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Birth Announcement

Kyrah Joan Smelser - Jennifer and Josh Smelser of Spokane, WA announce the birth of a daughter, Kyrah Joan Smelser, on February 22, 2010 at Holy Family Hospital in Spokane, WA.



Kyrah Joan Smelser

At birth she weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Grandparents are Sandi Patton and Mike Gorman of Heppner, Mark and Taranna Patton of Ione, and Cliff and Lori Smelser of Spokane, WA.

Great-grandparents are Jay Dee and Joan Hudson of Heppner, Ed and Mardean Patton of Hermiston, Lorene Burkee of Yakima WA, Loretta and Frank Pomerleau of Mattawa, WA, and Dick and Barb Smelser of Yakima, WA.

Great-great-grandmother is Mabel Miller of Hermiston.

Paustians celebrate 50 years of marriage



Leslie and Janice Paustian

The children and grandchildren of Leslie and Janice Paustian announce the 50th anniversary of their parents and grandparents on March 22.

The couple was married on March 22, 1960 in Winnemucca, NV.

Their family includes daughter and husband Debbie and Bruce Young and grandsons Brandon Young and wife Becky, Matt Young and Luke Young.

Please stop to congratulate them and give them your well wishes during the St. Pat's Celebration.

St. Patrick's Pit Ham Dinner

Where finicky Leprechauns eat!



Saturday, March 13 from 4 - 7 p.m.

Serving: Pit Ham, Irish Potato Casserole, Green Salad, Veggie, Roll & Homemade Pie!

Adults - \$9 / Children under 12 - \$5
Wee ones - free

St. Patrick's Church Parish Hall
525 Gale Street (one block off Main Street)

Boots added to Heppner's St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Pictured are Ann Murray and Shirlee Sweigart, both of Heppner, discussing the new "Throw the Welly" challenge for this year's St. Patrick's Celebration. -Contributed Photo

From County Donegal to Heppner, a new event has been added to this year's St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

When Ann Murray visited County Donegal last year and asked what games they play for their celebrations, she was told, "Why, there is no celebration without we have the Welly Toss." Ann shared this information with the St. Patrick's Committee, the idea was declared "thar barr" (excellent) and the event was added to Heppner's Celebration.

The event will be held on W. Willow Street beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 13. The competition is broken into four groups, adult men, adult women, grades 6-12, and grades K-5. The game is played by throwing a "Wellington Boot" underhand. The throwing area is marked off for width and distance and the throws must be within the boundaries. The event is timed and the contestant is entitled to three throws. Boots vary in size based on the age and for adults, the gender of the contestant. The rules for playing and scoring are fairly complex and a few deviations will be made to make the game faster, simpler and to allow more people to compete.

Marriages

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:
-February 18: Carlos Eduardo Garcia, 20, Hermiston and Monica Mosqueda Guevara, 27, Hermiston.
-February 19: Jose Luis Duenas, 24, Boardman and Nancy Rodriguez, 29, Boardman.

O'Flock and Fiber Event cancelled

The O'Flock and Fiber Event scheduled to be held Saturday, March 13, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds has been cancelled.

Willow Creek Day Park to become Turner Day Park

Willow Creek Day Park, the current name of the Marina at Willow Creek Reservoir, will be dedicated to Ken Turner and will be named Turner Day Park. A dedication ceremony will be held on Friday, March 12, at 5 p.m. at the view point above the marina.

Ken Turner was a founding member of Willow Creek Park District and served on the board for many years. It was his vision that became the plans for Willow Creek RV Park and Willow Creek Day Park. The development of these plans was no easy feat. It involved several governmental agencies and



The Willow Creek Park District Turner Day Park will be dedicated on Friday, March 12, at 5 p.m.

the initial founding of Willow Creek Park District. Ken persevered through the many tedious processes, government agreement planning, permits and construction. Today these parks see heavy use by residents of the community and visitors. The RV Park fills up during Heppner's many

Friends Helping Friends St. Patrick's Day Walk & 5K Run to be held

Start your day off with a wee bit o'fun and join friends and family for a walk and 5K run. The event will take place Saturday, March 13.

Participants will gather at the Heppner United Methodist Church for a coffee hour at 8:30a.m. Registration will be at 9a.m.

and the walk/run will begin at 9:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$5. Donations are accepted and young children accompanied by an adult are free.

All proceeds from the event will be kept local in a pot of gold and donated to the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Facility in

Obituaries

Trevor John Fox

Trevor John Fox, of Irrigon, died at Kadlec Regional Medical Center as the result of a motocross accident in Richland, WA on March 4, 2010 at the age of 11 1/2 years.



Trevor John Fox

He was born on June 18, 1998 in Hermiston, to parents Jerry and Rebecca "Becki" Christensen Fox. Trevor loved his family more than everything. He lived his short 11 1/2 years in Irrigon. He attended A.C. Houghton School from kindergarten through 4th grade. For 5th, and currently 6th grade, he attended Irrigon Elementary. He loved racing motocross with his buddies, riding his mountain bike with his brother and his dad, driving his remote control car with his brother, playing games and puzzles with his mom and grandma. Trevor had fun doing anything and everything.

He is survived by: his parents, Jerry and Becki Fox, Irrigon; brother, Tyler Fox of Irrigon; grandparents, Ray and Linda Fox of Irrigon, Diane M. Christensen of Eugene, and

Preston and Diane L. Christensen of Eugene; cousins, Nicole and Hailey Livering of Springfield; and aunts and uncles, Traci and Cameron Livering of Springfield, Rachael Beem of Salem, Laura and Bryan Like of Sacramento, CA, and Jeff Christensen, Eugene.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, March 11, from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston.

A public funeral service will be held on Friday, March 12, at 11 a.m. at Irrigon Elementary School in Irrigon.

Those who wish may make contributions to the Trevor Fox Memorial Fund at Bank of Eastern Oregon in Irrigon, or to a memorial fund c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston at P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

The condolence book can be signed at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Neighborhood Center closed March 15-21

The Neighborhood Center will be closed March 15-21 while the parking lot is being redone.

In case of an emergency, contact 541-676-5459.

Water rights forum to be held March 21

Water for Life Inc., a non-profit organization will be presenting a forum on water rights in Oregon on Sunday, March 21, beginning at 2 p.m. at Heppner High School. This event is hosted by Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots.



Helen Moore

Water for Life's mission is the protection of agricultural water rights in the west. Started in 1990 by irrigators in the Kla-

math Basin, this membership organization represents irrigated agriculture's interests in Salem and Washington DC.

Helen Moore, executive director of Water for Life will provide information on Oregon water

law, the Integrated Water Resources Strategy, and potential legislative issues for water users.



community events with visitors from around the Northwest. Fishermen from surrounding counties start coming to the marina as soon as the weather permits. Both of these parks are assets to the community and without Ken Turner's vision and determination it is possible that they would not be here today.

Dick to present program at city hall

Author Stuart Dick will put on a program at Heppner City Hall Saturday, March 13, at 2 p.m.



Sheep Dog Trails
Thompson Ranch
3 miles North of Heppner
Begins at daylight

Saturday & Sunday
March 13th & 14th

You're welcome to join the handler's Potluck Lunch
Featuring a Lucky Lamb Drop Contest



215 S. Chase Street 5 bedroom 4 bath - 5200 SF craftsman home on Double lot with 2 garages. Original woodwork and fixtures this is a showcase home in a great location Qualifies for \$8000 tax credit

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