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# National Day of Prayer celebrated in Heppner Thursday

Locals will gather for a time of prayer at noon this Thursday, May 4, around the flag pole in Heppner's Heritage Park. The event, hosted by the South Morrow County Ministerial Association, is held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer; all who would like to participate are invited to attend.

# 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 on Friday, May 5, 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.

# Holly Rebekah last card party of the season Saturday

Holly Rebekah Lodge will host its last card party of the season on Saturday, May 6, at the lodge hall in Lexington. Play will start at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and includes snacks, prizes and lots of fun.

# HHS plant sale resumes this weekend

The Heppner High School Ag department invites community members to "come and get your spring on" at the annual HHS Plant Sale this weekend. The plant sale will be open on Friday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will include flowers ready to go out the door, hanging baskets and a variety of vegetable plants.

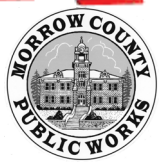


**Morrow County Road Dept. would like to remind all motorists that with any road maintenance project to be aware of the workers, they are very important to us.**

Watch for signs, flags and work-zone employees and equipment. Morrow County's goal is to provide a safe roadway. However, it is always up to the motorist to drive according to conditions. Be patient and plan ahead. Leave early if you know you will be driving through work zones. Please use extreme caution and common sense. They will do their best and would appreciate your patience

Temporary closers with grinding and reclamation will be taking place with in the next few weeks. Some areas to be aware of with some delays and partial closers are...  
**Laurel/Wilson Intersection in Boardman.**  
**Ione/Boardman Rd. (Juniper to Ella)**  
**Blackhorse east of Piper Canyon.**

Again be prepared and be safe. Questions or concerns may be addressed to 541-989-9500 Morrow County Road Department.



Obituaries

Frank L. Adams

Frank L. Adams, 86, passed away at St. Anthony Hospital Saturday, April 22, 2017. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

He was born on December 7, 1930 in Heppner, to parents Joseph and Ida Mae (Warren) Adams. Frank was raised in Hardman, OR, with two brothers and three sisters. He attended Hardman Elementary School until seventh grade, when his family then moved to Heppner.

Frank joined the United States Navy where he served as an Aviation Machinist on an aircraft carrier for four years from 1947-1951. He returned to Heppner after his honorable discharge, where he met and married Fern Biddle in 1953. Upon their marriage, the couple relocated to Pendleton, OR.


Prior to owning Western Glove, in which he served cities in Eastern Oregon for 20 years, he was a long-time employee for Firestone, where he got to know many of the Pendleton residents. After retiring from Western Glove he worked for Bon Bright Oil Company, where he enjoyed driving an 18 wheeler.

Frank enjoyed being a member of the BPOE for 57 years. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Pendleton Drum and Bugle Corps, where he proudly played his bugle.

Frank loved the game of golf and his weekly golfing trips with his buddies to Echo Golf Course, where he was a long-time member.

Frank is survived by his wife of 64 years, Fern; his children, daughter Teresa Stebbins and son Don Adams, both of Portland, OR; grandchildren, Sean Stebbins and Kaitlin Connelly of Portland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.



Frank L. Adams

# Historical society plans trip to Whitman Mission

The Morrow County Historical Society has announced it is planning an all-day trip to the Whitman Mission at Walla Walla, WA on Friday, May 19. Admission cost to the mission is \$8.

Thirteen spaces are currently available on the bus, which will depart from Heppner's St. Patrick's Senior Center at 8 a.m. that Friday, planning to arrive at the mission at 10 a.m. They plan to arrive back in Heppner around 5 p.m.

No food outlets are available near the mission, so participants are asked to bring their own lunches.

The sign-up sheet is at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Tipping the driver is at each passenger's discretion. Anyone with questions or concerns can call Dave DeMayo at 541-676-8017.

# MERKLEY TOWN HALL

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average American. "The president's budget is going to produce a lot of discussion and all I see is rural Oregon last," Merkley said. He did commend President Trump on changing his views on infrastructure and realizing that a public-private partnership probably would not work. "He is getting up to speed," Merkley said of Trump.

Heppner resident Chad DeFalco asked Merkley if he was in favor of single payer, or complete government takeover of the health care system. "I am a proponent of single payer, but we are a long way from there," Merkley said. "We need to drop Medicare down to 55 years old. There is great complexity in health care. It is a tangled web," Merkley said.

Merilee McDowell of Heppner said under Trump's budget money was being cut from research and she was concerned, especially about research into Multiple Sclerosis (MS). "If funds are cut we will go backward," said McDowell, who suffers from MS. She asked if it was possible to fix the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and not just throw it out. Merkley said he thought the ACA could be fixed.

Carol Michael of Boardman said she did not want to see funding cut for our national parks and historical sites. "We need to preserve our parks and history," she said.

Joe Miller of Heppner wanted to know why Merkley wastes the senate's time and holds his one-man filibuster in the senate to protest the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch. Merkley said he was upset that the Republicans had stalled President Obama's Supreme Court nominee at the end of Obama's term. "That was a terrible idea to do that and I wanted to draw as much attention as possible to what they did," Merkley said.

Neva DeMayo said she was recently in Canada and saw news reports that the U.S. plan to impose tariffs on lumber imports from that country would hurt the Canadian economy. "Their economy is being hurt because of the actions of our president," she said. "America has issues but should we be hurting our neighbors?" Merkley said on this issue he agreed with

# Grief support group this week

The Heppner area grief support group will meet at St. Patrick's Catholic parish hall this Thursday, May 4, at 12 p.m.

The group consists of a wide variety of people who have experienced an assortment of grief.

The group meets together in an attempt to help one another and others with their journeys. Each month they invite speakers who make it easier for them to be of service to others.

This month the group will hear from Kimberly Lindsay, who has been working at Community Counseling Solutions for 20 years.

She will speak on the grief that follows suicide and how to support individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide.

Lunch will be provided at noon with the presentation to follow.

Questions, please call Mary Ann Elguézabal, 541-676-5774, or Jean Adams, 541-676-5841.

President Trump on the soft wood tariff. "Canada has been cheating and the president called him on it. He did the right thing," Merkley said.

Merkley added that a lot of America's manufacturing has gone to countries without any standards such as environmental and worker's rights. Without these standards those countries are able to cut production costs and beat the U.S., Merkley pointed out. "Trump raised that issue during the campaign and I think that is the primary reason he is president today," Merkley said. "We need to not give advantages that put our companies out of business," he added.

Darlene Hansen told Merkely that she feels "It has been refreshing to have a president that gets things done. I am very happy with the cabinet." She said she likes the idea that Trump can negotiate and bring down government spending, and that "I am very pleased with his first 100 days. I wish the other side (Democrats) would work more with him to get things done," she added.

Merkley also talked about the current situation with North Korea, and the president's efforts with China to curtail their military threats. He said everyone needs to be very careful because the consequences of a war would be devastating.

Previous to the town hall meeting Merkley had met with about 10 local community leaders to hear their off-the-record concerns and questions.

# APRIL WEATHER

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curred on April 7.

The outlook for May from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner rise from 64 degrees at the start of May to 73 degrees at the end of May. Normal lows rise from 40 degrees to 47 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.66 inches.

# Community lunch menu

Christian Life Center volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, May 10, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include chicken parmigiana, spaghetti, green beans, sliced tomatoes, garlic bread and tiramisu.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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Saturday – May 13  
\$40 Buy-in at 5:30 pm  
Play begins at 6:00 pm  
Re-buy after first hour  
Location: Ione American Legion Hall  
Sandwich bar for dinner, cost is by donation  
Support our students raising money to attend the FFA national convention this fall.



LADIES' NIGHT  
Thursday, May 4th  
Lasagna  
lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert  
Prepared by Patti Pappas & Giselle Moses  
Starts at 6pm



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