

Obituaries

Bethal Ann (Blake) Heinrichs

Bethal Ann (Blake) Heinrichs, 91, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2012 at Lumi Adult Care Home after suffering from a stroke three days earlier. At Bethal's request, no service will be held. Interment will be at Willamette National Cemetery. Bethal was born September 17, 1920 in Ione to Snoda and Kenneth Blake. She graduated from Heppner High School in

1939. Bethal worked at the Heppner Public Library for 10 years and volunteered for the American Red Cross for more than 25 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Heinrichs, in 1996. She is survived by her daughter, Paula Heinrichs, of Portland, OR. Threadgill's Memorial Services is in charge of arrangements.

Esther Anderson

Esther Anderson, former Heppner resident, died April 24, 2012 at her favorite place on Earth—her home in Dallas, OR—in the arms of her husband, Nels. Even though her heart gave out at age 90, her spirit will never die. Family and friends will gather May 5 at 3 p.m. at Restlawn Funeral Home, 201 Oak Grove Road NW in Salem to celebrate her life.



Esther Anderson

Esther Barbara Yackley was born January 3, 1922 in Elliot, ND to Carl and Mabel Yackley. When she was 14, her father died, so she began working for families in the Lisbon area, earning \$3 a week to help support her mother and her siblings. She graduated from Lisbon High School at age 16 and married Nels Anderson a year later, on October 7, 1939.

They lived in North Dakota until 1946 and had three children—Carole Anne, Connie and Jerry. In 1946, they came to Heppner, where Nels was the county extension agent for 19 years. There they had four more children: David, Doug, Chris and Richard.

With seven children, Esther was a busy mom. Out of necessity, she was a seamstress and a cook. In fact, her prowess as a cook made her famous for the pies she baked that were sold at the Elks Club and Hamlin's Tavern in Heppner. She had a milk route until the health board halted that; then she sold milk from the back porch to regular customers.

Her boundless energy extended into her community activities; she was president of the Heppner Mothers Club, president of the Morrow County School District board, 4-H leader and member of the Morrow County Fair board, among others. Every summer she cooked at 4-H Camp. Undoubtedly, her true claim to fame was as a mother and later as a grandmother. With a busy husband, Esther took on much of the job of raising her children. She directed the summer vacations. She made sure the kids learned to work hard, swim, drive and be responsible for their actions. When the children and their friends came home from school, there was always something baked fresh to eat. Her cinnamon

rolls are legendary. Her family didn't know about store-bought bread for a very long time.

She sewed beautifully, making clothes for all her children. Later, every child and grandchild—20 of those plus six more from blended families—had a quilt she made for them. Now, her 50 great-grandchildren have one, too.

In 1965, Esther and Nels and the four younger boys headed to the Republic of Niger in West Africa. In their two years there, she learned French and how to endure the heat. They returned to Oregon in 1967 and lived in Albany for a year until Nels was transferred to the Polk County Extension Service in Dallas.

They had one more two-year stint in Africa, this time in Botswana in southern Africa. Esther worked for the U.S. Embassy while there.

Dallas became home, and Esther and Nels lived in the same house for 43 years. Her interest was in her family, but she also worked at the Morrison School library, helping children follow her passion for books.

With so many children and grandchildren and then great-grandchildren, Esther was the center of attention. Her home was full of family; she welcomed them warmly. Every holiday was at Grandma's house—Easter egg hunts, huge Thanksgiving dinners (with her pies, of course) and Christmas celebrations.

She and Nels found time to travel extensively with their friends and family. She loved her garden even as she became less mobile. She continued to work on scrapbooks full of memories for her and her grandchildren and their families. She never stopped sewing. The cookie jar was always full.

So is her family's love, pride and admiration for her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to her favorite causes: Marion-Polk Food Share, 1660 Salem Industrial Drive NE, Salem, OR 97301 or the 4-H Center, through the Polk County Extension Office at 182 SW Academy, Dallas, OR 97338.

HEALTH DISTRICT BUDGET

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Clinic remodel. district had a \$104,298 gain for the year, an \$11,589 average monthly year-to-date gain.

-approved a \$15,000 request from Del Turner, a paramedic employed with the district, for three state-of-the-art defibrillators to be installed in the district's three main ambulances, one each in the Heppner, Irrigon and Boardman ambulances. He said that the defibrillators would increase survival chances for heart attack victims by sending critical information to specialists via cell phones or other devices even before the patient arrives at a designated hospital, thereby dramatically reducing the time that it would take for diagnosis and treatment. Turner has written a grant proposal for his "Pre Hospital Triage" plan. The board approved the request for \$15,000 on the condition that Turner's grant funding is approved.

-learned from Director of Nursing Services Molly Rhea that there are currently six long-term care patients and one swing-bed patient.

-received a timeline for construction documents and the bid phase schedule for the proposed Irrigon

-discussed with CEO Michael Blauer aspects of proposed coordinated care organizations (CCO), which will replace Oregon's Medicaid managed care organizations. He reported that GOBHI has indicated that it wishes to become a CCO.

-learned from Blauer that the switch over to electronic medical records is progressing, with the issues that still need resolution becoming "smaller and smaller." He and Mahoney said that the district is nearing the point where they can submit the costs to the government for reimbursement. She said that the district can be reimbursed for around \$448,000.

-learned that the sprinkler head replacement at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, mandated by the state fire chief, is currently ongoing.

-heard from Blauer that the CHIP program, the "Biggest Winner," has concluded and was "quite the success."

-heard a presentation by Robanai Disque, MCHD Home Health and Hospice director, on the Home Health's annual evaluation.

Youth fishing derby planned

The seventh annual youth fishing derby will be held at Cutsforth Park on May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

This a free event sponsored by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Morrow County Parks for children 14 years old and younger.

Cutsforth Park is located at 58430 Willow Creek Rd., Heppner, OR. For more information, contact Betty Gray at the Morrow County Public Works Office, 541-989-8214.

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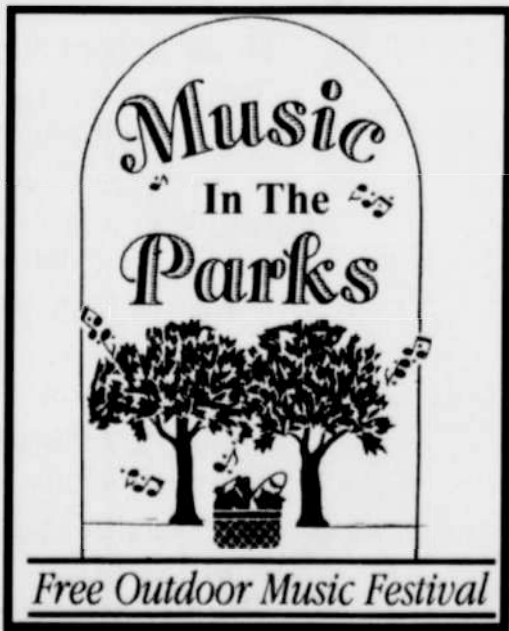
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CONCERTS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

- Monday June 18 Boardman Marina Park Tony Madrigal - 50's, 60's, 70's
- Monday June 25 Irrigon Marina Park Irrigon High Jazz Band
- Monday July 2 Boardman Marina Park Pamela Kinsey - Gospel - "Honor our Veterans"
- Monday July 9 Irrigon Marina Park BlueZette - 60's, 70's - "Honor our Veterans"
- Monday July 16 Boardman Marina Park Los Temerosos - Mariachi Band
- Monday July 23 Irrigon Marina Park Kelly Thibodeaux - Cajun Band - Fiddler
- Monday July 30 Boardman Marina Park Missy G Band - Country
- Monday August 6 Irrigon Marina Park Cale Moon Country - Gospel
- Monday August 13 Boardman Marina Park Frank Carlson - Country
- Monday August 20 Irrigon Marina Park Sidewalk Stompers - Dixieland Band

For information call: Kathie @ 541-571-1710 (Boardman) OR Donna @ 541-922-3197 (Irrigon)

Fundraiser planned

A Texas Hold 'Em fundraiser for the Heppner High School baseball program will be held May 12 at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Doors open at 5 p.m. with sign-up at 5:45 p.m. and tournament play at 6:30 p.m. Buy-in is \$40.

No-host beverages and food will be provided.

Topic club holds ladies' tea



The Topic Club of Ione hosted a luncheon for all of the graduating young ladies from Ione Community School. This is an annual event held each year at the Ione Community Church. Back row (L-R) are Topic Club ladies Betty Gray, Lisa Rietmann, Virginia Martinez, Kathy Morter, Jeanette Logan, Betty Rietmann, Margo Shear, Stacy Shelton, June Crowell, Tori Rice and Eunice McEligott. Middle row (L-R) are students Christine Raible, Jordan Peterson, Rebecca Jepsen, JoAnna Patton, Mary Rietmann and Melanie Eldridge. Front row (L-R) are students Tashina Rushlow, Dominika Senkerikova, Shannon Metcalfe, Mary McEligott, Makenna Ramos, Jasmine Verduzco and Kaytee Burghard. -Photo by Lynn Dee Ramos

Congratulations to Brandon Wedding.

We are proud to have Brandon as an employee at MCGG. He has been with MCGG since June of 2009 where he has worked in the propane department.

Brandon demonstrates an incredible way of communicating with customers and fellow employees. Brandon goes above and beyond what is expected of any employee.

Good Job Brandon!!



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