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**Obituaries**

**William Calvin Ulrich**

William Calvin Ulrich, known by all his family and friends as "Bill" passed away on August 1, 2010. He was born in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon on March 8, 1927 to parents Carl and Mary Ulrich, also long time residents of Heppner.



Bill Ulrich

He was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Mary Ulrich; his Sisters, Pauline Wills, Lee Cary, O'Delia "Dee" Sather; and Brother, Alex "Dutch" Ulrich. He is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

"Bill" Ulrich joined the Navy at the age of 17 years old and honorably served this Nation during World War II aboard the USS Biloxi CL-80 Destroyer and was honorably discharged August 17, 1946. During his service he received the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal-1\*, the American Area Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Of interest to many of his friends, family and area residents may be the following letter he wrote to his parents while aboard the USS Biloxi:

*Visit to Nagasaki and Riding Out Typhoon Add Zest to Life of Heppner Sailor; Atomic Bomb Does Complete Job, He Says*

The following letter is self-explanatory. Dat-

ed Sept. 19 at Nagasaki. Dear Mom and Pop: Well, I'm getting a little closer to Japan, as you can see by that name. You remember when they dropped those atomic bombs? That's where I am today. I saw the place where they hit. There just wasn't a thing left. Every window in the city was broken. There sure is an awful odor here. I guess it is from the dead Japs. That bomb killed 40 percent of the civilians, guess they haven't gotten around to clean it up.

We just got through taking on a load of prisoners of war. We are taking them back to Okinawa. They sure have been through a lot. Have been listening to some of them tell stories of how the Japs treated them. Will tell you all about it when I get home. We got some British, Scotch, Australians, Dutch, Chinese and Filipinos. I guess they didn't have any Americans in the batch. Some of them have been prisoners of the Japs for four years.

Did you hear about the big typhoon we had off Okinawa? I was in it, and was it rough! We were anchored in Buckner Bay Okinawa, when Admiral Daye ordered all ships to get out of there and get under way. We ran smack into the typhoon. We did 42 percent rolls for a day and a half. Thought sure this thing was going to capsize. We had to eat sitting on the deck - and then one had a hell of a time eating.

Do you remember, Mom, when you came across you told me about those waves being as big

as houses. Well, Mom, you haven't got anything on me now. Those waves were about 80 feet high.

I guess that is all the excitement and adventure I have had up to lately. Hope you are all fine. As for me, I am OK.

Love,  
Billy (Ulrich)

To those who may not have known "Bill" personally by name, he may be remembered by many as the elderly gentleman on the bicycle with the box on the back who rode his bike through the streets of Heppner and the surrounding areas for many years. He will be missed.

A veteran's memorial will be held at a later date.

The family of "Bill" Ulrich appreciates each and everyone who has assisted "Bill" through the years and especially those who answered his cry for help at the time of his fall, the emergency staff and nurses at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and the staff at the nursing facility in Boise, ID.

Sweeney's Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

**Donald Ray Martin Sr.**

Donald Ray Martin Sr., of Heppner died on August 1, 2010, in Hermiston at the age of 69.



He was born on January 21, 1941 in

Klamath Falls to parents, Lowell E. Sr. and Helen Becker Martin. Don joined the United States Navy after graduating high school and served three tours in Vietnam until his honorable discharge after nine years of service.

Don was united in marriage to Sherian Winch on October 21, 1968 in Shelton, WA. He was a lab technician and then earned his associate degree in nursing from BMCC. Don worked as a staff RN for the Department of Corrections at EOCI and later TRCI until retiring in 2002. He was a member of the Catholic Church and the Elks Lodge. Don was an avid outdoors man, enjoying hunting, fishing, camping, scuba diving, and was a talented musician.

He is survived by: his wife, Sherian A. Martin of Heppner; sons, Terry L. Martin and Michael R. Martin, both of Hermiston, and Donald R. Martin Jr. of Heppner; daughter, Carmen R. Houchins of Glade Springs, VA; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and a sister. At his request there will be no service.

Those who wish may make contributions in Don's memory to the Ronald McDonald House at 2620 N. Commercial, Portland, OR 97227.

Please sign the condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

**Local FFA chapter receives donation**



Karen and Dick Temple (left) present a donation check for approximately \$500 to the Heppner FFA members Brett Harrison, Zech Hintz, and Devin Robinson and advisor Beth Dickenson. The check is a rebate check from Pfizer Animal Health. Veterinarians can sign up through Pfizer to earn a percentage from supplies purchased by customers. The rebate check is then given to the FFA chapter of the veterinarian's choice. The Heppner FFA chapter received a check last year as well and used a portion of it to build pens in the FFA barn and corrals. -Photo by David Sykes

**Bowles, Frusetta announce engagement**



Ida Bowles and Tod Frusetta, both of Heppner, announce their upcoming marriage.

Ida works for CapeCo in Pendleton but does Home Care in Heppner.

Tod is a saddle maker and runs his own business in Heppner, Tod's Saddle Shop.

The wedding is set for September 11, 2010 at 1 p.m. at Heppner City Park. A potluck will follow at 280 Church Street in Heppner.

**Boardman Rural Fire Protection District gives school zone driving reminder**

September is closing in and that means children will be back to school soon. For the past few months, our routes have taken us through school zones without worrying

about children or lowering our driving speed. The Boardman Rural Fire Protection District would like to remind everyone that come September 7, those flashing yellow lights or

signs stating "20 MPH during School hours 7 a.m. to 5 p.m." will be enforced. In Oregon, the minimum fine for ignoring the warnings is approximately \$400.

Buses will be out transporting students to and from school as well. Remember, you must stop for all buses when they have the red/amber flashing

lights on. Best practices for school zones are: follow all posted speed signs, be aware of your surroundings at all times and eliminate distractions, find alternate routes if possible, and stop at all crosswalks marked and unmarked, as pedestrians have the right of way.

**2010 Morrow County Chronicles available for purchase**

The 2010 Morrow County Chronicles is now available for purchase. This 27<sup>th</sup> issue of the yearly collection of historical articles is now offered for \$5 at the Boardman Pharmacy, Murray's Drugstore, Heppner City Hall, the Community Bank, and the Heppner and Lone branches of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Next week, the Chronicles will also be on sale at the Boardman and Irrigon branches of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

chronicled in the Morrow County Historical Society's publication. Original narratives are contributed by residents who have lived the history or have been interviewed for the publication. Sometimes, articles are reprinted from other sources, to be added to this county-specific record. And each year, an attempt is made to include information from throughout the county. This year's issue features military veterans, some rural schools, and two long-time residents of the county.

Each year, people, places, and events are

**Proctor named to PSU dean's list**

Roy Proctor was recently named to the Portland State University's dean's list for the spring semester of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. To be eligible for the dean's list students must have a 3.75 or better GPA for the current term.

Proctor is the son of Mike and Kay Proctor of Heppner. He is a graduate of Heppner High School.

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**Music in the Parks to be held August 16**

The Music in the Parks series will continue on Monday, August 16, at Irrigon Marina Park at 7 p.m. Musical guests will be the Sidewalk Stompers.

The Sidewalk Stompers is a traditional jazz band formed in 1997 in the Tri Cities area of Washington. The name Sidewalk Stompers identifies the band as a small acoustic street band able to play anywhere without piano and drums and small enough to move from spot to spot, similar to New Orleans street bands.

The band is lead by Karl Walterskirchen. Karl moved to the Tri Cities from San Francisco in 1993 to work at Hanford as a mechanical engineer. Originally from Missoula, MT, he started playing banjo with

traditional jazz bands in the San Francisco area in the mid 60's. He played on and off at the famous Red Garter in San Francisco and played banjo with numerous San Francisco style and New Orleans style traditional jazz bands in the San Francisco area. After moving to the Tri Cities Karl played with the local Three Rivers Jazz Band before starting the Sidewalk Stompers. This year's ensemble at Irrigon will include trumpet, clarinet, banjo (or guitar), and jazz piano

Music in the Parks is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and PGE. The event is sponsored by North Morrow Community Foundation and Irrigon Watermelon Festival and is presented each year by MP5+.

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