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## First Friday group marks end of year with sidewalk artistry



Children participate in an activity at the May 10 session of First Friday Friends of Jesus, the last session for this school year. The sidewalk artists in front of All Saints Episcopal Church last Friday morning were Aubriana Rodriguez, Kylie Boer, Carson Angell, Brock Baker and Keeley Nairns, under the direction and inspiration of George Nairns. —Contributed photo

## Ione Community Church to hold VBS

Ione Community Church would like to remind everyone that it's time to get Vacation Bible School on their calendars.

Aug. 5-8, Ione Community Church will be offering SonRock Kids Camp from 1-3 p.m.

"At SonRock Kids Camp, kids ages three through fifth grade will experience an adventure camp like no other," says Pastor Stacey Shelton.

Children can expect

to have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games.

"But most importantly," says Shelton, "they'll learn how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them."

Church members say they are looking forward to sharing this exciting event with the children and parents in Ione and the surrounding area. All are welcome.

## Heppner preschool to hold registration

Heppner Day Care, Inc. will hold preschool registration for three- and four-year-olds on Tuesday, May 21, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Parents are asked to bring immunization records for their children. Call 541-676-5429 with any questions.

## WCCC holds Jack and Jill

Tomas and Maryann Elguezabel scored a nice round of 31 in last Friday's Jack and Jill Tournament at WCCC. Eight couples participated. The evening temperature was very pleasant after a hot day in the 90s.

Results were as follows:

Gross: 1. Tomas and Maryann Elguezabel, 2.

Charlie and Jodi Ferguson, 3. Stacy and Heidi Wilson, 4. Roger and Andrea Mortimore.

Net: 1. John and Pat Edmundson, 2. Terry and Karen Thompson, 3. Larry and Karen Runyon, 4. Gene Owick and Pat Dougherty.

The event was chaired by the Mortimores and Edmundsons.

## Ione students Head to Girls State



Emily Holland (left) and Jaqueline Juarez.

Emily Holland, daughter of Craig and Janet Holland, and Jaqueline Juarez, daughter of Amando and Elia Juarez, have been chosen to represent the American Legion Auxiliary of Ione at Girls State, June 16-22.

Oregon Girls State is a leadership program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The program takes place annually on the campus of Willamette University in Salem, OR. The program is designed to increase awareness and knowledge of governmental processes while learning

about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Participants come away with a greater appreciation of the American flag and of the sacrifices made by our veterans. They also will make friends with girls from around the state and have a fun week they will remember for a lifetime.

Emily and Jaqueline will be special participants in Ione's Fourth of July parade, and will share their experiences with the Ione community at the Veterans Day observance on Nov. 11.

## Poppy days ahead for Auxiliary units

This year, the Poppy Days for Heppner Auxiliary will be on May 16-17, while the Ione Auxiliary has set May 20-23 as their distribution dates. You will find the ladies of Heppner in front of the U.S. post office, while the Ione ladies will be inside the Ione Market.

In the year of 1920, the American Legion adopted the poppy as its official flower. The following year, The American Legion Auxiliary did the same, and named the red poppy as its memorial flower. Many times during the year, the poppy is used for displays

and decorations as a tribute to veterans.

The poppy was made well known in the years following the World War I in the poem "In Flanders Fields," by Colonel John McCrae, who was killed in the war.

Once a year, the American Legion Auxiliary seeks donations in exchange for a poppy. The funds generated by this exchange are used exclusively for rehabilitation of veterans and assistance to their families.

The poppies are made by the veterans in various hospitals and homes.

## Bucknum's to help Relay for Life

Bucknum's in Heppner will host a series of Relay for Life fundraisers this Saturday, May 18.

Events will lead off with a bake sale from noon to 3 p.m. Fun and fundraising continue that evening with a battle shot tournament at 7 p.m.; sign-ups are available now. The night will feature karaoke with a twist in a fundraiser in which everybody sings for free, with a charge of \$2 to skip a turn or \$5 to get a name off the list. The events will wrap up with a dessert auction and raffle items from 7-9 p.m.

## Local Tea Party to present Agenda 21 and sustainability program

The Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots will present a program Friday, May 17, about Agenda 21, an action plan passed by the United Nations in 1992 with regard to sustainable development and the environment. The free program will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

The Tea Party claims Agenda 21 is the encroachment of the United Nations and causes the loss of property rights in developed countries, including

the United States.

Lt. Robert Powell (retired U.S. Coast Guard) will be the featured speaker. He will explain how Agenda 21 and the sustainability agenda have permeated our government and our schools all the way down to the local levels. Lt. Powell is the chair of climate change issues and policies for the Clackamas County AFP and has been studying this issue for several years.

The program is free and open to the public.

## Obituaries

### Deborah I. Peck

Deborah I. Peck, 57, hunting, and being in the of Ione died Saturday, May

4, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Disposition was by cremation.

She was born January 14, 1956 in Ashland, OR, the daughter of Donald Buffton and Beverly Gregory. Debbie attended schools in Ashland and Talent, OR.

On February 1, 1980 she married Raymond E. Peck in Heppner. The couple lived most of their lives in Lexington. They recently moved to Ione.

Some of her greatest pleasures were fishing, hunting, especially bow



Deborah I. Peck

She is survived by: her husband Raymond; son, Josh Peck and wife Sherri; grandchildren, Cassi, Brandon, and Hailey; brothers, Dale Buffton and wife Sandra, and Stephen Hicks and his ex-wife Dana; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and her birth father, Don Buffton.

She was preceded in death by: her daughter, Sabra; father, Dale Hicks; and grandparents, Howard and Minnie Gregory.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

## N. C. "Nels" Anderson

N. C. "Nels" Anderson, former Morrow County extension agent, died Saturday in a Portland hospital. He was 94. A memorial service will be held in July in Dallas, OR.

Nels was born in Englevale, ND in 1918, and was raised on the farm where he was born. He graduated from North Dakota State University and worked for the state before coming to Morrow County.

Nels served as Morrow County agent for 19 years, from 1946 to 1965. For part of that time, he wrote a column for the Gazette-Times, sharing news about Morrow County farmers and ranchers, as well as information from Oregon State University agricultural research. He and his wife, Esther, were active members of the Heppner and Morrow County communities.

In 1965, Nels left Morrow County for a two-year assignment in Niger in West Africa. There, he developed an agriculture training program for farmers from villages throughout the

country. For the first time, farmers were introduced to tractors and implements.

Upon his return to the United States in 1967, Nels was assigned as a county agent in Linn County. He also served in Wheeler County until he was assigned in late 1968 to Polk County. He retired from the extension service in 1974. He then spent two years in Botswana, Africa, in an agricultural position helping farmers and ranchers develop better practices to raise cattle.

After full retirement, Nels consulted with farmers in Polk County for several years. He and Esther traveled extensively and spent time with their children and grandchildren. Esther preceded him in death in 2012.

Nels is survived by: his seven children, including daughters Carole Spencer and Connie Linton, and sons Jerry, David, Doug, Chris and Richard. He and Esther had 20 grandchildren and a growing number of great-grandchildren.

## Death Notices

**Floyd B. Hess**—Floyd B. Hess, 81, a resident of Blake Ranch near Heppner and former long-time Hermiston resident, died Sunday, May 12, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. He was born February 21, 1932 in Hood River, OR. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

**Penny Esther Marquardt (Choi Penny)**—Penny Esther Marquardt (Choi Penny), 58, formerly of the Lexington area, died April 30, 2013 in Portland, OR. The daughter of Bill and Rena Marquardt, Penny was born June 28, 1954 in Seoul, Korea; she came to the United States in July of 1958.

She is survived by life partner Ric Stumman; her mother and father; sisters, Norita, Charma, Billee June (Ira); brothers, Rick (Charity), Bruce (Delia), Doug and Phil (Beth); and several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services are pending. A full obituary will follow later.

**Richard L. Graham**—Richard L. Graham, 82, of Ione died Monday, May 13, 2013 at his home. He was born July 7, 1930 in Kinzua, OR. At this time no services are planned. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

## ALLENS GRAND MARSHALS

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Dick adds, "Working with Lyle has been great. Two old Spray School administrators work well together, and we usually take a drive up Kahler Basin and talk about the old days."

"The Spray Rodeo Association is going to miss the Allens," says one spokesperson, "not only as great volunteers for the Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon but for what they have done as educators."

### BUCKNUM'S MAY 18TH RELAY FOR LIFE FUND RAISER

**Bake Sale 12 pm - 3 pm**  
**Battle Shot Tournament @ 7:00 pm sign up now**  
**Karaoke Fundraiser**  
Everybody sings, \$2 to skip your turn, \$5 to take your name off the list

**Raffle Items**

**Dessert Auction 7 pm - 9 pm**  
Come and help out a great cause and have fun while doing it.

**COME & SEE**  
Seminar for educated electorate  
**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**  
Friday May 17  
Heppner Fairgrounds 7:00 pm  
Call 541-676-5253 for details

Heppner DayCare, Inc. is holding  
**Preschool Registration**  
for 3 year & 4 year olds on  
**Tuesday, May 21 st from 5pm - 6:30 pm**  
Please bring shot records.  
If you have any questions call 541-676-5429.