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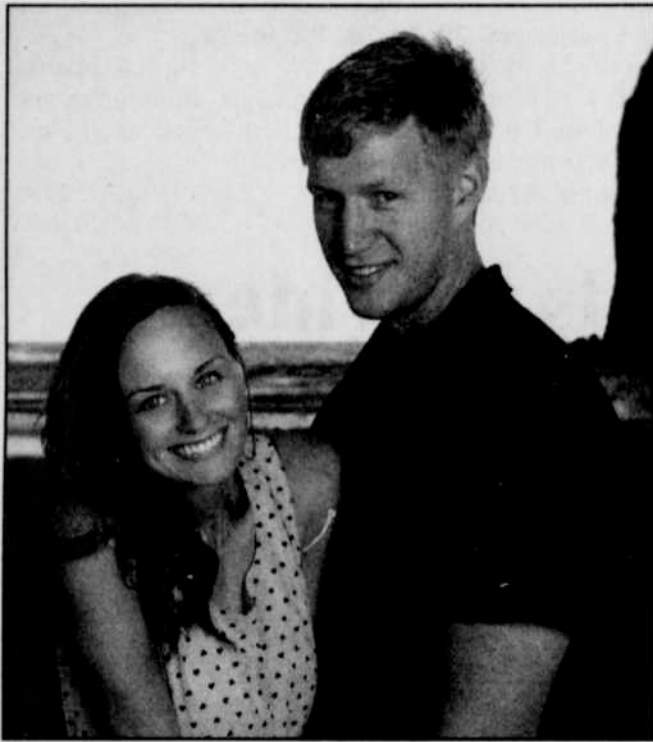
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Murray, Dierkes announce engagement



Katie Dierkes and Luke Murray

John and Ann Murray of Heppner announce the engagement of their son, Luke, to Kathleen Elizabeth Dierkes. Katie is the daughter of Bill and Maureen Dierkes of Rochester Hills, MI. The couple will exchange vows January 7, 2012 in Kansas City, MO.

Kathleen was born in Dallas, TX. She is the youngest of three children with sister, Ann, and brother, Paul. She attended Notre Dame preparatory school in Pontiac, MI before going on to the Art Institute of Washington in Arlington, VA, where she obtained a bachelor's degree in graphic design. She worked in graphic design in Washington, DC before moving to Ohio to pursue graduate studies at Franciscan University in Steubenville.

Luke is the oldest of five children with sister, Laurie, and brothers, Sean, Ian and Kevin. He is a graduate of Heppner High School, and obtained a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Mount Angel Seminary in Mt. Angel, OR. He went on to obtain a master's degree in theology from Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. He is now working on his doctorate degree in systematic/biblical theology at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, FL.

Photographs of the couple, as well as additional wedding details, can be found at katieandlukemurray.com. A local party honoring Katie and Luke will be held Sunday, December 18 at 5 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Blue Mountain seeks instructors

Blue Mountain Community College is seeking fitness instructors to teach classes during the upcoming winter term in the South Morrow County area. Instructors are needed for a variety of fitness classes such as Zumba, aerobics and yoga, as well as classes geared towards seniors. Ideally, instructors should have experience in their subject area and in teaching, but this is not always necessary. An intense interest in fitness coupled with organization and dependability will also be considered.

Interested potential instructors should contact Anne Morter, BMCC Coordinator for Morrow County, at 541-422-7040 or by email at amorter@bluecc.edu. Scheduling for winter term is happening now, so instructors should make contact as soon as possible.

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10 Turkeys
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Local couple celebrates 50 years



Heppner couple Dick and Sharon Jones will celebrate their 50th anniversary this weekend.

The couple first met when Sharon was 12 and Dick was 16.

"Mom fell in love with Dad at the age of 12, and knew they would marry," says their daughter, Liz.

Even though it was love at first sight, the couple waited a couple of years to start dating. Sharon then finished high school and Dick finished a three-year term of service as an army paratrooper before they were married. The couple was married at Assumption Catholic Church in Portland on November 18, 1961, when she was 18 and he was 21.

They lived in apartments when they were first married, and Dick worked several different jobs until he went to work for Pacific Seafood about three years after he left the army. Dick worked for Pacific Seafood until retirement. The couple says there were 10 employees when Dick joined the company, though there are more than 3,000 now, and it was like a big family. The owners of Pacific Seafood are godparents to one of the Jones' sons, and the families are still friends.

The couple moved to Tigard in 1967, where they lived until they moved to Heppner in 2004. Their



Dick and Sharon Jones, then and now. -Contributed photos

home in Tigard was where they raised their four children, Ken, Theresa, Rob and Liz. Sharon was a stay-at-home mom until the youngest, Liz, was 16. At that time, she started working with the mentally challenged. Though she's retired now, she says she still loves that work.

The couple says one of the highlights of their marriage was the birth of their grandson, Jon Cain, on their 25th anniversary. They will be celebrating his 25th birthday along with their anniversary this year.

The couple will celebrate their anniversary with an open house at their home on Saturday, November 19 starting at 2 p.m. The couple welcomes their friends but requests no gifts.

"No presents," says Sharon Jones, "just your presence."

Greens workshop is back

It's time again for the Heppner Garden Club's greens workshop.

Community members are invited to come and make their own wreaths on Saturday, December 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the 4-H Annex at the Fairgrounds. The greens are free.

Anyone who wants to have the Garden Club make wreaths for them can place an order between November 24 and December 3 by calling Ida Farra at 541-676-9446. Wreaths, swags, candy canes and crosses are \$20 each; centerpieces are also available.

Extension office closed Thanksgiving

The OSU extension office will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk has issued the following marriage licenses:

November 9: Eric Eugene Cayce, 40, of Jonathan Michael Ensley, 28, of Gladstone, MO and Kelli Nicole Glasson, 28, of Clarkston, WA.

November 14: Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175

Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161

OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

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Obituaries

Gene Henry Arntt

Gene Henry Arntt, 72, formerly of Heppner, died Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at his home in Hermiston. A funeral service was held 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 15, at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner, with concluding service and burial at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

He was born March 14, 1939 at Odell, NE, the son of Henry and Maria Rutz Arntt. In 1941, the family moved to Portland, OR where he attended grade school and later graduated from high school in Gresham, OR.

Arntt joined the National Guard in 1957 and later served in the Army Reserve. He began apprenticeship with the Union Pacific Railroad in September of 1958 and became a journeyman in 1963. He worked for Union Pacific for 42 years.

On June 25, 1960 he married Sharon Jonason in Portland. The couple adopted two-day-old Steven on August 12, 1967. In 1982, they moved from the

Portland area to Hermiston, where he worked at the Hinkle railroad yard. The couple then moved to the Blake Ranch near Heppner, where they lived for 22 years. They move back to Hermiston in 2009.

Arntt was a member of the St. Helens Elks Lodge, where he went through the chairs of Elkdom and became Exalted Ruler in 1975-1976. Upon retiring, he started going to cat shows with his wife. He became a part of the New Culture Cat Club as the go-to guy and helped set up the show halls. He attended Hope Lutheran Church, where he served on the council and was president several times.

Survivors include: his wife, Sharon of Hermiston and son, Steven Arntt of Arlington, VA.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 0330 SW Curry St., Portland, OR 97239.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Roy Carter

Roy Carter of Milton-Freewater, formerly of Heppner, passed away November 10, 2011 at the age of 81. At his request, no public service will be held.

Nels Oscar Roy Little Carter was born on February 14, 1930, the son of John A. Little Sr. and Helen R. Minter in Hoquiam, WA. He spent the first five years of his life in Hoquiam. In 1935, he traveled with his mother and stepfather, H.G. Carter, across the state of Washington as they searched for work, finally settling in the Naches area for a time. Roy came to Heppner in 1939 and, after brief stays in Pendleton and Pilot Rock, returned to Heppner, where he completed high school.

Roy became a meat cutter's apprentice at a local market in Heppner after high school. He later attended the University of Oregon for a time. After leaving college, he worked for a local construction contractor in Eugene for two years before moving to Enterprise, OR to work for Safeway Stores Inc. In 1963, Roy went to work for Boise Cascade Corporation in La Grande and was transferred to their

sawmill in Joseph, OR. He later transferred again to the Elgin complex as an office manager. In 1981, Roy retired from Boise Cascade

to try his hand at running a neighborhood store in Joseph, which proved unsuccessful. Roy settled in Milton-Freewater in 1999, where he was an active member of the Milton-Freewater Library Board as well as the Friends of the Library. He was also active in several theater productions both on stage and behind the scenes.

Survivors include: his sister and brother-in-law, Geraldine and Art Simon of Milton-Freewater; numerous nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; brother, John A. Little; and sister, Lorraine Mahon.

Those who wish may make memorial contributions in memory of Roy Carter to the Friends of the Milton-Freewater Library in care of the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.

Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

It's time to shop in Heppner

Have you started collecting your Heppner "rewards cards" yet?

Residents have until December 15 to collect them, which means the more a person purchases locally, the greater the chance of winning some of the donated prizes. Everyone is encouraged to make sure they get the rewards card each time they make a purchase. (Sorry, payments on in-store accounts are not eligible, but rewards can be received at the time of purchase of charged items.)

Residents are reminded hold the evening of Thursday, December 15 so they can take in the whole community event. It will start with the Parade of Lights at 5:30 p.m. on Main Street.

The rest of the event will be held at the fairgrounds, starting with dinner served by Sweet Productions immediately following the parade. Parade entries are asked to park at

the fairgrounds so everyone can see them. Families will also find Santa posed on stage for pictures.

The main activities will start at 7:15 p.m. with an opportunity to get to know the exchange students and their host families a little bit better.

Drawing of the rewards card, the penny board and Christmas raffle baskets will take place about 7:30 p.m., so everyone should make sure they get there in time to drop rewards cards in the prize containers prior to that time.

Participants do not have to be present to win the rewards cards prizes, but they will have to have someone there to enter cards into the prize containers and pick up the prize.

"Plan on coming and eating as a family and enjoying the whole evening planned for you by the Christmas Committee," says a chamber of commerce representative.