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**Right to Life meeting set**

A Morrow County Chapter of Oregon Right to Life meeting is set for Monday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information call Becky Cherry, 541-676-5975.

**Clough graduates summa cum laude from OHSU**

Stephanie Clough, Portland, graduated summa cum laude from the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Nursing in ceremonies June 2.

The daughter of Karen Clough of Heppner, she is a graduate of Heppner High School and the University of Oregon with a degree in biology.

**Marriage Licenses**

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

-June 12: Richard Joseph Negrete, 31, Boardman, and Scharrie Maryann Wood, 28, Boardman.

-June 16: Nathan Joe Kennedy, 25, Lexington, and Kasandra Lynn Stark, 27, Lexington.

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*Wedding*  
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*Shower*  
June 22, 2014

Keith Scott & Lynan Bingham  
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**Christian Life Center welcomes new pastor, celebrates reopening June 29**

By Andrea Di Salvo

Sunday, June 29, Heppner's Christian Life Center will celebrate its reopening as it welcomes a new pastor, David Jenkins, and his wife, Sharon.

David, 76, and Sharon, 74, say they are coming out of retirement to reopen the church and get it back on its feet after being closed for several months. They hail most recently from Parkdale, OR, in Hood River County; however, their wanderings have taken them farther afield and back again.

David was born in Wyoming, but his family moved to the Hood River Valley before he was old enough to remember. Since then, he says, he's lived and worked many places but "always gravitated back there." He graduated from Odell High School in 1956.

Sharon was born and raised in Alhambra, CA, graduating from San Juan High School in 1957. She worked as a clerk typist in the governor's office in Sacramento before leaving in 1960 to attend Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, CA. That was where she met David, also a student. They both graduated in 1964; they were married after graduation and he took his first pastoral post that summer at a small church in Hereford, OR, south of Baker City. David Jenkins notes that it has been 50 years this month since he received his ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God church.

"That makes me sound so old," he jokes. "I'm really young at heart."

After a couple of years in Hereford, the couple left and he attended the University of Oregon in Eugene, graduating with a master's degree in education in 1967.

David taught public school for a couple of years before quitting and taking on a pastoral position in

Wallowa, OR in 1969. They spent a couple of years there before returning to the Parkdale area.

"In the course of things, I've done a lot of things outside of pasturing—worked in logging, as a ranch hand, a saw mill, plywood mill, section hand on U.P. (Union Pacific), railroad clerk, general train man, locomotive engineer," David Jenkins recalls. Sharon spent the time raising their two children and working as a medical secretary.

Somewhere in there—perhaps in the 1980s, they agree—they went as missionaries to Central Indian Bible College in South Dakota, where David taught for four years and served as academic dean for two, while Sharon served as admissions director and registrar.

The couple then returned to the Mt. Hood area, where he worked for the railroad and pastored; Sharon spent the next 15 years as a church secretary in Hood River.

David "retired" in 2001...or not. He spent two years as a "substitute" mail carrier, as well as spending a year as an interim pastor in Vernonia, OR. He also kept busy volunteering work on a new church building and working their eight-acre hobby farm. Sharon joined him in this semi-retirement in 2007, hoping to pursue her passions of reading and horseback riding. They are both leaving retirement behind for the moment to come to Heppner...which is perhaps the most interesting part of the story.

"We just got bored sitting around the house one day," says David. "We decided to get in the car and go for a drive."

They passed through Heppner around dark, so decided to stop and spend the night. The next day, they drove by the Christian Life Center.



David and Sharon Jenkins

"We saw this sign that said, 'No services until further notice,'" David recalls. He called the Assemblies of God Lead Pastor of Church Development Lee McCloud and asked, "What's going on with this 'no services' in Heppner?"

"That question started the ball rolling," David says. "He basically said, 'You want to change that?'"

David is officially an interim pastor. The couple says they don't know how long they will be in Heppner—after all, they've already tried to retire at least once—but they come with no time limit in place.

"We hope to be a blessing," says David. "We do not mean to distract from other churches or take people away from any other church. We hope to add to the spiritual life here. We're not here to compete with anybody. We just hope to be a blessing to anybody who might need a pastor or a church."

David Jenkins will begin his pastorate in Heppner June 29; Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m. following by a church service at 10:30 a.m. A potluck will follow the service that day. A Bible study is also planned for Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.

As a side note, former

Christian Life Center pastor Tim and Myrna Van Cleave's three youngest children, Kristen, Daniel and Betheny, will also be on hand June 29 to help David and Sharon Jenkins with worship.

Kristen just recently graduated from nursing school and will spend the next school year working in Africa as a nurse. Kristen has been leading worship with her siblings at Bethel Church in Pendleton. Daniel just graduated from Pendleton High School and plans on going to school to work toward a degree in computer science. Betheny will be a junior next year at Pendleton High School.

Jonathon and Joyce Chen, formerly of Heppner, will also be a part of the group. Jonathon is currently attending Rice University, working towards being involved in medical missions. Joyce will be a junior at Pendleton High School this coming school year.

"Christian Life Center has had a major impact on their lives while growing up in Heppner and they just want to come back to help pay back some of that investment from folks in that church and community and help assist in the church's reopening," says Tim Van Cleave.

**Heppner churches plan VBS**

Six area churches will be hosting a free vacation Bible school (VBS) for children ages four through 12 beginning Monday, June 23, and continuing through Friday, June 27. The VBS will be held again this year at Hope Lutheran Church and on the adjacent parsonage lawn. Each session will begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m.

"Weird Animals" will help children learn that Jesus' love is "one of a kind" and no one is excluded.

For more information, contact one of these sponsoring churches: Hope Lutheran, All Saints Episcopal, United Methodist, Nazarene, Amazing Grace Fellowship and Willow Creek Baptist.

**Chamber lunch meeting**

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, June 19, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room. Kimberly Lindsay will give an update of Community Counseling Solutions.

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.

**Community lunch menu**

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish members will serve lunch on Wednesday, June 25, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include hot, open-faced turkey sandwiches; mashed potatoes and gravy; mixed vegetables; sliced tomatoes; cranberry sauce; and pumpkin bake. Milk is served at each meal.

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

**Heppner day care makes summer plans**

The board and staff at Heppner Day Care say they have a fun and eventful summer planned, and hope children will come and join in the fun.

To name a few of the activities, Monday and Wednesday afternoons are pool days. Wednesday mornings, children will go to story time at the library. The center is also putting in a garden, so children will have the opportunity to help take care of plants, watch them grow, and eat the fresh vegetables.

Teachers have planned some exciting lessons and

projects on Tuesdays. June 24, children will be making a snow-globe aquarium. July 22 will be Christmas in July, and children are invited to wear Christmas colors or themed summer clothing, or use their imaginations. August 5, it will be time to "get ready for fair!" as children don suspenders, pigtails and other country-themed clothing.

The day care is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; child-care cost is \$2.50 an hour. They do ask that families call ahead to reserve a spot.

**Over the Tee Cup**

The 18 ladies who showed up at Willow Creek Country Club June 10 had great weather for their morning of golf. Taking low gross of the field was Nancy Prophet. Low net of the field went to Betty Burns, while Eva Kilkenny had least putts.

For flight A, Virginia Grant had low gross and KP, Pat Edmundson had low net, Corol Mitchell least

putts, and Eva Kilkenny long drive overall. For flight B, Jan Paustian and Sarah Rucker tied for low gross, and Lorrene Montgomery had low net. For flight C, Pat Dougherty took low gross, Judy Harris had low net and Jennifer Jaca had least putts.

In other events, Nancy Prophet and Jennifer Jaca had chip-ins; Prophet also had a birdie.

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Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175  
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161