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### Births

**Harlow Mae Morter**—Brian and Courtney Morter of Bonners Ferry, ID announce the birth of a daughter, Harlow Mae Morter.

Harlow was born September 15, 2015 at 3:20 a.m. at Bonner General Hospital in Sandpoint, ID. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Harlow joins big sisters Hadley, two and a half, and Hailey, 14 months.

Grandparents are Roger and Carla Morter of Heppner, and Don and Jeanne Hanson of Hermiston.

Great-grandparents are Perry and Kathy Morter of Ione, Dexter and Corinne Miles of Heppner, and Wilbur and June Hanson of Lincoln, NE.



Harlow Mae Morter

## First Friday Friends of Jesus this week

The November session of First Friday Friends of Jesus will be held this Friday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church (corner of Church and Gale). Parents may bring children for supervised play after 8 a.m. upon prior request.

Children ages four to 12 are invited to a morning filled with Bible stories, crafts and games. A free lunch is served. There is no cost to attend. More information is available by calling the Shared Ministry office at 541-676-9970.

## Catholic men to hold first Friday meeting

The men of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Heppner and St. William's Catholic Church of Ione will hold their first Friday of the month meeting Nov. 6 at the parish office in Heppner.

The meeting will start at 6:45 a.m. and will be followed by First Friday Mass at 7:30 a.m.

## OL Adams

OL Adams, 88, of Heppner passed away on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 around 5:30 a.m. at home while preparing to go elk hunting. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 7, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 6, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Grave-side service with military honors will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, November 7, at the Spray Cemetery in Spray, OR.



OL Adams

OL was born June 11, 1927 at Ellijay, NC to Ruth and Oscar Webb Adams. The family moved to Sedro Wooley, WA and on to Central Oregon when he was two years old, settling in Spray during his teen years. On May 22, 1954 OL

married Jean Ann Samples in Yakima, WA. OL lived and worked in Kinzua, OR from 1945 until 1975, at which time he and his wife, Jean, moved into the home they built together on Blake Ranch. This became Pop's and Gram's haven to their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; daughter, Charmian Bogle and her husband Lee of Prineville, OR; sons, Brian Adams of Prairie City, OR and Tim

Adams and his wife Terra of Heppner; a brother, Odell Adams of Spray; eight grandchildren, Josh, Adam, Rian, Casey, Dustan, Jay, Krista and Donald; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and seven brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Ambulance Fund, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

## William Vernon Wise

William Vernon Wise, 93, died on October 17, 2015, at his home in Madras, OR. A family gathering in Madras, to honor Bill, is scheduled in November. A graveside gathering at the Olex Cemetery in Olex, OR, will also take place at a later date.

He was born February 3, 1922, in Wyndham, MT. He was born to Vernon and Lela Salter Wise at the home of his grandparents, Silas and Addie Salter. Bill started school in Mikkalo, OR at age four as William Vernon Biddle, and later moved with his family to Ione. He graduated from Ione High School in 1939.

He went to vocational school in Pendleton, where he also took personal flying lessons. He said he washed dishes after school for \$6 a week and paid \$6 per flying lesson. He then worked in the shipyards in Bremerton, WA before enlisting.

Bill enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942. He earned the ranks of 1<sup>st</sup>

Lieutenant, as well as the rank of Captain, by the end of the war. He flew B-24 bombers in the 13<sup>th</sup> Air Force Long Rangers over Borneo in the Philippine Islands. In 1944, Bill and his crew flew the longest flight (at that time) over the ocean with a crippled B-24, with only two of four working engines. For this flight, Bill and all his crew each earned a Bronze star. Before he was discharged, he was married to Fredamae Schaefer. They lived in Pampa, TX while Bill finished his military service.

After Bill's discharge from the service, they moved to Mikkalo, OR, where they became wheat and cattle ranchers. Over the years Bill and Fredamae had seven children: Sharla Louise, William Wayne, Wesley Vernon, Robert Charles, Kelly Mae, David Lee and Pamela Delight. While ranching and raising a family in Mikkalo, Bill developed various interests

such as boating and water skiing, fossil hunting, learning French as well as Spanish, and reading nonfiction. He studied the wildlife in the area and practiced photography. He enjoyed flying planes as well as playing his guitar. Family was important to him and every two years he and his family would attend a family reunion at Diamond Lake, OR.

Bill was a solid member of the community of Mikkalo. He took part in group projects, helped his neighbors and took his turns on the local school board. He was someone on whom the neighbors could depend. Bill's wife Fredamae passed away on December 24, 1981. Later, Bill married Margaret Christian on June 16, 1985. He retired from ranching in 1988. They moved to Madras, OR. Bill as well as Margaret liked speaking Spanish. They traveled to Mexico a couple of times during their

marriage. They enjoyed playing guitar and piano and singing songs. Both enjoyed studying geology and collecting rocks.

Bill is predeceased by his sister Georgia (Joy) Parker, Ridgecrest, CA; his half-sister Dean Weaver, Florence, OR; and his step-daughter Susan Eichler, Gresham, OR.

He is survived by his wife Margaret Wise, Madras, OR; his two remaining sisters Darlene Hoskins, Heppner, and Delight Adams, Oregon City, OR; and his children, Sharla Fischer, Portland, OR; Wayne Wise, Weston, OR; Wesley Wise, Irrigon; Chuck Wise, Condon, OR; Kelly Lemay, Grants Pass, OR; David Wise, Mikkalo; and Pamela Moorhead, Albany, OR. Bill is also survived by his step-children, Mary Willson, Puyallup, WA; Barbara Wise, Weston; Dr. David Eichler, North Pole, AK; and Kenneth Eichler, Amity, OR.

## Morrow County Historical Society delves into ancient American history

Members of Morrow County Historical Society and the interested public journeyed to Kennewick, WA on Saturday, Oct. 24, to learn more about historic Columbia Basin Native Americans.

The adventure began on comfortable Morrow County Special Transportation busses from Heppner and Irrigon. First stop was the East Benton County Historical Society Museum in the center of "Old Town" Kennewick.

The first step inside the museum "blew my mind"

said one participant. The focus was the floor of the entryway, made of gorgeous cross cuts of petrified wood. "One could easily spend a day marveling at the flooring," as each block was an original design.

Once across the entry floor, the group gathered at a display about 9,000-plus-year-old Kennewick Man. The story of Kennewick Man continues to be controversial: where exactly was he from? Who were his people? Many questions remain unanswered, but it is known that sometime in his life, he suffered a crushed chest—based on healed-over broken ribs—and a two-inch-long spear point lodged in his right hip. The

bone had healed over the old injury, but it must have been a painful life.

An unplanned experience was the trip over the White Cable Bridge, linking Kennewick and Pasco. The surprise was a colorful display to increase awareness of breast cancer; the display covered the entire length of the bridge walkway.

The trip concluded at Sacagawea State Park, at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers. The interpretive center had displays about the native people who had gathered at that location for 10,000 years.

The Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery and their interpreter, Sa-

cagawea, had spent three days here exploring the area and trading with the locals in 1805.

The walking tour of the Maya Lin Confluence Art, "Story Circles," was brief, due to a light rain. The field trip was enhanced at every stop by knowledge shared by local Columbia River Historian Don Eppenbach of Irrigon.

For information about joining the Morrow County Historical Society or attending future field trips, contact Dave DeMayo, ddemayo@centurytel.net or 541 676 8017.

Annual historical society membership of \$5 ensures advance notice of field trips and meetings.

## Chamber lunch meeting

This week's lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will take place in conjunction with the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op's annual meeting on Thursday, Nov. 5, at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall.

Lunch will be provided and will be served at noon; the chamber will proceed with its standard all entities updates at that time, and the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op annual meeting will begin around 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to stay for both meetings as schedules allow.

## Park district to meet

The Willow Creek Park District will meet at 5:15 p.m. Nov. 10 at Heppner City Hall. This meeting is open to the public. The board will be discussing district business.



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