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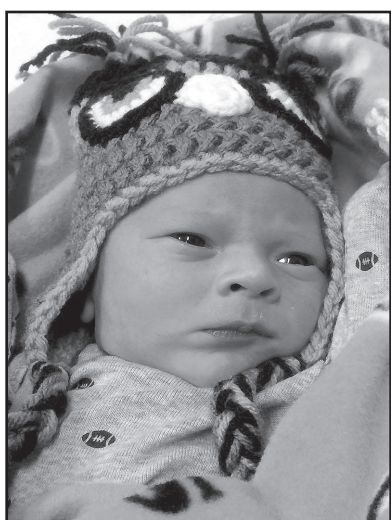
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Births

Jace Gene Thompson—Jason Thompson and Kaylee Lemmon of Lexington announce the birth of a son, Jace Gene Thompson. Jace was born Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 11:33 p.m. at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton; he weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.



Jace Gene Thompson

Grandparents are Dennis and Janet Thompson of Ione, and Will and Tonja Lemmon of Lexington. Great-grandparents are Donna Thompson of Ione and Larry Morisette of The Dalles, OR.

Also welcoming Jace are his aunts, Jennifer Campbell of Ione, Samm Lemmon of Heppner and Meranda Lemmon of Lexington, and uncles Curtis Thompson and Brennan Thompson, both of Ione, Lance Morisette of Bend, and Cory Morisette of Eugene.

Marriage Licenses

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

January 25, 2016: -Clifton Brent Shaw, 55, of Boardman and Fedelina Dag-Uman Mahalumbay, 47, of Limonan, San Miguel, Zamboanga Del Sur.

Shared ministry plans fifth Sunday worship at Hope

This Sunday, a fifth Sunday of the month, the Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church will gather for worship at Hope at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Following a potluck after the service, the two churches will have their first joint annual meeting to consider the next steps in their shared endeavor, now entering its 17th year.

More information about Shared Ministry activities is available by calling the church office at 541-676-9970.

Willa Mae (Johnson) Coe

Willa Mae (Johnson) Coe, 65, was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 21, 2016, after a battle with ovarian cancer. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 30, at 11 a.m. at Ione Community Church.

Willa Mae Johnson was born June 20, 1950 in Roseburg, OR to Lloyd M. Johnson and Norma N. Johnson. In her childhood years, Willa created valuable friendships and inspirational bonds with childhood friends. While in high school, she moved to Ione. She fell in love with the small town and knew she would return one day. She graduated from Ione High School in 1968 and continued her education at the Oregon Teachers' College, where she obtained her teaching degree. In her first marriage she raised two children and lived on a farm where she shared her love of the outdoors and all animals with her family.

On August 17, 2003 she married again to Donald E. Coe, who shared her love and importance of family and friends. Willa retired from the Salem-Keizer School District after more than 20 years of service in 2007. She then moved back to Ione, where Willa and Don bought the Woolery House Bed & Breakfast. In her spare time, she continued her love of teaching as a substitute teacher at Ione Community School. Soon after, Donald and Willa purchased the Ione Market & Deli where they both loved helping the small town out with anything they could.



Willa Mae (Johnson) Coe

Willa was diagnosed with stage 3C ovarian cancer in July 2013. She went into remission twice, with Donald and her children always by her side. She was diagnosed for the third time on December 21, 2015. Willa was determined to fight the disease for her grandchildren. She went to Salem to visit her grandchildren before she began treatment, when her health began to rapidly decline. When doctors explained to the family there was no other option due to the severity of her illness, her children took her to her son's home to be more comfortable.

Her family and friends will always remember Willa as a gentle-hearted woman who never had a negative thing to say, the one who always had the right thing to say and who would always positively impact every person she came in contact with.

Willa was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lloyd and Mina Johnson, and Perry and Lily Mae Broadwater, and by her husband, Donald E. Coe.

She is survived by her parents, Lloyd and Norma N. Johnson; daughter, Heather Metcalfe and significant other Jim Holtz; son, Michael Metcalfe and wife Julie; son Jason Coe and wife Jodi; half-brother Bill Johnson and wife Janette; and all of her grand and great-grandchildren: Shannon and Cruze Metcalfe, Theodore Goldsworthy, Kaiden and Kamryn Cook, Ryder and Brody Coe, and great-grandson Ryley Metcalfe...with many more to come.

Greenup recognized for academic excellence

Blake Ann Greenup of Heppner was named to the Academic Excellence list of Southwestern Oregon Community College for fall term 2015-2016. To be named to the Academic Excellence list, students must achieve a 4.0 GPA while taking 12 or more credits.

According to the college, this is not the first time on the Academic Excellence list for Greenup, who is a sophomore at SOCC, majoring in business management. Greenup is the daughter of Travis and Tiffanie Greenup of Heppner.

Church speaker seeks to revive Oregon's faith roots

Aaron Auer from Reviving Oregon's Amazing Roots (ROAR) will address the Lexington Community Bible Church this Sunday, Jan. 31, at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Auer and John Sutton founded ROAR Oregon in 2008. The organization's founders say it "commemorates the labors and achievements of Oregon's heroic pioneers of faith, especially the missionaries, ministers, and circuit-riding preachers of the gospel."

Auer has met personally with 40 members of the Oregon house and senate, as well as having preached on several reservations, more than 100 churches in various denominations, and various other venues throughout the northwest.

Morrow SWCD board to meet

The Morrow SWCD will hold a regular board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Ag Service Center conference room, 430 W Linden Way, Heppner, beginning at 6 p.m.

Time will be set aside at the beginning of the SWCD meeting to receive comments from the public.

The agenda for the meeting includes review and approval of the minutes of the Dec. 15 regular meeting and Fiscal year 14/15 annual meeting, bank reconciliation for December and January, budget versus actual report, staff reports, partner reports, election of 2016 officers and committee members, and discussion and approval of an easement document allowing the Heppner Fire Department access to Highway 74 across Morrow SWCD property.

A board position representing the Irrigon area remains vacant.

Meetings of Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

Funeral Notice

Kenneth Peck—Memorial service with military honors for Clinton Kenneth "Ken" Peck will be held Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Community Bible Church in Lexington. Mr. Peck died Saturday, January 2, 2016 at Heppner. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Lexington rabbit garners Best in Show awards



Kathy Tellechea and ARBA judge Cliff Dick after KT's Town Gossip won a double Best in Show with over 2,000 rabbits entered at the Icicle Shows in Monroe, WA. -Contributed photo

KT's Bunny Barn, co-owned by Kathy Tellechea and Pamela Renfro in Lexington, ended another successful year of showing their Mini Rex rabbits by winning a double Best in Show at the Icicle Shows in Monroe, WA with KT's Town Gossip, broken black senior doe. More than 2,000 rabbits were entered in the show.

Town Gossip continued her winning streak on Jan. 16 with her third straight Best in Show at the Snowflake Shows in Spokane, WA.

Tellechea and Renfro have the only Mini Rex herd in the United States certified with the Gold Star ranking by the American Rabbit Breeders Association. This means that all their brood stock are registered grand champions. To become a grand champion, a rabbit has to win at least three times under two different judges, and one win has to be obtained when the rabbit is more than six months in age.

"It is an accomplishment that we are very proud of," said Tellechea.

Neighborhood Center Bag Sale Feb. 3

The Neighborhood Center's monthly \$10 bag sale will be on Wednesday, Feb. 3. The sale includes all clothing, shoes and books. Items on the tables are 50 percent off.

The Neighborhood Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The food pantry closes at 4 p.m.

ANIMAL RESCUE

THERE IS A NEED IN MORROW COUNTY FOR SHELTERING UNWANTED PETS. IT WILL TAKE A GROUP OF LIKE MINDED PEOPLE TO PUT THIS INTO ACTION; IF YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN MAKING THIS A REALITY PLEASE CALL APRIL OR JOHN 541-676-9000.

Join us for **Valentine's Day 2016**
February 14th

Valentine's Breakfast \$10.95
Rib Eye, Hashbrowns, 2 eggs, toast & Coffee

Valentine's Dinner \$14.95
Choice of Pork Loin, Seafood Alfredo, Steak or Prime Rib
Choice of Potato- Twice-Baked, Baked or Mashed
Garlic Bread - Soup & Salad -Dessert

MUSTANG DINNER

ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE: **MONDAYS AT 5:00**

Nadine Ball Cancer Benefit

Soup Feed - 5 pm
\$5 per person

Bingo fundraiser - 6 pm
\$10 for all night play

PRIZES will be awarded!

Saturday Jan. 30th

Lexington Grange
66296 Marquardt Rd
For more information:
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All proceeds will go directly to Nadine to pay for treatment.