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**Obituaries**

**Sonny V. Scherrer**

Sonny V. Scherrer, 34, of Kingston, Idaho died Saturday, November 21, 2009, near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho from an injury as a result of a wood cutting accident.



**Sonny V. Scherrer**

A celebration of life service for Mr. Scherrer was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 28, 2009, at the Lexington Community Bible Church in Lexington. Concluding service and inurnment followed at the Lexington Cemetery. A reception and meal was held at the Rebekah's Lodge in Lexington.

He was born July 31, 1975 in Heppner, the son of Kevin and Crystal Papineau Scherrer. Sonny attended schools in Oregon and Montana. He was a proud member of the Operating Engineers and was employed as a heavy equipment operator at the time of his death.

He was an avid "gearhead" with a passion for anything that had a motor. He enjoyed stock car racing, buying, selling and trading cars and parts. He loved hunting, and riding snowmobiles, four wheelers, and motor cycles. He was gregarious with a quick wit and a gift to gab. He also liked to share his experience, strength, hope and faith in the Lord with those in need.

In early 2006 Sonny met the love of his life Krystle Goeke and they began their life together. In September of 2008 they were blessed with a son Phoenix. Their special times as a family were often spent roaming mountain roads with their dogs and stopping to roast a few hot dogs along the way.

Survivors include: his wife Krystle and son Phoenix Von Scherrer of the family home; father, Kevin Scherrer of Boardman; mother, Crystal Dale and her husband Don of Corvallis, MT; a son, Sullivan of Heppner; broth-

ers, Travis W. Scherrer, Jeremy G. Scherrer, and Clint V. Scherrer, all of Boardman; maternal grandparents, Ray and Gloria Papineau of Lexington; step-grandmother, Ann Scherrer of Portland; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Brandi Gaye Scherrer, and paternal grandparents Eugene Scherrer and Nora Jean Peterson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scherrer family in care of Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner, PO Box 97, Heppner, Oregon 97836 or to the donor's favorite charity.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of local arrangements.

**Frances J. McCarty**

Frances J. McCarty, 87, passed away November 15, 2009, at her home in Novato, CA, after a battle with Parkinson's Disease.

She was born in The Dalles on June 11, 1922, the daughter of Willis (Kit) McCarty and Lula D. Campbell. Both of her parents were born in Heppner.

She attended school in The Dalles and Heppner. After graduating from Heppner High School she attended Oregon State University in Corvallis where she was freshman women's champion in tennis. After one year at OSU, she transferred to the University of Oregon in Eugene. She graduated from UO in 1944 and moved to Medford where she worked for Harry & David.

She later moved to San Francisco where she entered the export-import business. She bought northwest fruit and sold and exported it to Japan. She made many flights to the Orient for her business. She later moved to Novato, CA where she bought a home.

She is survived by

her partner of 50 years, Mary Carter, and her brother, Willis Paul McCarty of Portland.

Disposition was by cremation.

**Francis Corwin Circle**

Francis Circle, age 101, of Roseburg, and formerly a resident of Willow Creek Assisted Living Facility in Heppner, passed away Sunday, November 22, 2009, in Roseburg.



**Francis Circle**

He was born June 30, 1908, in Ceres, OK to Elmer M. and Abigail (Lively) Circle. On October 22, 1941, he married Mary Louise Higdon of Battle Ground, WA. They were married for 60 years before Mary's death on November 20, 2001, in Roseburg, where they had lived for more than 54 years.

As a teenager, Francis drove a team of horses in the seining grounds of the Columbia River, fishing for salmon in the summer. His father taught him how to fall timber with a crosscut saw, using an axe to cut the face of the trees, and he worked for many years falling and bucking timber when logs were still hauled out by rail. In the late 1930's, he began hauling the logs, driving a truck as an owner/operator. He continued to drive logging trucks until 1969, when he went to work for Roseburg Lumber driving chip trucks. He retired in 1981 at the age of 73.

Francis was preceded in death by: his parents, Elmer and Abbie; sisters, Vera, Verle, and Margaret; and sister-in-law, Evelyn Holbrook.

He is survived by: his children, son Michael Circle and wife Diana of Roseburg, and daughter Monica Swanson and husband Jim of Ione; grandchildren, Luke Swanson

and wife Tyan of West Linn, Adrienne Swanson of Pendleton, and Samantha Griffin of Roseburg; great-grandsons, Carter Swanson and "AJ" Griffin; niece and nephews, Jean Ann Walsh, Tom Holbrook, Glenn Vehrs and Richard Sharp; cousin, Ray Circle; and other family members and friends.

Services were held at Wilson's Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg, on Saturday, November 28, at 2 pm. His family recognizes the staff at Willow Creek Assisted Living for their loving care of Francis during 2004 and 2005.

**Michael William Rowell**

Michael William Rowell, 57, of Heppner died Friday, November 20, 2009, at his home. At his request no service will be held and disposition was by cremation.

He was born June 5, 1952 at Heppner, the son of William and Delores Drake Rowell. He moved to Eugene where he attended and graduated from North Eugene High School in 1970. He later returned to Heppner and worked for Kinzua Pine Mills for many years. He then began working for the Don and Jean Bennett ranch near Heppner. He enjoyed hunting and playing soft ball.

On April 22, 1972 he married Shirley K. Nichols at Ione. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include: his mother and stepfather, Ray and Delores Turner of Vancouver, WA; daughters, Melissa Smith of Meridian, ID and Ryan Clayton of Hermiston; brother, Monte Turner of Washougal, WA; and four grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his father William Rowell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Annual Greater Irrigon Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held**

The annual Greater Irrigon Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on Saturday, December 5. The banquet will be held at Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale for \$20 per person in advance and may be purchased at City Hall, and Bank of

Eastern Oregon. Tickets are \$25 when purchased at the door. Early purchase is advised.

Master of Ceremonies will be Craig Benson with a duet from the school providing entertainment.

A silent auction will be held with a package from Wildhorse Resort among the items.

**Ione students raise 6,200 pennies for CAI program**



Ione fifth grader Babali Peterson and Bank of Eastern Oregon manager Sharon Rietmann count the pennies gathered by Babali's class for the Central Asia Institute, which supports community-based education, especially for girls, in rural areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. CAI was founded by Greg Mortenson, author of the best-seller "Three Cups of Tea." Ione teacher Lea Mathieu read a book about Mortenson to her class on super-hero day during Ione's homecoming week, and her students wanted to help his cause. A little goes a long way: for example, 100 pennies supports a student for an entire month. More information on the program can be found at [www.ikat.org](http://www.ikat.org). -Contributed Photo

**Holly Rebekah Lodge to host monthly card party**

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting this month's card party on Saturday, December 5, starting at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person for an evening of fun, food, prizes and lots of visiting.

The Lexington Odd Fellows and Rebekah's will also begin hosting BINGO every Thursday starting December 3 at 2 p.m. The cost is 25 cents per card. Coffee will be provided.

Both of these events are open to the public.

**Community Christmas dinner to be held**

Heppner Christian Church will be sponsoring a Community Christmas ham dinner on Sunday, December 13, from 4-6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. This meal will be free to the public.

**STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
PUBLIC REVIEW MEETING - Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

The North East and South East Area Commission on Transportation and The Oregon Department of Transportation invite you to participate in a Public Review Meeting regarding the Draft 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Date/Time: Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 6-8 PM Pacific Standard Time (7-9 PM Mountain Time)

Meeting Locations: Eight eastern Oregon sites listed below

The 2010-2013 STIP identifies major Oregon transportation projects proposed for construction between 2010 and 2013. Meeting participants will hear information on how projects are selected for funding and review projects identified for the eastern Oregon region. Interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting at a site in your area.

**MEETING LOCATIONS:**

**OR Dept. of Transportation Office - Ontario**  
1390 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Ontario, Oregon (7:00 PM MST)

**Grant County ESD - John Day**  
835 S. Canyon  
John Day, OR (6:00 PM PST)

**Umatilla ESD - Pendleton**  
2001 SW Nye Street, Juniper Room  
Pendleton, OR (6:00 PM PST)

**Wallowa County ESD - Enterprise**  
107 SW 1<sup>st</sup>  
Enterprise, OR (6:00 PM PST)

**Baker City Public Library - Baker City**  
2400 Resort Street  
Baker City, OR (6:00 PM PST)

**Harney County Courthouse - Burns**  
Basement Meeting Room  
450 N. Buena Vista  
Burns, OR (6:00 PM PST)

**Eastern Oregon University - La Grande**  
Ackerman Hall, Room 105  
One University Blvd.  
La Grande, OR (6:00 PM PST)

**Riverside High School - Boardman**  
210 NE Boardman Ave.  
Boardman, OR (6:00 PM PST)



For details regarding this video conference meeting, or to request alternative formats (language translations, etc.) please contact Tom Strandberg, ODOT Public Information Officer, at 541-963-1330.