Resort, Rabbit Meat Company, Richfield Oil Company, Chicken Ranch with Swift Company, Danny's Restaurant Grand Ronde, Oregon, he managed Circle K Markets, and managed several movie theatres in the Portland area.

With health problems he moved east of Heppner to the Blake Ranch area where he worked at Central Market for a time and also worked with Black Mountain Water District.

He moved to Bremerton, WA with his son and daughter-in-law, then back to Blake Ranch, and then to Ahtanum View where he passed away quietly on October 1.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating, etcetera. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church. He made Cursillo in 2001 at Cove, Oregon.

He is survived by seven grandchildren, his adopted son Rodger Jr. Arntt, and adopted daughter Michelle Larson.

He was preceded in death by: his first wife, Wanda, their adopted son, Daniel; his second wife, Sandi, his father, Henry Arntt, and his mother, Maria Arntt.

A memorial service is pending.

**Heppner Head Start
students take field trip**



On Wednesday, September 30, Heppner Head Start students were given a tour and healthy snacks at Heppner Family Foods. The students purchased apples to make applesauce in the classroom. Heppner Family Foods provided string cheese, juice and yogurt to all the students. -Contributed Photo.

Gendron cancels speaking engagement at Heppner Christian Church

Mike Gendron, who was scheduled to speak at Heppner Christian Church on October 18, will not be speaking due to a scheduling conflict.

**Stone to speak at
Chamber lunch meeting**

Daye Stone, principal of Heppner High School, will be making a presentation on the graduation requirements for HHS at the Chamber lunch meeting this Thursday, October 15, from 12-1 p.m. at the Senior

Center Dining Room. The cost for lunch is \$9. Sweet Productions will be the caterer and will be serving assorted deli sandwiches, homemade potato salad, and jumbo cupcakes.

**Valby Lutheran to host
pumpkin carving party**

Valby Lutheran Church invites the community to a pumpkin carving party on Sunday, October 25, at 2 p.m. Bring pumpkins, carving tools, and your creative carving ideas for an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship.

Sunday worship continues at 9 a.m. weekly, and all are welcome.