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Obituaries

Ruby Steers

Ruby Fay Steers, age 91, of Clinton, AR passed away Saturday, Feb. 2. Ruby was born Aug. 6, 1927 at Rex, AR to James Edmond Blaney and Eva Myrtle Jones Blaney. She was married to Samuel Agustos Steers Oct. 2, 1942. They had no children.

Ruby worked as a child nutritionist in the Oregon school systems for many years. She was also a missionary to children in the Philippines.



Ruby Steers

She was a member of Clinton Assembly of God Church, serving and loving the Lord for many years. When asked how she was doing, she would reply, "Almost perfect." Now she is.

Cremation service is under the direction of Roller-McNutt Funeral Home.

Steers was preceded in death by her husband, mother, father and six sisters. She is survived by two sisters, Sue Hoyle and Betty Price, both of Bee Branch, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

~ 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.

Morrow County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council created

To the editor:
The Morrow County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) was created by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 423.560. Designed to include a large cross section of experienced public safety officials, the group meets regularly to plan adult and juvenile criminal justice policies and make recommendations to the county board of commissioners. This collaboration results in coordinated responses to issues and improved outcomes in the public safety system. LPSCC members develop policies that are functional and practical, non-partisan and focused on advancing a healthier, safer quality of life in Morrow County.

Some items to be aware of:

1. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners is the executive branch of the county. The Democratic process depends upon informed decision making by the commissioners. The LPSCC is comprised of

elected officials and agency directors who are experts in their fields. They come together to make recommendations to the board of commissioners on issues affecting public safety.

2. Through a collaborative process, LPSCC determined the following were goals for 2019: Behavioral health resources and statutory changes to increase community safety and activities and programming for juveniles outside of school hours.

3. As a resident of Morrow County, your opinion matters. Public input is always welcomed at board of commissioner's meetings and at LPSCC meetings. The meeting information is public record and is on the county's website. The next LPSCC meeting is on March 26 at noon at the Port of Morrow.

Jessy Rose, LPSCC Coordinator

Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow Counties

Association of Oregon Counties

Nordic club finds new snow

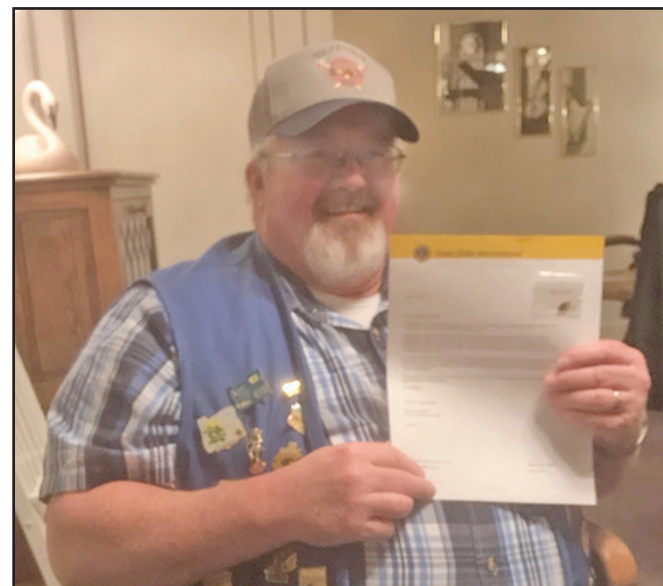


Pictured (L-R): Luanne Brownfield, Kristy Crowell, Jacob and Tripp Finch, Dan VanLiew and Steve Brownfield.

The Ar buckle Nordic Club found new snow and acceptable weather conditions on their Saturday, Feb. 23 ski trip.

The group began at Sunflower Flat (22) Road and skied east on 2122 road to the head of Rough Canyon where they stopped for a lunch break. They then skied south down Rough Canyon to the 071 road and then back to their vehicles.

Estes receives 35-year pin



Long-time Heppner Lions Club member Rusty Estes received his 35-year membership pin at a club meeting last week. The club supports sight and hearing assistance for those who cannot afford it, and members also hold fundraisers to provide yearly scholarships to Heppner High School graduating seniors. The Lions Club welcomes new members and anyone wishing to join this worthwhile organization is urged to contact club secretary/ treasurer Steve Rhea at 541-980-4232.

4-H group goes on field trip



Pictured (L-R): Harley Anderson, KC Anderson, Hannah Palmer, Riley Palmer, Jennifer Palmer, Lizzy Finch, Hannah Smith, Reece Houck, Anna Browne, Aubrey Smith, Lita Nelson, Kasey Salgado, Savannah Browne, Ellie Sak, Nancy Jepsen, Kyra Shockman, Jolene Serrano, Erin Anderson, Brionna Serrano, Darby Spivey, Stefanie Spivey, Preslie Bowles and Julianna Chappel.

Morrow County 4-H sewing members embarked on a field trip to Tri-Cities last week to obtain ideas for upcoming projects. Members from Heppner, Ione and Boardman met at Columbia Center mall to gather ideas for their fashion projects prior to going to JoAnn's Fabric for their purchases.

The event was organized by Nancy Jepsen and was attended by several parents. The county 4-H fashion revue will be held in Heppner on Aug. 12.

Chamber Chatter

Wednesday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Agriculture Energy and Processing Job Fair at the SAGE Center. Stop by and learn about local career opportunities, meet with employers who are actively hiring and identify education and training for high demand positions.

Fridays, March 8, 22 and 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Heppner City Hall, Free In-Person Tax Preparation Service. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation to any-

one of any age, especially for those 50 or older or can't afford paid tax preparation.

Saturday, March 9, 15th Annual Bob Baker Memorial Texas Hold'em Poker, Bingo and Bunco Fundraiser at the Ione American Legion Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. for meal and bake sale, 6 p.m. sign up to play and at 6:30 p.m. play begins. Poker buy in, with re-buy available until 7:30 p.m., is \$40 and Bunco buy in is \$10. Bingo is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Bunco from 7:30 to 9.

There will be a pig and beef raffle with two drawings each for 1/2 pork and beef, cut and wrapped. Raffle tickets selling for \$1 each or six for \$5 are available at Ione Market, Ione MCGG, at the door or from Legion and Auxiliary members.

March 14-17, 37th Annual Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland St. Patrick's celebration. The event will begin with Father Condon's play on Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Information regarding event schedules and registration will be available soon.

Annual lunch cancelled

Due to the weather the annual luncheon for the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group that was to be held on Thursday, Feb. 28 has been cancelled. The luncheon will be rescheduled.

Working Together to be a Healthier Community Today and TOMORROW

MARCH is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

With an emphasis on screening and prevention, the colorectal cancer survival rate has increased in the last 20 years. It's also important that you be aware of the symptoms of the disease and share what you're experiencing with a healthcare professional. Don't feel embarrassed. Your life may depend on it and your loved ones will be so happy you spoke up!

Join us at these locations for refreshments and an informative discussion about colorectal cancer, plus instruction on how to use an at-home screening kit

Irrigon Medical Clinic
March 14 / 4p - 6p

Pioneer Memorial Clinic, Heppner
March 14 / 2p - 4p

Ione Community Clinic, Ione
March 14 / 11a - 1p



Have Questions? Please call: 541-922-2623 HealthyMC.org

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