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

**Group asks for UFO information;  
gives explanation of objects**

The sighting last week by two Forest Service men of an unidentified flying object over the Blue Mountains, and subsequent stories in this newspaper and others throughout the northwest, has brought several requests to The Gazette-Times for further information on the object.

One of the requests came from the Aerial Phenomena Research Group, Seattle, WA, who asked that any further sightings be reported to that organization for study. Also from that group came the following news release concerning their studies on UFO. The conclusions reached by the group may, of course, be subject to argument by others, but this paper feels the Aerial Phenomena Research Group's statement would be of interest to many local persons.

"There is now sufficient information based on data compiled from eyewitness accounts that a high percentage of aerial phenomena such as those popularly described as unidentified flying objects are intelligently controlled craft whose ports of origin are outside earth's atmosphere"

This is the conclusion reached as the result of a study begun by Aerial Phenomena Research Group in Seattle, WA on January 1, 1954, into the field of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena.

Cementing on this study, national director of Aerial Phenomena Research Group said: "Although the accounts considered in this study did not contain scientific measurements of each sighting," it was possible to establish certain valid conclusions by the application of statistical methods in the treatment of the data. Analyzed and arranged, the data did show a marked pattern.

"On the basis of this marked pattern of the data, it is considered to be highly probable that many of the more than 3,000 accounts of unidentified flying objects examined in this study represent observations of technological developments outside the range of present-day scientific knowledge. Therefore, it is highly probable that many of the unidentified flying objects considered in this study are "spacecraft from other planets"."

**Community Christmas  
Musical to be held**

A Community Christmas Musical "Christmas Is" will be held December 6-7 at 7 p.m. at Heppner United Methodist Church.

Sixty-plus citizens, including high school and elementary school chorus members, are involved in the program.

Pie and cheesecake will be served after the performances. Seating for the musical is limited. There are few tickets left for Sunday's

**Charles W.  
McConnell**

Charles W. McConnell, 82, of Lexington died Saturday, November 14, 2009 at his home. A funeral service for Mr. McConnell will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at the Lexington Community Bible Church in Lexington. Concluding service and burial will follow at the Lexington Cemetery.



Charles W. McConnell

He was born November 11, 1927 in Dickinson, ND the son of Robert and Annie Shephard McConnell. He attended grade school at Webberville, MI and then high school in Clason, MI. He joined the United States Navy in 1944. He was stationed at Great Lakes Naval Station near Chicago, IL. He became a helmsman on the transport USS Titanium. He was honorably discharged in 1946. He attended the Wahpeton College of Electronics in 1947. He took his written exam and held the highest master electrical license at age 21.

On June 28, 1957 he married Vivian V. Entzel in Golden Valley, ND. The

couple lived at Haladay, ND for several years and then moved to Dallesport, WA. In 1964 they moved to Myrtle Creek, then Elgin before settling in Heppner in 1968. They moved to the Wallowa Valley for several years but returned to Heppner in 1983. His wife, Vivian, preceded him in death in 1995. He later moved to Lexington.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and had served as commander of the Heppner American Legion Post. He was a Boy Scout Leader for 30 years. He enjoyed rock hounding, reading, music and the outdoors. He had an armature ham radio license which he enjoyed very much.

Survivors include: sons, John McConnell of Heppner, Thomas McConnell of Saskatchewan, Canada, Richard McConnell of LaGrande, and James McConnell and Robert McConnell both of Pendleton; daughters, Cynthia Sumner of Lexington, Susan Hargrove of Cove, and Kathleen Adams of Nampa, ID; brother, John S. McConnell of San Antonio, TX; sisters, Rosemary Eckleberg of

Haladay, ND, Ruth Ann Oden of Minneapolis, MN; 18 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Gloria.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lexington Baptist Church, PO Box 561, Lexington, Oregon 97839.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Julie A. McCleary**

Julie A. McCleary, 46, of Hermiston, died Friday, November 13, 2009 at Care Haven Blue Adult Foster Home in Beaverton, Oregon. A memorial graveside service for Mrs. McCleary will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009 at the Lexington Cemetery in Lexington. A gathering and meal will follow at the Rebekahs Lodge in Lexington.

She was born December 10, 1962 in Heppner to Dale and Carol Groshens Baker. She attended school in Heppner, graduating from Heppner High School in 1981. After graduation she attended the Hermiston School of Beauty, graduating in 1982 with a degree in cosmetology.

On December 5,

1981 she married Charles Parker in Lexington. They later divorced. On September 26, 1992 she married Matt McCleary and they made their home in Hermiston. She worked as a cosmetologist for several years. After becoming a wife and mother she stayed home and enjoyed doing haircuts for friends and family from her home.

She enjoyed camping, riding 4-wheelers, sledding with the family in the winter, being with her children, spending time with her friends and family and watching her favorite shows on television.

Survivors include: her husband, Matt McCleary of Hermiston; father, Dale Baker of Lexington; son, Brady McCleary and daughter, Lacey McCleary, both of Hermiston; brother, Jerry Baker and his wife Sue of Lexington; and several nieces and nephews. Her mother Carol Baker preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Snow accepts regional  
mortgage position**

Meghan Snow, currently Community Bank's branch manager in Heppner, has accepted a new position in the bank's mortgage department. Starting January 1, 2010, Snow will manage the bank's mortgage lending in Hermiston and Heppner.



Meghan Snow

In a statement, Community Bank CEO Tom Moran said that "Meghan

did a great job opening and managing the Heppner branch for us, and now she's moving into a new role which will allow her to still spend time in Heppner, while broadening her horizons into mortgage. Snow is

a great asset to our bank, and now she's also a tremendous asset to homebuyers in Heppner and Hermiston."

**Heppner Chamber selling  
raffle tickets for baskets**

The Heppner Chamber is currently selling raffle tickets for two baskets that will be raffled on December 17. The drawing will take place in conjunction with the Celebrate Heppner Christmas event at the Elks Lodge.

Raffle Basket #1 (Family "Wii" Basket) includes "Wii" Fit Plus; "Wii" Fit cover and yoga mat; "Wii" Cruise Ship Vacation Games; fleece throw; Ghirardelli Chocolates; and gourmet popcorn and nuts.

Raffle Basket #2 (Las Vegas Package) includes a three day, two night package for two adults with

\$500 Funbook Casino Benefits; digital photo album designer case; Ghirardelli Holiday Chocolates; Sudoku; crossword and find-a-word puzzle books; nuts and gourmet popcorn. The Las Vegas package was donated by John and Nancy Gochbauer/Bucknum's/Video Store/John's Place.

The baskets will be displayed at Heppner TV, beginning Friday, November 20, and raffle tickets can be purchased at Community Bank, Heppner Chamber and Heppner TV. The raffle tickets will be one for \$1 or six for \$5.

**Christmas Committee in  
need of homemade items**

The Christmas Committee is in need of homemade items made by local community members who would like to donate

them to the Celebrate Heppner Christmas event on Thursday, December 17. Anyone who has any items to donate is asked to do so by Monday, December 7.

For more information or to arrange to have your items picked up, call the chamber office at 676-5536.

**Community  
Thanksgiving  
Day Dinner  
to be held**

The Heppner Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 at All St. Episcopal Church. The dinner is hosted by Elohim Covenant Church in Heppner.

For more information or to make a donation, call 676-5471 or 676-8011. All are welcome.

**Valby Lutheran to host community  
Thanksgiving service and potluck**

Valby Lutheran Church will host a community Thanksgiving service and potluck on Sunday, November 22, beginning at 6 p.m.

All members of the community are invited to join in giving thanks for the blessings of the past year. A meal will be shared before the service.

Those who are able are asked to bring a main dish and either a salad

or dessert to share but all are welcome to join in the meal.

For more information or for directions to the church, call Pastor Katy Anderson at 541-910-4125 or call the church at 422-7515 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Sunday worship continues each week at 9 a.m. All are welcome.

**Coleman graduates from  
basic military training**

Airman Matthew R. Coleman graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX October 23, 2009.



Matthew R. Coleman

This eight week course included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic welfare principles.

Airman Coleman has earned four credits toward his associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Coleman gradu-

ated with honor graduate status and he was 1 of 75 others that finished BMT in the top 10% of 760 graduates.

He is now in Texas for four months and will then be off to Arkansas for one month before graduating tech school. He is a crew chief on the mechanics for C-130 planes.

The son of Mark and Donarae Wathen of Ione, Coleman was salutatorian of his 2009 graduating class from Ione High School.

**CBEC announces  
photo contest winners**

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op announces the winners of its sixth annual Photography Contest.

The competition was open to all member/consumers of Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op. The winners were announced at the CBEC annual dinner meeting held in Fossil on Thursday, November 5, with the winning photos on display.

The contest consists of two categories - photos with people/animals, and photos of landscapes/other. Each entry must have some element of electrical infrastructure in it and have been taken within the C.B.E.C. service territory. Three places were awarded in each category, with \$50, \$35, and \$15 prizes accordingly.

An anonymous submitter won first and second place in the people/

animals category with photos of linemen working on the distribution system. It was requested that any prize money won be donated to C.B.E.C.'s Helping Hearts program. Third place went to Karen Wolff of Heppner with a photo of high school students taking a study break.

First place in the second category went to Buffy Gardner of Condon, with a photo of the Lone Rock Community Church. Second place went to Dianna Hamer of Heppner with a photo of unique cloud formations over Heritage Plaza. A Christmas tree framed by a sweeping double staircase within the Morrow County Courthouse took third place, and was submitted by Karen Wolff of Heppner.

The contest received 24 entries this year from seven applicants.

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