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Obituaries

Herschel David McCurry

Herschel David McCurry, 77, of Heppner, died Sunday, Mar. 25 at his home. A private celebration of life service will be held in his honor.



Herschel was born Jan. 7, 1941 at Seneca, SC, the son of Benjamin and Lucy Quarles McCurry. He graduated from Clemson High School and attended Clemson College. He was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Merrick. Herschel was self-employed as a truck driver. As a child he lived in Seneca, South Carolina, but during his Navy career he fell in love with the state of

Oregon, living in Portland, Lakeview and Heppner. On Dec. 18, 1969, Herschel married Judy Kay Fricks in Waycross, GA.

Herschel is survived by his wife Judy, of Heppner; daughter, Melissa McCurry, son, David McCurry and his wife Michelle, daughter, Michele McCurry-Webb and her husband Donny, daughter, Kimberly McCurry-Weathers and her husband William; grandchildren, Cameron, Gibson, Tresslyn, Erica, Taylor, Lauren, Trevor, Kelsie, Gunnar, Kannan and Pistol, and one great-grandchild, Natasha.

Walla Walla community Hospice and Pioneer Memorial Hospice provided care and support.

The online condolence book is available at swee-nymortuary.com.

Leon Jay Ball

Leon Jay Ball, 70, died Mar. 21 at Monument, OR. He was born Apr. 22, 1947 at Pendleton to Leon Elmer Ball and Eugenia Elenore Biddle Ball.

Leon attended high school in Heppner and served two years in the Army. He was employed as a lineman for 10 years with Portland General Electric and 25 years with Umatilla Electric, retiring in 2005.

Survivors include his father, Leon, and brother Randy Wayne Ball, both of

Heppner. He was preceded in death by his mother, Eugenia "Jean" Ball, and brother Gary Otis Ball.



Leon Jay Ball

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and spending time in the mountains.

No service is planned at this time. Disposition was by cremation.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

St. Pat's visitors enjoy festivities despite problems

To the Editor,
We just want to let the townspeople know how much we enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day festivities and our trip from Idaho Falls was worth it. To all who worked on the parade, good job.

There was one downside to our long-planned trip, with the way one of your merchants treated us. In Dec. 2017, my husband began searching for the perfect birthday party for me and found Heppner. Dan found the Northwestern Motel and RV Park. I called the first week in Dec. and spoke with someone, reserving the Leaves and Tree room. I called again two weeks later to reconfirm as we were now mapping out a 10-day trip and getting very excited. I told the person answering we would call again on March 16th as we got closer to Heppner. On Friday, about 5 p.m. I called and the employee was very confused about our reservation and said he would have to call me back in 15 minutes. I refreshed his memory about the reservation. Dan and I knew then we no longer had a room.

The person called back saying, "My son worked the desk yesterday and somebody called and cancelled the reservation, putting their name on it. He just

thought it was you." He said, "Sorry about the mix up, I just don't want you to drive three more hours for nothing." I asked him if he could help us find another room. He said, "You want me to make a reservation for you?" I said yes. He said, "There are a couple other places, just call."

It was getting later and dark. Dan and I were not familiar with the area, but we knew we had to find help. We started a search and called the Oxford Suites getting Jake, who was on duty. He was perfect and got us in and the stress dissipated.

We visited Heppner on Saturday for my birthday party and it was obvious to the locals we were visitors. We had our dog with us and so many people introduced themselves and welcomed us. We told some of them about our experience at the hotel. The opinion was if you own the only hotel, you can treat anybody any way. A few mentioned we were probably sold out for a bigger rate.

We left Heppner with good feelings after all, but just wanted to let everyone know how one merchant treated us.

Dan and Teresa
Wallace
Idaho Falls, ID

Historical Society to meet

The quarterly meeting for the Morrow County Historical Society will be held Apr. 8 at 2 p.m. at Two Old Hags Pizza in Heppner.

Topics of discussion on the agenda will include field trips for 2018 and progress on the 2018 Chronicles to be published this summer.

Community lunch menu

Christian Life Center volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Apr. 4 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be ranch cheddar chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted broccoli and carrots, sliced tomatoes and hot rolls.

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

Neighborhood center to hold sale

The Neighborhood Center's \$15 bag sale will be held Wednesday, Apr. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come in and fill a brown bag with clothing, shoes and books for \$15. All other items in the store are 50 percent off.

Donations of gently used clothing and household items are accepted

Monday through Friday until closing. The Neighborhood Center is located at 441 N Main Street in Heppner. For additional information regarding services provided please call 541-676-5024.

The CAPECO food truck delivery is scheduled for Tuesday, Apr. 17.

Painting class offered

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will host a class for a "follow me" watercolor painting, a reverse glass painting or painting on cotton cloth in an embroidery hoop on Monday, Apr. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds annex.

Cost for the class is \$20 for non-members and free to members. Setup will begin at 8:30 a.m.

For additional information or for those interested in a future class for portrait painting, call Betty Mills at 541-676-5546.

Morrow SWCD to meet

The Morrow SWCD will hold its regular board of directors meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 3 at the Ag Service Center, 430 W Linden Way, Heppner, beginning at 6 p.m. Agenda items include minutes of the previous meeting, financial reports, partner reports, staff reports and an update on changes to directors zones and the district map.

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

Community breakfast planned for Easter morning

The Heppner Nazarene church, 335 Gilmore St, will be serving a community breakfast immediately following the Sunrise service on Easter morning. Fellowship will be provided along with food and coffee.

The Sunrise service begins at 7 a.m. in the grandstand at Les Payne Field.

Churches to hold Good Friday service

A collaboration of the area churches will host a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 30 at the Heppner Christian Church, 295 N Gale St.

Shared Ministry, Hope and All saints, Nazarene, Christian Life Center, Willow Creek Baptist and Heppner Christian welcome the community to attend.

Bank of Eastern Oregon supports schools

Bank of Eastern Oregon has announced its school mascot debit card program contributed over \$11,000 to Morrow County high school associated student body (ASB) organizations in 2017.

Initiated in September 2013, the Bank of Eastern Oregon mascot debit card program serves the Heppner, Riverside, Irrigon and Ione high school associate student body programs. In 2018 the service is expanding to support the ASB programs of Weston-McEwen High school in Athena. Since inception, the school mascot debit card program has contributed over \$27,000 to these ASB programs.

The program generates five cents per transaction performed with each school

mascot card to that schools program and the \$10 annual renewal fee for each card also goes directly to the ASB.

"This program is a great way for local fans to show support for their local school and demonstrates the bank's commitment to helping our local communities prosper through a robust activities program at every school. We encourage everyone in the surrounding communities to sign up for a mascot card supporting their school... as you can see, five cents per transaction adds up," said Gary Prophet, EVP and Chief Operations Officer.

For more information and to get your school card, visit your local Bank of Eastern Oregon branch.

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VETERANS PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday April 4th
9:30 a.m. - Irrigon Library

9:30 a.m. Senior Tax Deferral and Veteran Tax Exemption - Morrow Co. Tax Assessors Office
10 a.m. Willamette National Cemetery Presentation Veteran/Family Burial Benefits - Traci Logan
10:45 a.m. Oregon Veterans Home, The Dalles Michael Springston, Program Director will present information on the facility and answer questions.
11:15 p.m. Senior Scams- Don't be a victim! - Sergeant Bryan Maess
(If there is time) **VA Healthcare Tips**- Morrow County Veterans Services

Community Counseling Solutions

Please join us in celebrating the opening of our new office!!

Monday, April 2nd
Ribbon cutting ceremony at noon
Open house from noon—2:00pm
Appetizers and refreshments will be served
550 Sperry Street - Heppner