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Steinhoff, Schlaich plan June wedding



Amber Steinhoff and Jim Schlaich

Amber Steinhoff of Dayton, WA and Jim Schlaich of Heppner are pleased to announce their upcoming wedding.

Steinhoff is the daughter of Kathy and the late Steve Steinhoff of Dayton. She holds a bachelor's degree in natural resources with a minor in fish and wildlife from Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR. She currently works as a program technician at the Farm Service Agency in

Condon, OR. Schlaich is the son of Lori and Kelly Fox of Heppner and Terry Schlaich of Baker City, OR. He attended Northwest Lineman College in Meridian, ID and is now employed as a lineman at Columbia Basin Electric Co-op.

The couple plans a June 21, 2014 wedding in Dayton. Pastor Greg Bye of Dayton will officiate.

Historical society seeks submissions

The Morrow County Historical Society is seeking stories for the 2014 edition of the Morrow County Chronicles. If you or someone you know has a story to share, or would like to write a story, please contact the editor, Andrea Nelson, at 541-989-8188.

The deadline for printed articles is April 30, 2014.

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's Parish members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include chicken parmigiana, green beans, green salad, garlic bread and tiramisu. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Valentine's Day February 14th



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Sonja M. Smith

Sonja M. Smith, 71, of Heppner died Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at her home. A funeral service was held Saturday, February 8, at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner, with concluding service and burial following at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born September 18, 1942 at Weiser, ID, the son of Victor H. and Fay M. Hickerson Ledington. She was raised and attended school at North Powder and Baker City, OR as well as Blanding, UT.

On October, 23, 1961

she married Gerald I. "Jerry" Smith at Cortez, CO. The couple raised three children.

She was a clerk and cook at Kate's Pizza Parlor, a clerk at the Video Store and also worked at the Kinzua Plywood Plant.

Sonja was a member of the IWA union. She enjoyed crocheting and gardening, and loved her pets and spending time with her grandchildren. Sonja was always very caring and worried about people; a frequent quote of hers was "be safe."

Survivors include: her husband, Jerry; daughters, Vicki Rayburn and husband Randy, and Rebecca Peray-Genovese; daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Smith; grandchildren, Christopher Rayburn, Kendra Rayburn-Lansford and husband Herman, Angelique Peray-Genovese, Marcello Peray-Genovese, William Cisco, Christina Smith, Katie Smith, Nicole Smith and Kenneth Smith; and great granddaughter Kaiana Lansford.



Sonja M. Smith

She was preceded in death by: son, Randy Smith; brothers, Leslie Ledington and Loran Ledington; and her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, Great West Division, PO Box 336, Portland, OR 97208-3366.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Larry Lee Brinda

Larry Lee Brinda, 67, passed away Monday, January 27, 2014 at his home in Caldwell, ID following a bout with kidney disease. Services will be held in Idaho later this summer.

Larry was born July 4, 1946 in Boise, ID to parents William and Verna (Nichols) Brinda. He spent his early life in Idaho, moving to Oregon in 1951.

He attended school in Heppner and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1964.

After attending Blue Mountain Community College he worked for Woodpecker Truck,

Pendleton Diesel and other businesses in their parts departments in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

He enjoyed fishing and trap shooting, spending many weekends doing those things. He also enjoyed Corvettes.

Larry was preceded in death by: his parents and his

brother, Bill.

He is survived by: his sister, Judy (Bob) Stevens of Heppner; nephews, John Stevens of Condon and Billy Brinda of Utah; nieces, JoJean (Lyle) Greene of Pendleton, and Bonnie (Kirk) Arnold and Tammy Brinda of Utah.

Relay for Life kick-off event this week

The Morrow County Fairgrounds. The kick-off meeting this week will be a way to find out more about the event, sign up a team, sign up to be a sponsor or check out some volunteer opportunities. The Heppner Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to stop by, grab some refreshments and enter to win some door prizes.

The theme for this year's event is "Love to Relay." The event has been scheduled for Saturday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Pambrun to speak at 'Love Your Library' event

Sam Pambrun will be the speaker this Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Love Your Library evening being held in the living room of the St. Pat's Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

The public is encouraged to join in for a look back at the Lewis and Clark trail, including some interesting, little-known facts. Sally Walker will present a brief overview, with map handouts, of sites in Morrow County where wagon ruts can still be viewed.

Refreshments will be served.

St. Pat's Committee looks for volunteers

As the planning for St. Patrick's weekend gets underway, the St. Patrick's Committee would like to ask for volunteers to help with this year's event.

"There are many opportunities to get involved and help make this year to be better than ever before," says Heppner Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sheryll Bates.

The 32nd annual "Wee Bit O' Ireland" St. Patrick's Celebration is scheduled for March 14-16, and there are many activities available for volunteers to get involved. Contact Heppner chamber at 541-676-5536 for more information.

WCVEDG to host chamber lunch

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, Feb. 20. The lunch will be hosted by Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG), who will be holding their annual luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room.

There is no cost for this luncheon; Alvin Liu/Cornerstone Gallery will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than Feb. 18 to guarantee a lunch.

thank you!

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Fresh snow lures Nordic skiers to the mountains



With all the new snow this week, three members of the Nordic ski club went up to break a trail for the Saturday skiers. On Saturday, nine people skied across Linger Longer Prairie and down Ditch Creek with temperatures in the 20s. They had to pick the few places on the creek that were hard enough to ski across, and a few skiers had to scrap their skis and wax up after crossing the creek. Top (L-R): Steve and Molly Rhea, Dan and Sandra VanLiew, Christy Crowell, Bill and Sherry Ewing, and Luann Brownfield took advantage of the new snowfall. Bottom: Kristi Crowell, seated between Molly Rhea (left) and Sandra VanLiew, shares her lunch with her farm dog, Lucy, who is 11 years old. Crowell also made the sacrifice of packing along a blanket to help warm the thin dog during their lunch stop. Thin and old though she may be, Lucy loves to ski, and reportedly led the pack of younger dogs nearly all day. -Contributed photos

NRCS to hold local work group meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wants to remind everyone that they will be hosting a meeting at the USDA Service Center on Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. to gather input regarding the natural resource opportunities and priorities across Morrow County.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:
Feb. 6, 2014: -Jeremy Kane Dolar, 27, Boardman and Haily Mycheal Rogers, 21, Boardman.
-Daniel Venegas Jimenez, 27, Umatilla and Yolanda Armenta Mendoza, 38, Umatilla.
-Carlos Pelayo Gilvon, 23, Boardman and Michelle Martinez Melendez, 19, Boardman.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

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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)