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Obituaries

Raymond "Bud" Floyd Batty

Raymond "Bud" Floyd Batty, 97, of Heppner, passed away at Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living Facility on Saturday, January 25, 2014. Services will be held at a later date this summer.

Bud Batty was born December 9, 1916 to Joseph Nelson and Jessie V. (Smith) Batty at Eightmile, OR. He attended grade school at the Eightmile School where his sister, Beulah, was his sixth grade teacher. He attended two years of high school in Klamath Falls, OR while living with his Uncle Ray and Aunt Bessie Smith Aubry. He graduated from Heppner High School.

He enlisted in the Army and went into the Air Force, where he trained as a bombardier/navigator in a

B-26 Marauder. He flew 54 missions over Europe with the 39th Bomb Black Death Marauder Group in the 9th Air Force. During his tour of duty, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with eight Gold Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Badge, European Middle Eastern Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, and a Presidential Citation.

He was married to Jessie Harriet Pointer March 23, 1944 at Lake Charles, LA, where he was stationed. After the war, they farmed at Kimberly, OR for several years until it appeared he would have to go back into the service during the Korean Conflict. He didn't have to go to Korea, so they went to Klamath Falls and

farmed there for several years. They returned to Morrow County in 1968.

He and Harriet loved to travel in their RV. Bud spent time fishing and hunting, and single-handedly and alone bagged his last four point buck at age 80. Each summer Bud spent time in his vegetable garden and was able to store potatoes and onions for winter.

Bud was a member of BPOE #358, The American Legion and the VFW. He was active in getting the Heppner Senior Center started and continued to be a part of the center. He was involved in obtaining and erecting the flagpole at

Memorial Park in Heppner.

He is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and grandnieces and nephews.

His wife, Harriet; three brothers, Lewis, Kenneth and Gilbert; and one sister, Beulah, preceded him in death.

Tax-deductible memorial donations may be made to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living Facility, 400 Frank Gillam Dr., Heppner, OR 97836.

Online condolences to the family may be made at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com. Loveland Funeral Chapel of La Grande is in charge of arrangements.



Raymond "Bud" Floyd Batty

Birth Announcement

Gabriel Hunter O'Neal—Caleb O'Neal and

Jolene Stensland of Heppner announce the birth of a son, Gabriel Hunter O'Neal. Gabriel was born January 9, 2014; he weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Donna and Jason Maben of Heppner, Doug and Debbie Romjue of Scappoose, OR, and Mark Stensland of Portland, OR.



Gabriel Hunter O'Neal

W. Ronald Becket

Walter Ronald Becket, 66, passed away Sunday, February 2, 2014 at his home near Seaside, OR following a long battle with cancer. At this time no service is planned.

He was born October 23, 1947 in Heppner to parents Laurence and Florence (Bergstrom)

Becket. He grew up on the family farm, graduating from Heppner High School in 1965.

After attending Blue Mountain Community College and Portland Community College he worked in the Portland area for a number of years before returning to Heppner

to farm the family farm. He loved to farm, hunt with his friends, and restore classic cars. He was an avid Seahawks fan, and would have loved to see their recent Super Bowl victory.

Ron was preceded in death by: his parents, grandparents, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is survived by: his son Tony, who currently resides in Japan; sister, Molly Rill of Heppner; special friend, Ellie McManus of Seaside; and nephews, Lonnie, Leland and Dylan Rill of Portland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice.

Morter named to U of O dean's list

Bethany Kathleen Morter of Lone qualified for the 2013 fall term dean's list at the University of Oregon in Eugene, the university announced last week.

Morter, a junior in geological sciences, is the daughter of Ralph and Anne Morter of Lone.

To qualify, a student must be an admitted undergraduate and complete at least 15 credits for the term; 12 of the 15 credits must be graded with a GPA of 3.75 or better. Morter was one of 1,465 students named to the list out of a total term enrollment of 20,808.



Bethany Morter

EOU 'Hit Shuffle' this Sunday

The Eastern Oregon University Music Department and Chamber Choir are bringing their winter extravaganza of singing and dancing to Heppner this Sunday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m. The performance will be held in the Heppner Elementary School gym. Admission is by donation, and all proceeds will benefit the school music programs in South Morrow County.

The musicians at Eastern have been putting together winter performances for several years. This year's event, the "Then & Now Hit Shuffle," may be their biggest challenge yet.

The production involves about 60 singers, dancers and musicians. Heppner's performance is part of a mini-tour of Eastern Oregon, following three performances in La Grande on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

First Friday Friends of Jesus this week

The next session of First Friday Friends of Jesus will be held Friday, Feb. 7, from 8 a.m. to noon at All Saints Episcopal Church. All children ages four to 12 are invited to a morning filled with Bible stories, crafts, games and a free lunch. Newcomers are always welcome. More information, call the Shared Ministry at 541-676-9970.

Local Right to Life chapter to meet

The Morrow County Chapter of the Oregon Right to Life will hold a meeting Monday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall in Heppner. The public is invited to attend. For questions, call 541-676-5975.

Nothing like new snow for local skiers



The theme of last week's outing for the Arbuckle Nordic Ski Club was "Finally, new snow!" Ski participants said the five inches of new snow in the mountains was a pleasant change from the hard pack on which they had been skiing. Temperatures were in the 20s as the group of 10—and normal dose of "ski dogs"—made the trek across Herren Meadow and up the 750 road. The normal gathering of skiers was joined last weekend by Ryan Bennett and Sandra VanLiew. Pictured: Steve Brownfield leads the way during the outing, followed by Misty Bennett, Ryan Bennett, Molly Rhea, Terry Harper, Sandra and Dan VanLiew, Kristi Crowell and Sherry Ewing. —Contributed photo

Morrow SWCD board to meet

A regular meeting of the Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District Board will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Ag Service Center, 430 W Linden Way in Heppner, beginning at 3:30 p.m., following a long-range planning session.

Time will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting to receive comments from the public.

Agenda items for the

SWCD meeting include approval of the January meeting minutes and annual meeting minutes; treasurer's report; status of funding agreements; staff reports; and partner reports.

Two board positions representing the Boardman and Irrigation areas remain vacant.

Meetings of Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

Death Notice

Sonja M. Smith—Sonja M. Smith, 71, of Heppner, died Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at her home. She was born September 18, 1942 at Wieser, ID. A funeral service will be held Saturday, February 8, at 2 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner. Concluding service and burial will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. A complete obituary will follow in next week's Gazette-Times. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Saint Patrick's church to hold Valentine dinner

The shamrocks will be moving over for an evening to be replaced by hearts and flowers as St. Patrick's Parish hosts a romantic St. Valentine's dinner on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 6-8 p.m.

Yes, that's Thursday, the day before St. Valentine's Day. Dinner coordinators say they picked Thursday evening so those who wanted a nice evening out wouldn't have to choose between a romantic steak dinner and cheering on children or grandchildren who play sports on Friday.

Though the Valentine's dinner at St. Patrick's has no known competition locally, planners say they aren't skimping on making it a special evening.

The dinner, to be held in St. Patrick's parish hall, will feature steak, trimmings such as a baked potato,

salad and homemade rolls, and a dessert choice of ice cream or homemade bread pudding...reportedly from a "secret family recipe." Cost is \$17.50 per person, \$35 per couple.

While Valentine's Day is usually regarded as a romantic celebration for couples, event coordinators say their doors are open to all, with tables to accommodate anywhere from two to 10 people.

Reservations aren't required—they say they won't turn anyone away—but are requested for planning purposes.

All money raised will go toward updating the St. Patrick's parish hall, which is used for many community events.

To reserve a spot or for more information, call Kathy Fullmer at 541-676-5064 and leave a message.

Chamber lunch meeting

This week's lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report on Thursday, Feb. 6, at noon. Attendees are asked to note that chamber lunch meetings have been moved to the Heppner City Hall conference room.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Bucknum's will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church and high school volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, winter vegetable medley, spiced oranges, hot rolls, and dessert. Milk is served at each meal. Menu is subject to change.

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

HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

LADIES NIGHT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

Dinner: 6:00 pm

NY Steak and Loaded Mashed Potatoes

Hosted by **Josh and Melissa Coiner**

HOMEMADE PIZZA FEED!
DURING FEBRUARY 7TH MUSTANG BASKETBALL GAMES
Games start at 3pm at HHS. Come cheer on your Mustangs & have a great meal
Hosted by Heppner's 7th grade class