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**Obituaries**

**Betty Jean Brown**

Betty Jean Brown, 88, passed away Saturday, January 14, 2012, at Willow Creek Assisted Living Facility in Heppner. A memorial service will be held Friday, January 20 at 10 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery, with a reception to follow at the Heppner All Saints Episcopal Church.



Betty Jean Brown

Betty was born May 9, 1923, in Burns, OR to Austin and Mary Goodman. Following graduation from Burns High School, Betty entered the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1943, where she served in Washington D.C. and the Pacific Theatre during World War II. Upon returning from service, Betty reunited with World War II P.O.W. Paul Brown; they married on February 4, 1946. They settled on the Brown family farm near Heppner, where they raised their two sons. As well as being an accomplished artist, Betty was an active

member of her community, participating in political, social and charitable organizations throughout her entire life.

Betty was preceded in death by: her husband, Paul.

She is survived by: a brother, Auttie Goodman of Pahrump, NV; son, U.S. Army Col.

Chris Brown (retired) and his wife, Kathy, of Pendleton; son, Island County Sheriff Mark Brown and spouse, Kathi, of Oak Harbor, WA; and her three grandchildren, Christian Brown of Salem, U.S. Army Sgt. Kyle Brown, currently serving in Afghanistan, and U.S. Navy Lt. Robert Danielson of San Diego, CA.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Willow Creek Assisted Living Facility, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Morter, Hanson celebrate wedding**



Courtney (Hanson) and Brian Morter

Courtney Hanson and Brian Morter, both of Hermiston, exchanged vows on October 1, 2011 with an outdoor ceremony at Springwood Ranch near Thorpe, WA. The bride wore a white, custom-made Allure Couture gown. Pastor Cap Marks officiated. A country-themed reception followed in the Springwood Ranch Party Barn.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Jeanne Hanson of Hermiston, granddaughter of Wilbur and June Hanson of Lincoln, NE. She attended Arizona State University and Oregon State University, and is now a special projects administrator at IRZ Consulting in Hermiston.

The groom is the son of Roger and Carla Morter of Heppner, and grandson of Perry and Kathy Morter of Ione and Dexter and Corinne Miles of Heppner. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Ag systems management from the University of Idaho. He now works as a precision products specialist with RDO in Hermiston.

Melisa Lopez,

friend of the bride from Corvallis, OR, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were friend of the bride Jami Heller of Hermiston; friend of the bride Andrea Waltrip of Tigard, OR; sister of the groom Julie Morter of Great Falls, MT; sister of the groom Chelsie Morter of Costa Mesa, CA and sister of the groom Kailey Morter of Kirkland, WA. Aniston Hanson, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Best man was Rusty Hanson, brother of the bride, of Kennewick, WA. Groomsmen were friend of the groom Travis Wood of Hermiston; friend of the groom Austin Myers of Portland, OR; friend of the groom Chris Griggs of Umatilla, OR; brother of the groom Preston Morter of Heppner and brother of the groom Carson Morter of Heppner. Ring bearer was Jackson Waltrip, son of a friend of the bride, of Tigard, OR.

The couple celebrated their marriage with a honeymoon in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**2012 Chronicles underway**

Morrow County Historical Society members recently met at the home of Louis and Betty Carlson to formulate plans for the 2012 Chronicles, a yearly booklet that is published with stories about people and events of this region, thus preserving bits of history that otherwise might be lost. Andrea Nelson volunteered to chair this project, which involves compiling and editing stories and photographs before sending the material to the printers.

Everyone is wel-

come to submit stories; anyone wishing to do so should contact Nelson at 541-989-8188. Stories must be submitted by April 1.

One of the proposed features of this year's edition will be stories about Morrow County women who have served in the military. The public is asked to submit names of any past or present female military service members originally from Morrow County, regardless of where they resided following service.

**WCCC 2012 annual meeting**

Willow Creek Country Club will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24 at the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op building. The main agenda items for the meeting will be to elect new board members and select officers for 2012. Gary Prophet, 2011 board president, shall review the 2011 highlights and discuss changes and plans for the 2012 golf season.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting, the 2012 board shall convene a regular board meeting to review the 2011 financial performance of the golf club and the 2012 budget, and make committee assignments for the coming year.

All 2011 members of WCCC are welcome to attend both meetings. Member participation and input is welcome.

**Valentine bake sale to benefit Wilhelm**

A Valentine's bake sale to benefit cancer patient Garret Wilhelm will be held Monday, February 13 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Heppner Family Foods.

Anyone interested in donating goodies to the sale may do so by dropping the items off by 8 a.m., February 13 at Heppner Family Foods. Anyone needing to arrange a pick-up of goodies can contact Shelli Britt at 676-5478 or Shari Ober at 377-2243. Financial donations can also be made directly to the Garrett Wilhelm medical fund at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

**Volunteers share time and talents**



Top: Della Heideman volunteers her time once each month to read to the three- and four-year-old preschool students from Creative Care Preschool at the Ione city library. Preschool teacher Betty Rietmann is always looking for volunteers to share their time and talents to the preschool students. Bottom: Marlene Pointer works with sewing student Jake Heideman, a member of the Ione community 4-H club led by Nancy and Becca Jepsen. Nancy set up community volunteers throughout Morrow County to work one-on-one with beginning 4-H sewing students. Students may join 4-H when they are 10, and participate in a wide range of activities from sewing and cooking to livestock and photography. —Photos by Erin Heideman

**Youth host pro-life rally**

Saturday, January 21 the ecumenical youth of Heppner will be gathering to pray, speak and educate about life in the womb. The event starts at 3 p.m. at the St. Patrick parish hall and will conclude with a dinner at 4:30 p.m.

This activity is geared for 6th graders up to adults. Sherri Smith, wife of Rep. Greg Smith, will give a speech, and young people from area churches will be sharing their belief in life. There will also be pro-life materials available, as well as a door prize donated by the Shalom Shop in Bend, OR. Everyone is welcome.

Call Mary Ann Elguezabal at 541-676-5774 with any questions.

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**Ione 4-H club sews Cardinal hats**



(L-R): Jake Heideman, Mackenzie Heideman and Morgan Orem show off the stocking hats they made. —Contributed photo

The Ione 4-H Clothing Club had their second club meeting of the year on January 10 at the Ione Community Church. The main project for the meeting was to sew a polar fleece stocking hat in school colors. After piecing together seven pieces of Cardinal red polar fleece, members cut out and attached a red, black, and white pom-pom on top. Some members plan to appliqué on either an "I" or

their basketball number in contrasting black fleece to add a finishing touch.

Members present included: Grace Crum, Jake Heideman, Morgan Orem, Sydney Stefani, Ann Rietmann, Emily and Amanda Rea, and Mackenzie Heideman. Also present were leaders Nancy and Rebecca Jepsen; Bonnie Ball and Tonia Heideman attended and helped out as 4-H sewing assistants.

**Local girl WOU honor student**

Heppner student Jodessa Chapa has been named to the fall term honor roll at Western Oregon University. Chapa is a sophomore pursuing a double major in communications and theatre.

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