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Ione holds annual Christmas open house

Ione held its annual Christmas open house last week, Dec. 18. Above: Taranna Patton of the Bank of Eastern Oregon Ione branch checks out offerings in the Ione Market & Deli. Below: Jessica Peterson, also a BEO employee, signs up for a door prize at the market. The Ione market was one of many Ione businesses that participated in the open house. *–Photos by Paula Emmel*

NURSE RETIRES

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area to Pomeroy, WA.

Other than the transitions surrounding uprooting a lifetime of memories, future retirement plans include traveling. Dunaway says they plan a trip to Las Vegas over the New Year, with a trip to Hawaii in January.

"(It's) bittersweet," says Dunaway. "It's sad but I'm looking forward to it.

"I think I'm ready to move on. I'm ready for new adventures and to make new memories."

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Christmas Hours-
Christmas Eve 7:30 am -5 pm
CLOSED Christmas Day
OPEN December 26th for our After Christmas 1/2 Price Sale at 9AM
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Obituaries

Robert 'Bob' Marshall

Robert "Bob" Marshall, 85, passed away quietly on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at his home in Umatilla, OR. A private family gathering will be held.

He and his twin brother Roland (nicknamed Rollie), were born July 11, 1928 in Gillingham, WI. His parents were John and Emma Marshall. Bob was raised on the family dairy farm and graduated from Richland Center High School in 1946. After high school, Bob went on to college and then into the military, where he served our country during the Korean War as a supply sergeant. Before leaving for the war, he married his high school sweetheart, Virginia "Ginny" Richards. They shared their 61st wedding anniversary together in May.

Robert "Bob" Marshall

When he returned from the war, Bob worked for a short time as a deputy sheriff in Richland County. Bob and Ginny had a daughter Luanne and a son Roland (nicknamed Rollie) born in Richland Center. Soon after that, the family moved to Portland, OR, where a second son William (Bill) was born. While in Oregon, Bob was a Portland policeman for many years until his early retirement from the police force, due to a disability he received during his tenure with the police department.

The couple then moved to the Hermiston area and spent as much time as they could with family, including their five grandchildren, Candis, Brandi, Kristen, Alec and Kayla. If Bob wasn't with family, he was "On the river" each and every day he could be. Bob took great joy in supplying his extended family with salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, bass or other fish he caught.

Bob always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.

Bob was preceded in death by: his parents, John and Emma; his brothers, Roland, Gordon and Ron; and his sister, Jean.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Ginny; daughter, Luanne (Steve) Brownfield of Heppner; sons, Rollie (Debbie) Marshall of Athena, Bill (Cheryl) Marshall of Franklin, MA; sister, Ida Mae; brother, Maynard; much-loved grandchildren, Candis (Mike) Smith of La Grande, Brandi (Corey) Sweeney of Heppner, Kristen Marshall of Heppner, Alec Marshall of Franklin, MA, and Kayla Marshall of Franklin, MA; and great-granchildren with whom he loved to spend time, Garrett, Gracey and Aspen Smith of La Grande, and Kane and Jorden Sweeney of Heppner.

Bob could not talk enough about how proud he was of his daughter, his sons, his grandkids, and his great-grandkids.

Please sign the condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Community lunch menu

Nazarene and Seventh-day Adventist church members will serve the last lunch of the year this Friday, Dec. 27, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll and Christmas cake. Milk is served at each meal.

Suggested donation is $3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

The first meal of the New Year will be on Friday, Jan. 3.

Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All-Saints Episcopal church members will serve; menu is to be determined.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be the annual luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 9, from noon to 1 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room.

The theme for this year's luncheon is "Heppner Magic, It's the People."

Cost of lunch is $10; Alvin Liu of Cornerstone Gallery will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than Thursday, Jan. 2, to guarantee a lunch.

Town and Country tickets will also be available for purchase for $20, so anyone who doesn't have tickets by then can plan on purchasing them at the annual luncheon.

ARLINGTON FIREMAN'S BALL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2013
ROCK CREEK SCHOOLHOUSE
DOORS OPEN at 6 P.M.
TRI-TIP DINNER
Served by Paradise Rose Chuckwagon
6:30 P.M.
LIVE AUCTION
DANCE
Featuring Bill Mckinney, DJ and Karaoke
$25.00 PER TICKET INCLUDES DINNER, DANCE AND ONE COMPLIMENTARY DRINK
For tickets call (541)980-4949
THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT THE RIC AND PAM ROSENBALM FIRE FUND

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of $10.

Morrow County taxes not friendly to property owners

To the Editor,

On the subject of the need for rental properties in Heppner, we have an experience to share with others who might be considering investing in Heppner or Morrow County.

We bought an older mobile home in Heppner about a year and a half ago to use as a rental property. We invested a lot of time and some money fixing it up so that it would be clean and decent home in which someone could live.

To our surprise, when we got our property tax bill this year, our taxes had almost doubled from the year before, from $513 to $933. We have bought and renovated a house in Wallowa County, and also one in Gilliam County, over the past few of years. We never before experienced this kind of huge property tax increase from a county after we cleaned up a dilapidated property, or any property tax increase at all other than the small percentage allowed by Oregon law.

We would have been much better off to avoid buying rental property in Morrow County, or if we had, to have left the property in its run-down condition and used it as a low-income rental. However, we do not want to be "slum-lords." The lesson we have learned from this is to avoid Morrow County if you are thinking about investing in a decent rental property.

We really enjoyed our time in Heppner, and think that it is unfortunate that the county taxes are so high and the assessor's office so aggressive. It's not encouraging for home owners or property investors.

Sincerely,
Val and Charlotte Skvortsov

County fair holds theme contest

The Morrow County Fair is once again holding a contest to determine next year's fair theme. The winner will receive a $50 prize.

The deadline for 2014 fair theme entries is Dec. 31, 2013. Entries may be mailed to Morrow County Fair, PO Box 464, Heppner, emailed to mcfair@co.morrow.or.us, or sent through the Morrow County Fair's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/morrowcountyfairheppneroregon.

Questions, contact Morrow County Fair Secretary Lacey Jensen at 541-676-9474.

Chamber Chatter

Thursday, Jan. 9 – Heppner Chamber's Annual Luncheon – 12-1 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan on coming to the annual luncheon from 12-1 p.m. in the senior center dining room. Town and Country tickets will also be available for sale for $20 per ticket. Alvin Liu with Cornerstone Gallery will be catering the lunch.

Thursday, Jan. 16 – Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards Event: Nomination forms will be available starting Monday, Dec. 9, and need to be turned into Kuhn Law Office no later than Friday, Dec. 20. The event will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds and the meal will be catered by Pudding on the Ritz. The theme is "Heppner Magic, It's the People," and the event is sponsored again this year by Ambre Energy's Morrow Pacific Project and Portland General Electric. The no-host hour will start the evening out at 6 p.m. with dinner and the program to follow. Tickets will be available starting on Friday, Jan. 3, at Heppner Chamber of Commerce, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Murray's Drug and Community Bank.

As we begin to close out 2013 and start planning for 2014, Heppner Chamber would like to recognize its members for their contributions (both monetarily and by volunteering and offering support) to chamber-sponsored activities. The chamber strives to bring value to businesses, to communities and to the chamber as a whole.

"Our hope is that 2014 will be the best year ever and we will grow even more together as a team," said chamber Executive Director Sheryll Bates.

Extension office announces holiday closures

The Morrow County OSU Extension Office will be closed to observe the holidays on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. They will also be closed New Year's Day.

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)