

City of Heppner to begin stop sign blitz

The City of Heppner reports that it has been receiving an increased amount of complaints regarding drivers' failure to stop at stop signs.

"This is a very dangerous practice that puts other drivers and pedestrians at serious risk," says Heppner City Manager Kim Cutsforth.

So, for the next two weeks, the on-duty officer will be patrolling in areas where this problem is most predominant.

The city also reminds drivers that Oregon law is clear in regard to obeying traffic control devices. ORS 811.260(15) states that "A driver approaching a stop sign shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the marked crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if there is no marked crosswalk, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering it. After stopping, the driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when the driver is moving across or within the intersection."

The offense described in this section, driver failure to obey a traffic control device, is a Class B traffic violation. The fine for a class B traffic violation is \$260.

Hollomon retires after a lifetime full of Main Street memories

By Andrea Di Salvo

With the retirement of one business owner, the community says goodbye to not only a business but a local institution. In fact, JoyceKay Hollomon says she has a unique distinction in the Heppner business community.

"I'm probably the only woman in town who has closed as many businesses as I have," she says. "This is the last of four or five businesses I've closed in Heppner."

Hollomon, 74, is stepping out of the role of business owner, having closed

her business, Willow Creek Realty, at the end of May. Hollomon owned and operated the business for 25 years. As impressive as that length of time is, however, Hollomon has been a part of the fabric of Heppner for even longer.

While she has been in the community for as long as some remember, Hollomon is not a native of Morrow County. She was born in Stevensville, MT and raised, she says, in "lots of towns." She attended nine different schools in nine different communities

growing up, but attended the same school throughout high school. She graduated from Albany Union High School in Albany, OR in 1959. After high school, she attended Merritt Davis Business College in Salem. She then moved to Portland, where she worked as an IBM operator for the state welfare commission. It was while in Portland that a cousin who was attending barber school introduced her to a fellow student from Eastern Oregon, Jerry Hollomon, whom she later married.

Rietmann named Fourth of July grand marshal

By Andrea Di Salvo

Betty Rietmann of Ione has been named this year's grand marshal for the Ione Fourth of July parade, the Fourth of July committee has announced.

While not an Ione native, 84-year-old Rietmann was grafted into the local community vine decades ago and is now a flourishing and active part of Ione. She was born and raised on a farm near La Grande, graduating from La Grande High School in 1948 and



Betty Rietmann of Ione, long-time farm wife, teacher and community activist, was named this year's Fourth of July parade grand marshal. —Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

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Jones hired as clinics manager

By Andrea Di Salvo

Heppner patients who may have missed the friendly face of receptionist Kris Jones at Pioneer Memorial Clinic the past couple of months will be relieved to find she's back, though her role will be more behind the scenes.

Morrow County Health District has hired Jones, 44, as Manager of Primary Care. According to MCHD CEO Dan Grigg, Jones will be manager of all three district clinics, including Heppner, Irrigon and the school-based clinic under construction in Ione.

Jones is originally from Hermiston but has lived for the past eight years in Ione. She has been with the health district for two years, spending most of that time at Pioneer Memorial Clinic before transferring to the Irrigon clinic about two months ago. She started her new positions as manager June 15.

She says she is excited about the new position, though it will be an adjustment; Jones says she still likes to be on the "front lines," answering phones and speaking with patients. She says she expects to be two days in Irrigon, two days in Heppner, and one day in Ione after the clinic there opens, but that may change depending on where she is needed.

Kris Jones



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Heppner native is working to make a 'Home of Hope' for children in Kenya

By Andrea Di Salvo

A Pendleton woman with deep Heppner roots is working to create a medical clinic in Kenya.

Kristen Van Cleave, the daughter of Tim and Myrna Van Cleave, lived in Heppner from her birth until her sophomore year in high school. She played sports while in Heppner, excelling in primarily in basketball. She then went on to attend Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) in Pendleton, graduating with a degree in nursing in 2014.

Van Cleave, with her registered nurse certification in hand, travelled to Kenya in November of 2014 with the idea of "checking out" the health care industry in that country. While there, she received an opportunity she never expected when

Daniel Bushebi, the director of Home of Hope (HOH) Kenya, shared with her his vision of starting a clinic for the rescued babies of the new Dream Center.

"At first I didn't think I was qualified to assist in this process due to my lack of experience with healthcare in Kenya," says Van Cleave. "However, after seeking direction from God for the next step in my journey of nursing in Kenya, God directed me to this project and I am so excited to be a part of something so amazing."

Since then, she says she has had the opportunity to learn more about health care in the East African country. That learning process included volunteering



Kristin Van Cleave's path started in Heppner but has now taken her halfway around the world as she endeavors to bring better healthcare to people in Kenya. —Contributed photo

Local man killed in Crook County pickup accident

Cayle Krebs of Ione was killed late Saturday night when a pickup he was riding in crashed in southern Crook County.

According to Crook County Sheriff's Deputy Mitch Madden, deputies were dispatched about 11:45 p.m. Saturday to SE Bear Creek Road, about 30 miles east of Bend and 50 miles south of Prineville, for a reportedly fatal vehicle crash.

A 2004 Ford F-350 truck had rolled over after the driver lost control, according to Madden. Two of the three passengers were riding in the bed of



Wreckage of the pickup that rolled in southern Crook County late Saturday night, killing Cayle Krebs of Ione. —Photo courtesy of Crook County Sheriff's Office

the truck and were thrown from the bed. One of them,

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Ione Fourth of July Schedule

Friday, July 3, 2015

Golf Tournament, Willow Creek Country Club, Heppner, 10 am
Volleyball Tournament, Corner of Main and Spring Streets, 9 am

Saturday, July 4, 2015

Fireman's Breakfast, Ione Fire Hall, 7-10 am
Creative Care PreSchool 5k Walk/Run (\$10 Registration), Ione City Park, 7 am; registration/walk starts at 7:30 am

Topic Club Book Sale, Ione Fire Hall/Post Office Lawn Area, 9 am

Ken Turner Memorial Horseshoe Tournament, Horseshoe Pits, 9 am

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Main Street, 10 am

Craft Fair, Rietmann Building, Main Street, 10 am - 2 pm

Blues Cruise Car Show, Ione City Park, 10:30 am

Food Vendors/Information Booths/Raffle Tickets, Ione City Park, 11 am

Fish Pond, Frog Jump, Bike Raffle, Fire Hall/Park, 11 am

Altar Society Pie Sale, Ione Fire Hall, 11 am

Parade (Grand Marshal: Betty Rietmann), Main Street, 1 pm

Park Activities Begin—Dunk Tank, Duck Races, Money Pile, Photo Booth, Much More, 1 pm

Free Swimming, Ione Swimming Pool, 1:30-3:30 pm

Legion Auxiliary Baskets, Ione Market, Bidding Ends 3 pm

Blues Cruise Awards, Ione City Park, 3 pm

Talent Show, Amphitheatre Stage, registration 3 pm/show at 3:30 pm

Legion Auxiliary Baskets Winners Announced, Amphitheatre Stage, 4:30 pm

Featured Entertainment, Amphitheatre Stage After Talent Show

The FrogHollow Band (6:30 pm) James Otto (8:30 pm)

Raffle Drawings, Amphitheatre Stage, 7 pm

Boat Trip Auction, Amphitheatre Stage, 7:45 pm

Fireworks Display, Visible throughout Ione, Dusk

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