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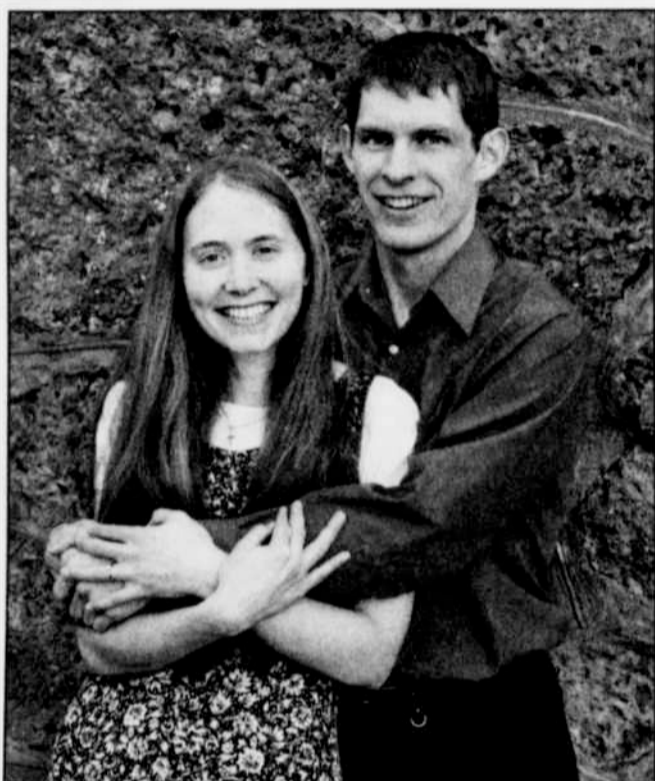
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**Jepsen, Robinson to wed**



**Bethany Robinson and Daniel Jepsen**

Daniel Jepsen of Heppner and Bethany Robinson of Cave Junction, OR are pleased to announce their engagement.

Daniel is the son of William and Nancy Jepsen of Heppner. Bethany is the daughter of Dr. Art Robinson and the late Laurelee Robinson of Cave Junction.

The couple met at Ore-

gon State University, where Daniel received his Master of Science degree in crop science and Bethany her Master of Science degree in nuclear engineering.

Daniel currently resides in Merrill, OR and Bethany in nearby Klamath Falls, OR.

A March 16 wedding is planned in Albany, OR.

**4-H sewing club on a 'roll'**

The Sew Fantastic 4-H Club held its third club meeting of the year on Jan. 13 at the Ione Community Church.

Members each started sewing their own "jelly roll" quilt top using 40 pre-cut, 2-1/2" by 44-inch-wide, color-coordinated strips of cotton fabric called "jelly

rolls." They also enjoyed eating a jelly roll cake for refreshment.

Members will finish sewing the quilt pieces together at home or with the help of their sewing assistant. Then they will add the border at their next meeting on Feb. 10.

**Fiber arts guild to meet**

Heritage Fiber Arts Guild will be meeting Sunday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. starting last Sunday, Jan. 20. Anyone who is interested in learning or expanding skills in spinning, felting, knitting, weaving, dying or crocheting is invited to attend the meetings at 235 Rock Street in Heppner. Contact Marie Struthers at 541-676-5443 for more information.

**Pre order for Valentine's Day**  
We have flowers, candy, jewelry, perfume & Hallmark

**CHECK OUT OUR DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS**  
**THURSDAY (24th)**- Hamburger Italian Tomato Soup  
**FRIDAY (25th)**- Clam Chowder w/ Bread Bowl  
**MONDAY (28th)**- Turkey Pastrami Meit on Flat Bread  
**TUESDAY (29th)**- Italian Meatball Sub  
**WEDNESDAY (30th)**- Creamy Chicken Tetrazzini Soup

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**Obituaries**

**John 'Jack' Pickens Linda L. White**

John "Jack" L. Pickens, 85, of Centralia, WA, former Heppner resident, died on Jan. 5, 2013 at Providence Centralia Hospital after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. A memorial service will be held on Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. at the Centralia Community Church of God, 3320 Borst Ave., Centralia, WA.



**John "Jack" L. Pickens**

John was born on Dec. 6, 1927 in LaCenter, WA to Harold and Ada Pickens. His parents later divorced and John lived with his father. John chose to remain by himself in Heppner at age 16, where he graduated from high school in 1945. He met the love of his life, Clara Sue Ledbetter, during his time in Heppner.

John was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1946 and went to Germany with the occupation troops. He and Clara married on June 12, 1950 in Heppner and moved to Seattle, WA, where John was stationed. Their only child, Thomas, was born in January of 1954. John later transferred from the Army to the U.S. Air Force, where he served until retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant at Geiger Field, Spokane, WA in 1968.

He then went to Eastern Washington University and completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1970. John was hired by the Washington State Employment Security Department in 1970.

He subsequently worked for the Department of Personnel and as a DSHS Human Resource Manager. John retired from the State of Washington in 1987.

John made the most crucial decision of his life by receiving Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and Lord in 1976. John was active in many areas of service in his local church. He and Clara enjoyed family and friends during retirement. They were avid golfers. John and Clara spent 16 winters in Yuma, AZ to escape the Spokane winters.

John and Clara moved to Centralia in 2003, after he developed Parkinson's disease, to live near their son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Sandy Pickens, and granddaughter Sarah. John received loving care during the last few months of his life in Leah's Adult Family Home.

He is survived by: his wife of 62 years, Clara; son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Sandy Pickens of Centralia; and granddaughter, Sarah.

John was preceded in death by: his parents, and sister, Geraldine Sherk.

Memorial contributions may be made to the mission fund of Centralia Community Church of God. Sticklin Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**Brian Keith Voltz**

Brian Keith Voltz, 57, passed away on January 19, 2013, in Mesa, AZ. A memorial gathering was held on Wednesday, January 23, from 2-4 p.m. at Mariposa Gardens Memorial Park and Funeral Care, 6747 East Broadway Road, Mesa, AZ 85206.

Brian was born on January 12, 1956, in Springfield, OR to Laverne and Anton Voltz. He graduated high school in 1975 in Fossil, OR. On November 21, 1981, he married the love of his life, Linda Keithley.

Together they had two sons, Jason and Kyle.

Brian enjoyed spending time with his family. He could also often be found hunting and fishing. Trips to North Dakota brought a smile to his face.

Brian is survived by: his adoring wife, Linda; sons, Jason and Kyle; brother, Terry Voltz; sister, Robin Tucker; and many nieces and nephews.

Please share memories of Brian by visiting the family's website at www.MariposaGardens.com.

**Ski club welcomes new participants**



The Arbuckle Nordic Ski club reports that it has had new people participate on each weekend so far. Nine skiers took the 5350 as far as the 10 spur last Saturday, Jan. 19 (above). Snow conditions were good and the bright sunshine was with them the whole trip, they said. "We are lucky many weekends by getting away from foggy, overcast Heppner and up to the sunny, clear blue skies of the mountains," says club member Bill Ewing. Skiers report that the 5350 trail is quite short but has several fun hills to climb and glide down. The club goes out again this Saturday. -Contributed photo

**Retirement Reception**  
For  
**Father Gerry Condon**  
12 Noon ~ 1:30 p.m.  
Sunday,  
January 27, 2013  
St. Patrick's  
Parish Hall  
Open to the public.

Linda L. White, 70, died at her home in Heppner on Saturday, January 19, 2013 after a short but intense battle with cancer. By Linda's request, services will not be held, but each person who knew her will celebrate her life by taking a moment to recall his or her memories of her.



**Linda L. White**

She was born on March 31, 1942 in Litchfield, MI to parents Helen Mae (Buskirk) and Lawrence Clarence Kline. Linda graduated from high school at Litchfield and went on to become a beautician. She later went to work operating a teletype machine for Delta Airlines. As life moved on, she also gave her talent to the insurance and banking industries. She often said that her best years were spent working in the dirt of the Misty Mountains of Rowan County, KY, raising a garden, corn, pigs, tobacco and her stepchildren.

Linda married her

childhood sweetheart, Curtis Jordan, and they moved to Hollywood, CA but, when that relationship clouded over, she married Floyd White and they had more than 36 years together.

Survivors include: her husband Floyd; a son; stepson, Christopher White; stepdaughters, Roberta Adams of California and Kimberly Doten of Oregon; brother, Rex Kline; two aunts and several cousins from Michigan; 11 step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

Linda was grateful for the prayer circles that were gathered on her behalf. Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the Salvation Army, PO Box 1572, Pendleton, OR 97801 or to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**David Wallace Eckman, Sr.**

David Wallace Eckman, Sr., 83, of Prineville, OR passed away on January 13, 2013 at his home in Prineville. A memorial service will be held at Prineville Funeral Home on Saturday, January 26, at 1 p.m. A reception will follow the service at Meadow Lakes.



**David Wallace Eckman, Sr.**

David was born in Geddes, SD on January 7, 1930 to William and Lela Eckman. He attended and graduated from Sandpoint High School, and entered the U.S. Army in April 1951. He served in the Korean War, ERC Artillery Branch.

David met the love of his life, Marjorie Burgess, in Sandpoint, ID at a Sadie Hawkins dance.

He was a member of the Heppner BPOE 358 and IWA.

David worked for 23 years at the Kinzua Corporation in Heppner, and 13 years at Pine Products in Prineville.

He was an avid fisherman and bowler.

David is survived by: his wife of 62 years, Marjorie Eckman of Prineville; children, Linda Hays of West Linn, OR, David Jr. (Deana) of Pendleton, OR, Kenneth (Lana) of Heppner, Robert (Kathy) of Prineville; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by: Parents, William W. and Lela Eckman; son-in-law Daniel R. Hays; brother Thomas Eckman; and sisters Dee Pederson, Vera Mason and Betty Eckman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Association and Pioneer Memorial Hospice.

Please visit www.PrinevilleFuneralHome.com to share your memories or express your condolences by signing the online guest book. Prineville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Social Media classes rescheduled**

Blue Mountain Community College is offering a series of four Social Media for Business classes as part of their Community/Continue Education course offerings in Morrow County for the 2013 Winter Term.

Each class is an intense, two-hour workshop that will help businesses of all sizes tap into social media platforms to create and boost their brand awareness.

The classes are \$49.00 each and are currently planned to be held in the Heppner High School computer room. The class schedule has been revised and is as follows:

Facebook for Business: Thursday, Jan. 31, 5-7 p.m.  
Twitter/Pinterest for

Business: Thursday, Feb. 7, 5-7 p.m.

Blogging for Business: Thursday, February 21, 5-7 p.m.

Social Media Management: Thursday, Feb. 28, 5-7 p.m.

The classes will be led by Ione-native, Heidi Nelson. A 1992 graduate of Ione High School, Nelson recently moved back to the Ione area yet still works for her Connecticut-based employer, Media Ventures, Inc., as a Digital Media Coordinator.

To register for any of these classes, contact BMCC South Morrow County coordinator Anne Morter at 541-422-7040 by the Monday preceding the class.

**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:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175  
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161  
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)