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Funerals

Darin J. Skaggs—Darin J. Skaggs, 31, of Pendleton, OR, formerly of Heppner, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 at Seattle, WA. He was born May 14, 1985 at Heppner.

Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Darin Skaggs Memorial Fund c/o any Bank of Eastern Oregon branch.

A complete obituary will follow in next week's Gazette-Times. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Rea named Neighborhood Center board president

The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County recently nominated Leann Rea as the new board president.

Barb Orwick, who previously held the position as president for two terms, serves as the new vice president. Judy Cowett will carry out her last term as the secretary of the board.

The Neighborhood Center assists the low income of South Morrow County with once-a-year utility and rental assistance. The thrift store is dependent on community donations of household items, clothing and furniture in good condition.

From what is sold in the thrift store, groceries costing up to \$1,000 a month

are distributed to those who need food assistance. The profits from the monthly \$15 bag sale, held the first Wednesday of every month, help fund the monthly grocery cost of the pantry. The sales from donated items make it possible to assist the 70-plus families in Heppner, Lexington, Ione and Hardman. Donations of canned food and paper or plastic bags are always appreciated.

Anyone in need of food assistance and wanting to know if they qualify, contact Lisa Patton, coordinator, at 541-676-5024. The Neighborhood Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Historical society meeting rescheduled

The Morrow County Historical Society meeting that had to be rescheduled from Jan. 8 has been moved to March 12. The group will be meeting at 2 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church in Irrigon.

The agenda includes a finance report, personnel roster update, liaison with the Hardman Community Center and the Lexington Grange, planning for upcoming Wellspring and Whitman Mission trips and a museum webpage.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

**President's Day
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Obituaries

Troy Elmore McGowan

Troy Elmore McGowan, 90, of Boardman, long-time resident of Hermiston, died Sunday, February 12, 2017 at home. A graveside service with military honors will be held on Saturday, February 18, at 2 p.m. at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla, OR.

He was born April 12, 1926 in Texline, TX and was raised by his grandmother Suella Stewart. Forced to leave the Texas panhandle by the Great Depression, they joined the rest of the Stewart family, who had gone ahead to Dayton, OR. Troy grew up with the Stewart boys, Bill, Dub, Charley, Jack and Tom, who all mutually considered themselves as brothers. Later in life they owned and operated the Stewart's Supermarkets in Pendleton, Hermiston and

Umatilla. After serving in the United States Navy in World War II, he came home and married his grade school sweetheart, Deanie Rae Lamb, on July 26, 1946 in Salem, OR. He graduated from Willamette University in 1949. Troy went



Troy Elmore McGowan

to serve in the United States Army during the Korean War and served his tour in Panama. He came home a First Lieutenant.

Troy was active in the Masonic Lodge Tuscan #136 in Umatilla, The Shriners, The Scottish Rite of Baker Valley, and the Eastern Star. His accomplishments in these organizations are too numerous to mention.

He loved to fish and hunt and travel with his Airstream trailer pulled by his old Ford pickup truck and spent many summers with Deanie on the Yellowstone. He loved to ride and he loved to shoot and he could do both at the same time.

He is survived by his children, Troy M. McGowan and his wife Judi of Salem, Kathie McGowan of Heppner, and Janet Taylor and husband Joe, also of Heppner; eight grandchildren, Troy McGowan IV, Patrick McGowan, Julie Taggart, Tracy Lehman, Trent Moses, Seth Moses, Kyle Moses and Crysti Taylor; numerous great-grandchildren; a few great-greats; and numerous nieces

and nephews. Troy is also survived by his companion, Shirley Donovan of Boardman, who remained faithfully by his side for 18 years.

Troy was preceded in death by his wife Deanie in 1989. He was also preceded in death by his brother Bill Stewart, his brother Charley Stewart, and his brother Jack Stewart.

Troy was a good soldier, a good Mason, and a good man. He will be missed by all he touched.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Shriner's Hospital or the charity of your choice. Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, OR is in charge of arrangements.

Remembrance walk, run planned for March 18

The weather finally cleared enough for the Friends Helping Friends committee to meet, and they members say planning for the St. Patrick's Day Remembrance Walk/5k Run is off to a great start.

Friends Helping Friends will gather at 8:30 a.m. March 18 at the Heppner United Methodist Church for social hour and registration prior to the walk/run. The walk and 5k run will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The committee says it is grateful for those who have pre-registered, and reminds everyone that the deadline for those wanting shamrocks is Feb. 25. Contact Susan Hisler at 541-676-5878 to arrange for a shamrock. Anyone who can help put up or take down shamrocks along the route is asked to call a Friends Helping Friends committee member, since a few extra hands are always welcome.

Those who don't need a shamrock can still honor



A large crowd gathered for last year's Remembrance Walk/5k Run in Heppner. The Friends Helping Friends committee is hoping for an even larger turnout for this year's event, which will benefit Asher Schonbachler's battle against Vanishing White Matter disease. -File Photo

someone with their donation. Each name honored will appear in the Gazette-Times following the March 18 Remembrance Walk/Run. FHF requests \$5 per name, or a donation of choice, to this year's cause. All proceeds from the 2017 event will go to help Asher Schonbachler fight Vanishing White Matter Disease. In addition, everyone is

encouraged to wear green, pink or blue to show their support for Asher.

Again this year is the chance for participants to win door prizes including gas cards, gift baskets by Judy Knight and Peggy Fishburn, John Deere items from Traci Dickenson McCready, Bucknum's gift certificates, Hattenhauer gas cards representing Lex-

ington and Condon stations, a Hamley's Steak House certificate and a \$200 Wild-horse package, to name a few.

To register for the walk, contact Hisler at the above number or email Kathi Dickenson at kathidickenson@hotmail.com. To register for the 5k run, email Janelle Ellis at orignelle@hotmail.com.

Fichter wins Asher's Army raffle quilt



Jimmy Fichter of Heppner (left) was the winner of the quilt created by Darlene Klock and Sheena Shank and raffled to benefit Asher's Army, Asher Schonbachler's battle against leukodystrophy. Asher and his mother Rachel Schonbachler (right) presented the quilt to Fichter at Artisan Village in Heppner Tuesday in a surprise presentation. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

Creth Harris birthday party this Sunday

A birthday celebration for Creth Harris's 100th birthday will be held Sunday, Feb. 19, from 2-4 p.m. at Hardman Community Center.

The family requests no gifts, but everyone is invited.

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