

Obituaries

# Gerald (Jerry) Allen Davidson

Gerald (Jerry) Allen Davidson passed away at his home on Jan. 16. He was born Sept. 28, 1944 in Pendleton to George Davidson and Anna Marie Johnston. He was raised by his grandmother, Mabel Davidson on the farm out of Ione.

He graduated from Ione High School in 1962. Jerry married Judy Morgan in 1964 and they moved to Portland in 1965 where he was a diesel mechanic

for several different truck companies. They had two children, Duane Davidson and LaDawna Rider (Bob). According to a family member, Davidson enjoyed his six grandkids and four great-grandkids. He was preceded in death by his brother, Michael; parents and grandmother. The family will hold a celebration of life this summer, with a date and time to be provided at a later date.

# Larry Dwight Day

Larry Dwight Day, 83, formerly of Pilot Rock, died Sunday, March 3 at his home in Heppner. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m. at the Christian Life Center in Heppner. A reception will immediately follow the service and the public is invited.

Day was born July 11, 1935 at Lyman, NE, the son of Abrey and Alice West Day. The family moved to Oregon when Larry was six months old. They lived in Oregon City and Molalla where he graduated from Molalla High School.

Larry worked as a sheet metal worker and was self-employed. On March 14, 1969 he married Charlene O'Brien at Oregon City. March 14, 2019 would have been the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary for Charlene and Larry.

He loved hunting, spending time with family

and friends, going to the mountains, following the grandkids and great-grandkids sports activities and time spent in his shop.

Larry is survived by his wife, Charlene Day of Heppner; stepsons, Rusty Britt and his wife Kathy of Lexington, Rick Britt and his wife Shelli of Heppner; step-daughter Mindy Britt Costner, also of Heppner; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Caroline Day and Cheryl Alphin.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to your favorite charity.

The online condolence book is available at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).

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

Saturday, March 9, 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Saturday, March 9, Wildhorse 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fireworks show.

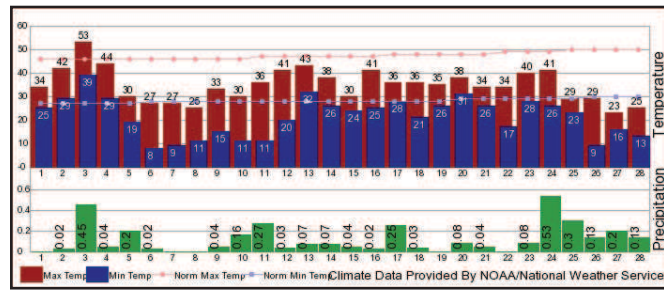
March 14-17, 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland St. Patrick's celebration. The event will begin with Father Condon's play on Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Contact the Heppner Chamber for information on entering or registering for the Team Bed Races, O'Planky Races, Road Bowling and Welly Toss.

# Community lunch menu

United Methodist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, March 13 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, celery, onions, orange beets and rye bread.

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

# February wettest on record



According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged much colder than normal during the month of February.

The average temperature was 28.1 degrees which was 9.7 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 34.8 degrees, which was 12.6 degrees below normal. The highest was 53 degrees on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Low temperatures averaged 21.3 degrees, which was 6.9 degrees below normal. The lowest was 8 degrees, on the 6<sup>th</sup>. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> coldest February on record. The coldest was 22.4 degrees in 1936.

There were 26 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There were 10 days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 3.20 inches during February, which was 2.08 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation, at least .01 inch, was received on 23 days with the heaviest, 0.53

inches reported on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation this year has reached 4.26 inches, which is 1.67 inches above normal. This was the wettest February on record. The previous wettest was 2.69 inches in 2000. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 8.27 inches, which is 1.62 inches above normal.

Snowfall totaled 31 inches with at least 1 inch of snow reported on 9 days. The heaviest snowfall was 5.5 inches reported on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The greatest depth of snow on the ground was 13 inches on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The highest wind gust was 50 mph which occurred on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

The outlook for March from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for below normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner rise from 51.0 degrees at the start of March to 58.0 degrees at the end of March. Normal lows rise from 30.0 degrees to 36.0 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.52 inches.

# Arts and crafts for sale during St. Pat's

The Morrow County Creative Artists will be in the front part of the St. Patrick's Senior Center at 190 N. Main St. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 15 and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. Some artists will be in the front room and some will be in the front hall.

Items for sale will include dressed teddy bears, fairy wands and barbed-

wire sculptures of wreaths and crosses done by JoAnn and Don Shannon.

Dave Williams will have wood items and leather billfolds and Carmen Williams will have crocheted towels, blankets and pillows. Darla Hanson will have a variety of different paintings.

Everyone is invited to stop by to see what the local people are doing.

# Cemetery district meeting scheduled

The Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Agenda items include minutes of previous meeting, financial report, 19/20 budget discussion and cemetery operations.

The meeting will be held at the Ag Service Building conference room at 430 W Linden Way. Meetings of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District are open to the public according to ORS 192.640(1). For additional information, contact Janet Greenup at 541-561-6768.

# Irish coffee hour and CEILI scheduled

The Irish Coffee hour will be held upstairs in the Elks Lodge from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Mar. 16 and will be led by Tom Melton with jokes and stories shared by Rep. Greg Walden, attorney Bill Kuhn and Father Condon. Whiskey for Breakfast will entertain with Irish songs and the leprechauns will make an appearance. Joe Lindsay and other Irishmen

or family will be singing and the Irish Brogue Contest (Blarney) will allow the audience to tell the best blarney stories for a chance to win gold coins.

The CEILI will run from 2 to 4 p.m. and will also include entertainment from Whiskey for Breakfast, Joe Lindsay and a few songs from Tiller's Folly. One button winner will be drawn at the CEILI.

# Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, March 7 at noon at the Heppner City Hall conference room. It will be all entities reports.

Lunch will be provided by Breaking Grounds for \$10 per person. The menu will be a taco salad and a cookie. RSVP's are required.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.

Births

**Adelynn Grace Wimer** – Jimmy and Heidi Wimer, Heppner, announce the birth of a daughter, Adelynn Grace Wimer. Adelynn was born Feb. 25 at 10:38 p.m. at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, WA, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measuring 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Randy and Joni Scharfenberg, Fairbanks, AK.



Adelynn Grace Wimer

**Robert Patrick (Bobby) Kilkenny** – Conor and Gabriella Kilkenny of Portland, OR announce the birth of a son, Robert Patrick (Bobby) Kilkenny. Bobby was born Feb. 25 in Portland, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces. He joins an older brother Mac, 4.

Grandparents are John and Diane Kilkenny, Heppner and Dick and Kathy McGregor, Portland. Great grandparents are Vesta Kilkenny, Portland; Loren Henderson, Florida; the late Bob Kilkenny, Heppner and the late June Hammons, Kennewick, WA.



Robert Patrick (Bobby) Kilkenny

# Remembrance walk to happen rain or shine

The annual Friends Helping Friends Remembrance Walk and social hour will be held no matter what the weather brings. Due to colored photos that could be ruined by rain or moisture, shams will be put out in the Methodist Church basement if necessary. If the weather cooperates, shams will be hung on Friday as usual.

Those planning to

attend the event should pre-register by mailing registration forms to Kathi Dickenson, Box 566, Heppner, OR 97836. The cost is \$5 per person, with children accompanied by an adult free. Participants will be required to sign-in Saturday morning and pick up their commemorative Remembrance bracelet. Bracelets must be worn by all who participate in the event.

# Ash Wednesday service to be held

Hopeful Saints Ministry will hold an Ash Wednesday service with communion and the imposition of ashes on Mar. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Episcopal building on the corner of Church and Gale.

Also at the Episcopal building, beginning Mar. 13 and continuing throughout Lent, there will be a weekly gathering at 6 p.m. for soup, a brief study and vespers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday, Mar. 6, marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a 40-day period when many Christians

set aside time to reassess their lives in preparation for Easter. The first day of Lent is known as Ash Wednesday, named for the ashes that trace the sign of the cross on a person's forehead with sobering words from Genesis: Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. If the imposition of ashes is a meaningful sign, but you cannot attend an Ash Wednesday service, look for "Ashes to Go" on Main Street Wednesday, Mar. 6 between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

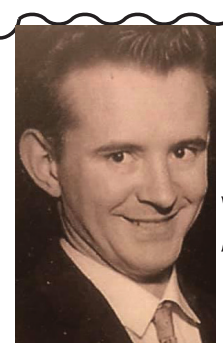
# Three-on-three tournament returns

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual St. Patrick's Day three-on-three basketball tournament, hosted by the Heppner Mustang boys' basketball teams, will be held Friday, Mar. 15 at the Heppner High School gymnasium at 5 p.m.

Doors open and registration will begin at 4:30 with game play at 5 p.m.

Each team is allowed three or four players and the cost to participate is \$10 per player. The event is open to anyone, third grade through adult.

The tournament is a major fundraiser for the boys' basketball teams and everyone is invited to attend.



**Time to celebrate!**  
Join us to celebrate the **Birthday of Joe Miller**

**March 9th 1pm**  
**Heppner Elks**  
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