

HOLLOMON RETIRES

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up the Knox Variety Store (which later burned down) that sat in the spot between Murray's Drug and Bank of Eastern Oregon on Main Street. She also worked for First National Bank for eight years before she and Jerry decided to buy the local shoe store, the Shoe Box, from the Gonty family in January of 1977.

Hollomon recalls that she and her husband were the first people outside the Gonty family to operate the store; when she was forced to close it some 28 years later, the business was 99 years old.

Times had changed, though, and the town had once supported three car dealerships and several grocery stores—not to mention several clothing and variety stores—no longer had enough business to support a local shoe store by the early 2000s.

"I hated to close it," she said. "But the business just wasn't there."

The Shoe Box wasn't the only venture the family had during that time.

Jerry at one point sold his barber shop. However, the woman who bought it ended up leaving town, and leaving the town without a barber shop, so Jerry Hollomon reopened inside the Shoe Box.

The Hollomon's daughters, Kaedene (Bailey) and Darcy (Coil), also opened a t-shirt printing business, Talk-N-Tops, in the building, which the family later donated to the local school. In 1988, Hollomon also bought the local fabric store.

"We wound up with too many business," says Hollomon. "And each of them had a separate set of books."

They even sold antiques for a while, though Hollomon says that was more of a hobby than a money-maker.

"That was a lot of fun. It sure brought in a lot of interesting people," she says.

In the 1990s, though, she and Jerry decided they needed a less involved business to take them into retirement. They decided on real estate. Hollomon says she took classes and then worked for Sharon Lewis for three years until she was eligible to start her own business. Jerry then took classes, as well.

Time has taken its toll, though; within the last decade, Hollomon has lost both daughter Darcy and husband Jerry. Now, 10 years after the normal retirement age, she has decided it's time to move on to the next thing.

So far, she says she

can't say what retirement feels like. Still wrapping up her last real estate commitments, Hollomon says, "I just feel I'm on a vacation right now. I'm still busy."

Hollomon has already started traveling, continuing to take trips to Alaska to visit family and going down to Arizona for part of every winter. She says she expects those things will continue, though she's not making any more definite plans.

"I don't make long-range plans. I just take things as they come," she says.

That said, she does say she doesn't have any plans to move away for good.

"I love it here and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else or doing anything else. I've felt that way since I moved here," says Hollomon. "It took the whole town to raise my children."

KENYAN CLINIC

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at a government hospital and at a small clinic where she was able to see firsthand what health care is like in Kenya. It was while at that clinic that she met Dr. James, a doctor who has worked with the Assemblies of God denomination in establishing clinics throughout Kenya. James has worked for years in Kenya, establishing 12 clinics in 10 years, making him a valuable asset in Van Cleave's goal of establishing her own clinic, Home of Hope Medical Centre in Nairobi.

"He understands the process of starting a clinic and has established connections with people in order to make the process of starting a clinic faster and easier than if I were to do everything on my own," Van Cleave says. "I have partnered with Dr. James in the setting up process of Home of Hope Medical Centre and am thankful for this connection."

Van Cleave also says she has partnered with the Christian Health Association of Kenya (CHAK), of which Home of Hope Medical Centre will be a member.

She says Home of Hope Medical Centre will include a medical clinic, pharmacy, laboratory and dental care.

"It will provide quality health care at an affordable price to the surrounding community, which will provide sustainability in order to provide free healthcare to the rescued babies and children at the Dream Center, as well as the desperate children from the surrounding slums," explained Van Cleave, who added that the clinic will be located in a middle-class neighborhood that can afford to pay for healthcare but will also be within walking distance of

four different slums. "This location will be key in order to establish a sustainable business. Without the sustainability of running a good business, the clinic would not be able to survive as a charity," she says. "It is therefore important that I start a clinic with good quality equipment in order to attract people who can afford healthcare to create the sustainability of the clinic."

Van Cleave says that it is common for health facilities in the U.S. and Canada to donate used or expired equipment to clinics in third-world clinics, but her desire for sustainability makes that kind of process a bad fit for Home of Hope Medical Centre. Part of the problem, she says, is that if used equipment breaks down it can be difficult to find spare parts to replace it. As a result, she is asking for donations to help her purchase equipment rather than donations of equipment.

Van Cleave said that for anyone who wishes to donate, donations should be given to Bethel Assembly of God Church in Pendleton. For more information, follow her story at nursinginafrica.weebly.com, visit homeofhope.ca for more information and clinic updates, or contact her directly at kristenvanleave@gmail.com.

Van Cleave is currently in Kenya working on the clinic project and intends to return to the U.S. to get a bachelor's degree in nursing before heading back to Africa in the near future.

"By the world's standards, I look crazy for starting this clinic, but I know that God placed me here for a reason," says Van Cleave. "This is God's plan, not mine."

HES announces honor card winners

Heppner Elementary School has announced that 77 students were Honor Card winners for the fourth quarter of the 2014-2015 school year. Winners are listed by class as follows:

Mrs. Morris—Keaton Coiner, Jaysi Dompier, Brooklyn Hendricks, Healy Hisler, Claire Lindsay, Ashlynn Marlett, Hailey McDaniel, Alakae Rodriguez,

Patrick Wolford.
Mrs. Matteson—David Asbridge, Mariah Combe, Lane Critchlow, Caleb George, Owen Guerra, Faith Holsinger, Vincent Kiemeyer, Levi Maret, Sarah Munkers, Lily Nichols, Rylee Palmer, Sophie Rodriguez, Austin Willis, Maya Payne, Natalie Piper, Tripp Stewart, Logan Turner, Connor Wilson.

Mrs. Stewart—Jackson Coiner, Ally Green, Sierra Greenup, Keeley Nairns, Hallee Hisler, Aden Lathrop, John Lindsay, Amelia Manning, Lynn Williams.

Mrs. Coiner—Keegin Chitty, Morgan Cutsforth, Ethan Delibertis, Caden George, Reece Gorham, Irelynn Kollman, Zandra Masterson, Landon Mitchell, Arianna Worden.

Mrs. Gibbs—Ty Boor, Paul Lindsay, Trevor Nichols, Madison Palmer, Hailey Wenberg, Katie Wilson.

Mrs. Piper—Harley

Ann Anderson, Mason Alleman, Kylie Boor, Conor Brosnan, Jace Coe, Hannah Green, Brock Hisler, Cody Fletcher, Brian Lindsay, Blane Mahoney, ZaBrena Masterson, Aubriana Rodriguez, Joe Sherman, Jett Stewart, Jonathon Waddell.

Mrs. Dowdy—Alexis Cutsforth, Kendall Dowdy, Sage Ferguson, Brinley Furrer, Marlee Mitchell, Madelyn Nichols, Hannah Palmer, Serenity Rodriguez, Aimee Turrell, Jayden Wilson, Blake Wolters.

Marriage Licenses

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

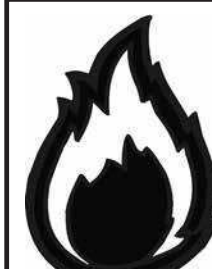
June 17, 2015: -Caleb Wayne McDaniel, 35, of Heppner and Taylor Lee Kempas, 25, of Lexington.

June 22, 2015: -Adrian Julius Haney, 27, of Heppner and Jennifer Marie Whalen, 28, of Heppner.



We will be closed Saturday July 4th, have a safe & Happy 4th of July!

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BURNING

Effective June 18, 2015, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner is imposing a CLOSED SEASON for open burning based on local fire safety concerns. This burning ban is for the City of Heppner. A reminder that open burning also includes a "burn barrel."

The closed season will remain in effect until further notice this fall as per ORS 478.960.

Three local students receive degrees from EOU

Dillon Lutcher of Heppner, and Marco Juarez and Eric Jepsen of Ione, recently received college degrees at Eastern Oregon University's 85th commencement ceremony on June 13 in La Grande.

Lutcher, the son of Larry and Roberta Lutcher, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in media arts and communication.

Marco Juarez, son of Amado and Elia Juarez of Ione, earned his Bachelor of Science in agricultural



Dillon Lutcher sciences from Oregon State University through the agricultural degree partnership that EOU has with OSU.

Eric Jepsen, son of Bill and Nancy Jepsen, received a Master of Arts in teaching.



Marco Juarez and Eric Jepsen.



Two-Time ACM Award Winner James Otto TAKING THE STAGE AT 8:30PM

FREE Concert*
*Bring your own lawn chairs or blanket. Grass amphitheater.



Plus Walla Walla local **The FrogHollow Band** Opening at 6:30pm
No Dogs Allowed in Park

Fun Run/Walk 5K (7am) • Fireman's Breakfast
3-on-3 Basketball Tourney (10am) • Blues Cruise Car Show
Children's Games (11am) • Parade (1pm) • **TALENT SHOW (3:30PM)**
Live Music (6:30pm) • Food Vendors • Beer Garden
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www.cityofloneoregon.com/FourthofJuly
OR <https://www.facebook.com/lone4thOfJuly>
Music funded in part by Morrow County Unified Recreation District

Norton celebrates 95 years young



This cake was a sweet treat at the CAPECO weekly meal at St. Patrick's Senior Center on Wednesday, June 17, when family and friends helped Ralph Norton celebrate his 95th birthday. -Contributed photo

Hardman Community Center to hold meeting and potluck

Hardman Community Center will hold a meeting and potluck to honor retiring HCC President Bob Allen. The event will take place Sunday, June 28, 5 p.m. at the center. Participants are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

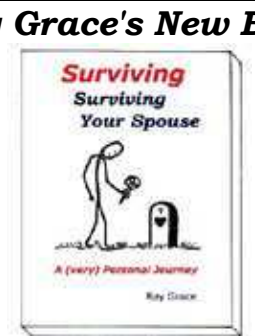
-Laura B. Reyes, 19, of Hermiston was found guilty of Violating the Basic Rule (VBR) 74/55 and fined \$160. A charge of No Valid Driver's License was dismissed upon presentation

of a valid license.
-Tammy F. Howey, 40, of Heppner, was found guilty of VBR 80/55 and fined \$260.

Chamber lunch meeting

Chamber lunch participants are reminded to RSVP no later than Wednesday, July 1, for the July 2 Heppner Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting. The meeting will be an all entities report at noon in the Heppner City Hall conference room. Cost of lunch is \$10; Willow Creek Diner will cater.

Ray Grace's New Book



Available locally at Murray's
(Also on Amazon.com in Paperback and KINDLE)