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Hermsen, Lankford announce engagement



Kiesha Lyn Hermsen and Mark Estes Lankford

Kiesha Lyn Hermsen and Mark Estes Lankford, both of Pendleton, announce their engagement.

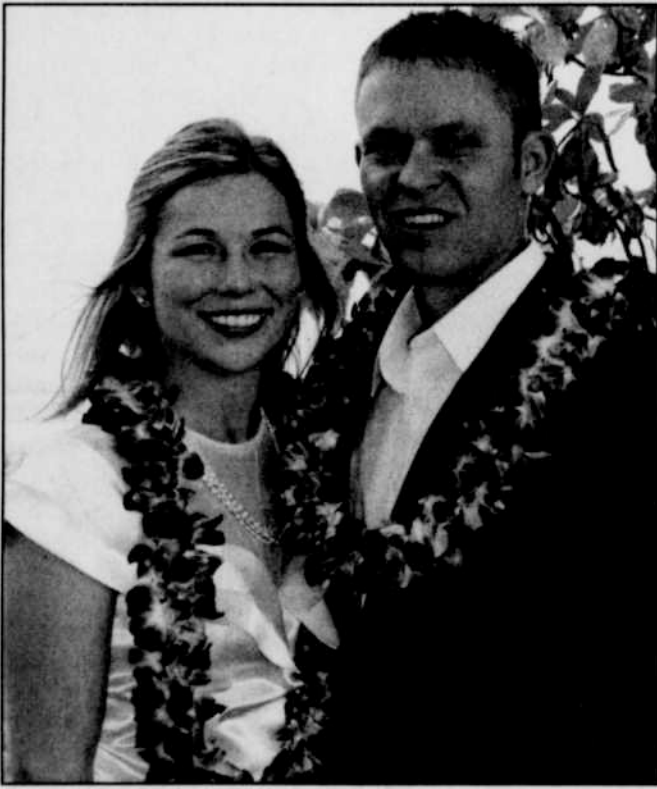
Kiesha is the daughter of Val Martin Bailey and stepdaughter of Anita Lorene Bailey of Lexington, and mother Brenda Lee Chevront (deceased). Mark's parents are Phyllis Ann Lankford and James Michael Lankford, both of The Dalles, OR.

Kiesha is a 1995 graduate of Nestucca Union High School in Cloverdale. She is employed as a bartender in Pendleton.

Mark is a 1992 graduate from The Dalles High School. He works for the City of Pendleton.

The couple has been engaged since 2006 and will be married May 15, 2010, in The Dalles at St. Peters Landmark.

Milligans, Bennetts to hold joint reception



Brett (Barber) and Shannon Milligan

A wedding reception for Shannon and Brett (Barber) Milligan will be held on Saturday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

The couple was married on December 5, 2009 in Kauai.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Awana to hold "Parent Night"

Awana will be holding "Parent Night" on Thursday, January 28. Parents are invited to come with their children, have dinner and participate in the evening activities.

Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and the regular Awana program will run from 6:30-8 p.m.

Awana's is held at Willow Creek Baptist Church, 560 North Minor off of Water Street.

If transportation is required, contact Dale Bates at 541-676-5773.

Veteran's Services
Hours: 9-12 am & 1-4 pm
First Thursday of each month
Gilliam Building, Heppner
Please call for Appointment
Phone 922-6420
Please leave a detailed message

Heppner Head Start students visit library



The children from Heppner Head Start visited the Oregon Trail Library in Heppner on Wednesday, January 13. Margaret Flaherty, librarian, gave them a tour to show the many items available for checkout at the library. The children were also presented with storytime. —Contributed Photo

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts to meet

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts is planning workshops and a St. Patrick's sale. A meeting will be held on January 28 at 1 p.m. at The Stable. The meeting is open to the public.

Plans for a Robert Walton workshop in oils June 14-16 is being worked on. Painting to do will be decided on at the January 28 meeting. All ideas will be considered. There must be 10 people signed up to confirm the workshop. To sign up contact Betty Mills at 541-676-5546. Payments will need to be paid by May 11. This is the only oil painting currently on the schedule. This class is open to the public. Those planning to attend are asked to sign up early so an accurate count can be made.

South Morrow County Scholarship and Trust to hold annual meeting

South Morrow County Scholarship and Trust will hold their annual meeting and election of officers on Monday, January 25.

For more information contact Sharon Harrison at 989-8496.

Senior Center Menu



Jean and Don Bennett

A 60th wedding anniversary celebration for Don and Jean Bennett will be held on Saturday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

The couple was married on February 8, 1950. Everyone is invited to attend. The couple requests that no gifts be brought for them.

Senior Center Menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, January 27. The menu will include chili, corn, green beans, fruit juice, cornbread, and brownies.

DRINK SPECIAL
Mounds Candy Bar Mocha
Large \$3.25 Iced or Hot!

Wedding Table
Brett Barber & Shannon Milligan
Wedding-December 5, 2009
Reception to be held in February

Murray's Drug INC.
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Obituaries

Rita M. Worden

Rita M. Worden, 89, of Heppner died Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at Ashley Manor in Hermiston. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 18, 2010 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner, with concluding service and burial following at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Recitation of the rosary was held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.



Rita M. Worden

She was born May 19, 1920 at Cherryvale, KS, the fifth child of seven born to Francis Xavier and Agatha Blaes Steinberger. She was raised and attended Catholic school in Cherryvale, where she graduated from high school. Rita attended nursing school and passed her registered nursing boards in 1948. She became a traveling nurse coming to the west coast, first to the Los Angeles area where her brother Louis lived and then to Pendleton to work at St. Anthony's Hospital, where her brother-in-law was administrator. It was while working there she heard Heppner was building Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

She came to Heppner as one of the first two nurses. She worked 12 hour shifts and lived in the basement at the new hospital. It was while she was working there that she met Wilbur Worden. The couple married March 26, 1951 in Seattle, WA. Mrs. Worden continued to work as a nurse until she started her family. She returned to work at the hospital after her children were grown and worked in medical re-

cords until her retirement. Mrs. Worden was a member of St. Patrick's Church and was active in Altar Society, and took care of the altar cloths; she was also the first grade catechism teacher for many, many years. She was awarded a place on the Wall of Honor for her many years of service.

Rita lived her faith and was a good example to others.

Her passions were her church, her family, and helping others. She enjoyed gardening, making things for people, playing cards, cooking and crossword puzzles.

She is survived by: sons, Bob Worden and his wife Pam of Heppner, Dave Worden and his wife Pam of Pendleton, and Randy Worden of Milwaukie; grandchildren, Rick Worden and his wife Nikki of LaGrande, Kristi McNamee and her husband Abe of Irrigon, Robert Worden of Heppner, Jeremy Worden and Keven Worden both of Milwaukie, Aaron Worden and his wife Dara of Mission, Dennis Worden of Washington DC, and Winston Worden of Walla Walla; and great-grandchildren, Daemon and Arianna Worden of LaGrande, and Klynn McNamee of Irrigon.

She was preceded by her husband Wilber in 2009.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, PO Box 633, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Chamber Lunch Meeting announced

This week's Chamber Lunch Meeting program will include an introduction presentation about Wheat Springs Bakery by Sam and Donna Bates. The snacks are made from wheat exclusively grown on the Bates Ranches' family farm, in Condon.

Murray Drugs will be the caterer for this week's meeting. They will be serving: barbecue sandwiches, chips, and dessert for \$9.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center dining room, beginning at noon.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP your attendance by Wednesday morning so everyone can be accommodated for lunch.

Upcoming Chamber meetings:

-January 28 - Presentation by Karen Wagner (CAPECO) about a "Regional Food Assessment" for the Heppner Area (Senior Center dining room).
-February 4 - All entities Reports (City Hall).

-February 11 - Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Corp (WCVEDG) Annual Meeting. This meeting will be hosted by WCVEDG. More information will be communicated at a later date and will be held in the Senior Center dining room.

-February 18 - Conference call with Representative Greg Smith (City Hall).

Heppner Drama Club changes spring play

The Heppner Drama Club has announced that they have changed the spring play from "Bye Bye Birdie" to "Wonderland," a musical adaptation of Alice in Wonderland/Through the Looking Glass.

The original play required 34 adult and children/teen actors, but there was not enough participation to cover the casting requirements. For the "Wonderland" play, a cast of 20-30 members is needed, including children and community members. The new meeting for children and community members will be held on Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. in the HHS cafeteria. The HHS student body meeting will be during school on January 28.

Anyone interested in helping or acting in the play but is unable to attend the meeting is asked to call Jodi Chapa at 541-676-8022.

Birth Announcement

Sally Cate Rudolf was born to Allison and Ryan Rudolf of Ione on December 21, 2009, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

At birth, Sally weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and measured 21 inches.

She joins sister, Jill, and brother, Tom. Grandparents are Alan and Laura Parks of Silver Lake and Terry and Nancy Rudolf of Echo.