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**Obituaries**

**Anna Mae Steagall**

Anna Mae Steagall, 85, of Heppner, passed away Sunday, February 3, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, February 9, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery, with a reception to follow at St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall.



Anna Mae Steagall

She was born February 23, 1927 in St. Charles, VA, the daughter of Elmer R. and Della F. Barnett Parson. She was raised and attended school in St. Charles, where she graduated from high school.

At the end of World War II, she married Army veteran George A. Steagall of Virginia; they were married in Harlan, KY on April 17, 1946. Long-time residents of Morrow County, they moved to the Heppner area in 1947. Preceding her husband's death in 2009, they were married 63 years.

Anna Mae loved people, music, playing guitar

and singing. She played guitar and sang lead in a local country band during the '60s.

She devoted her married life to her husband and children. She had a particular love for children with special needs, and always spoke very highly of the friendliness and kindness of the residents of Morrow County.

Survivors include: daughters, Brenda Ratcliff and husband John, and Vicki Duvall and husband Rick; son, George Steagall II; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Williams of Kingsport, TN; one brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Willow Creek Terrace, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Ernest 'Ernie' William Christopherson Jr.**

Ernest 'Ernie' William Christopherson Jr., 88, returned peacefully to our Heavenly Father on February 3, 2013 at the Montana Veterans home in Columbia Falls, MT. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Idaho Falls Eagle Rock Latter-day Saints Stake Center with Bishop Todd Shepherd officiating. Burial was at Milo Cemetery.



Ernest 'Ernie' William Christopherson Jr.

He was born to Ernest William and Ada Dora (Agee) Christopherson on May 9, 1924 near Lone.

On June 29, 1943, he married Ethel June Jeppsen in Donald, OR. They were later sealed in the Salt Lake City, UT Latter-day Saints Temple for time and all eternity. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with full belief and testimony. He was called to various positions in the church, which he filled with devotion and commitment. Ernie and June served two full-time missions, one in the Idaho Falls Taylor Mountain Stake and the other in the Payson, UT, Mountain View Stake.

Among the places June and Ernie lived were Idaho Falls, ID; Lone, Union and The Dalles, OR; and Matatawa, WA. He was loved and respected by his many friends and associates.

The second of three boys, Ernie was born on a wheat and cattle ranch south of Lone, where he learned the value of hard work and a job well done, which he passed on to his children and grandchildren. He had a unique way of showing his love and appreciation for each and every one of them. Many of his grandsons had the opportunity of working with him and learning from him on his ranch in Eastern Oregon.

Ernie was a "Jack of

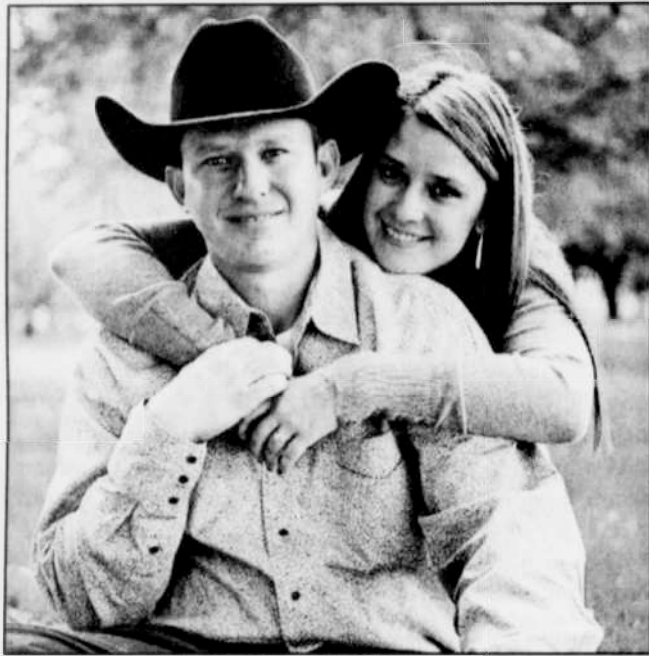
all trades" and could fix anything. He supported his family in various occupations such as farming and logging. His main hobby was woodworking, and he made all kinds of things, from "doodads" to picnic tables. Music was an important part of his life. He would play his guitar and sing at every family gathering, much to the enjoyment of those who were in attendance. He wrote a lot of his own music with titles such as "Ribbons of Gray (take me home to Oregon)," "Old Duffer from Duffer," and "Miss Mt. Hood Has a New Petticoat Today." He loved singing and playing the guitar until he was unable to do it anymore. When he lived at the veterans home, he would sing and yodel for his caretakers. They loved him as if he were their grandpa, too.

He had a wonderful sense of humor. He had a lot of jokes that he would tell over and over again and everyone would laugh as if it were the first time we heard it, except for June. When asked why she didn't laugh she said, "I've heard these jokes for 65 years. They're just not funny any more."

He is survived by: his six children, Sherry (Ted) Bohn of Idaho Falls, ID, Connie (Max) Barnum of Payson, UT, Neal (Pam) Christopherson of Hermiston, OR, Ron (Laurie) Christopherson of Moses Lake, WA, Wendy (Joe) Works of Kalispell, MT, and Greg (Jolene) Christopherson of Kurtistown, HI; one brother, Ersel Christopherson of Woodburn, OR; 32 grandchildren; 85 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by: his sweet wife, June; his parents; and older brother, Vernon.

**Keithley, Pottala engaged**



Blair Keithley and Kyle Pottala

Blair Keithley and Kyle Pottala of Hermiston are announcing their engagement.

Blair is the daughter of Jay and Kelly-jo Keithley of Heppner. Kyle is the son of Chuck and Phyllis Pottala of Grangeville, ID.

Blair graduated from Heppner High School in 2005. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Oregon University in 2009.

She is employed with Farm Service Agency in Pendleton.

Kyle is a 2000 graduate of Grangeville High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Idaho, where he earned a bachelor's degree in agribusiness. He also works for Farm Service Agency as a farm loan officer.

A June 15, 2013 wedding is planned in Hermiston.

**Legion, Auxiliary to meet**

The American Legion and Auxiliary will have their first meeting of the year Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist church.

The meeting will begin with a potluck; the main dish will be provided, and members are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Separate meetings will follow.

"We hope to see as many ladies out as possible, as there are many issues to discuss and make plans for," says an Auxiliary spokeswoman.

**Death Notice**

**Kathryn Thompson Webb**—Kathryn Thompson Webb, 89, formerly of Heppner, passed away January 29, 2013, at Eagle Springs. A full obituary will follow in next week's Gazette.

**Heppner students on EOU dean's list**

Four Heppner students have been named to Eastern Oregon University's 2012 fall term dean's list. Heppner students on the list were Lawrence Lutchter, Kelsie Fox, Kellee Jones and Sherilyn Peck.

Other students from the county who received the distinction were Whitley

Reece and Kelli Jones of Boardman, and Jose DeLora Avila of Irrigon.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

**Gibson earns master's degree**

Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS has announced that Stephan Gibson of Lexington has earned a Master of Public Health degree.

**Health district gets new ventilator**



Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation board members (L-R) Glen Ward, Shannon Miller and Larry Mills stand with a ventilator that the foundation recently helped the Morrow County Health District purchase. The foundation donated \$6,000 toward the purchase of the equipment, which provides critical breathing support when a patient cannot breathe on his or her own. The new ventilator, which health district staff says is very user-friendly, replaces an older unit that was outdated and difficult to use. —Contributed photo

**Little League registration Wed.**

Little League registration night will take place Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Heppner City Hall. Online registration is available Feb. 1-13 at www.johndayriverlittleleague.com.

Boys ages five through 12 and girls ages five through 16 are eligible to play T-ball, Minors and Majors Baseball and Softball. This includes lone girls interested in joining the Heppner softball team. The fee is \$35 per participant or \$70 per family.

One parent or legal guardian must be present to register. Participants are asked to bring three proofs of current residency. A driver's license, one utility bill

(i.e. CBEC, City of Heppner), and one non-utility bill (i.e. car registration) 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Heppner City Hall. Online registration is available Feb. 1-13 at www.johndayriverlittleleague.com. Each item must show a physical address and have a current date from the past 11 months. Little League will also need a copy of the child's birth certificate or a state-certified birth certificate.

The deadline for registration is Feb. 13. No late forms will be accepted this year, no exceptions.

Coaches and volunteers may fill out an application at this time. A copy of the volunteer's photo ID is required.

Contact Corey Sweeney at 541-256-0355 for more information.

**Marriage Licenses**

The Morrow County Clerk has issued the following marriage licenses:

**January 29:** -Brandon Joseph Smith, 32, of Heppner and Sarah Virginia Ramsey, 32, of Heppner.

**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)

**Valentine's Day February 14th**



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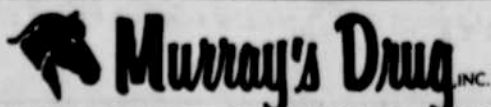
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- FRIDAY (8th)**- Clam Chowder
- MONDAY (11th)**- Beef Barley Soup w/ Half Sandwich
- TUESDAY (12th)**- Chicken Pot Pie
- WEDNESDAY (13th)**- French Dip
- THURSDAY (14th)**- Chicken Chow Mein
- FRIDAY (15th)**- Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup



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**LADIES' NIGHT**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH**



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