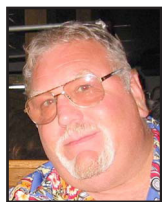


**Obituaries**

# Charles "Chuck" Alfred Nelson

Charles "Chuck" Alfred Nelson, farmer, husband and grandfather was called home on April 17. He was born Aug. 8, 1950 to Norman and Jean (McElhinny) Nelson. Knowing how to make an entrance, he was one of the first babies born in the newly built Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.



Charles Alfred Nelson

OSU Agricultural Alumni Association. He also helped form the OSU Alumni Marching Band, which was a great joy for the whole family. Many fall afternoons were spent watching football games and marching in the alumni band through the tailgate section near Reser Stadium.

Being ever present in the community, Chuck was an active member of the local 4-H chapter, Lexington Grange, and the United Church of Christ (Ione Community Church). He was an unforgettable friend within his small close-knit class of twelve. After graduating from Ione High School in 1968, Chuck pursued higher education at Oregon State University. While in college he continued his passion for community involvement. Chuck was a member of the agricultural honorary Alpha Zeta and the sophomore honorary Thanos and Talons. He also played sax for the OSU Marching Band and the OSU Dixieland Pep Band. In the spring of 1972, Chuck graduated college with a B.A. in Agromonomical Crop Science and began his next adventure.

Following college, he joined the U.S. Army, where he was trained in artillery computers. He was stationed at Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> Corps Artillery, Darmstadt, West Germany where he met his future wife, Ann Lisa Maness. Chuck loved to say, "Where would a boy from Oregon meet a girl from North Carolina but in Germany." He would re-tell how they met hundreds of times over the years, always with a twinkle in his eye and a glowing smile.

Following his tour in the Army, Chuck returned to Morrow County to join the family farm with his father on property outside of Lexington and Ione. Chuck married the love of his life, Ann Lisa Maness in the Ione United Church of Christ on June 19, 1976.

While running the farm, Chuck worked extensively with the Oregon Wheat Growers Association. He served on the board of directors for six years as well as the Morrow County Wheat League president. One of his proudest moments was winning the State Conservation Farmer of the Year award in 1992.

He also continued to be an active Oregon State University alumnus. In 1983, Chuck helped found the

# Joan Marie Howell

Joan Marie Howell, 71, of Monument passed away Feb. 17 at her home. A Celebration of Life and potluck will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 1 p.m. at the Monument City Park in Monument.

She was born Dec. 13, 1947 in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Lewis and Gertrude Miller. She was the fourth of five siblings. The family moved from Missouri to Long Beach, CA, then in 1962 they made the move to Grant County, OR to the W4 Ranch.

Joan attended Monument School where she met Sam Howell and they married in 1964. Sam and Joan had two children, Sandy in 1965 and Sammy in 1968.

She was a jack of many trades. She worked in the mint fields planting mint for Paul Jewell, cooked at the school and then in 1993 she went to work for Thomas Orchards. She did every-

thing from staking, planting and fertilizing trees to working the fruit stand, sorting and working in the kitchen drying and canning fruit, making jams and pie filling and pies.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents; a brother; sisters, Dorothy Richards and Carol Williamson and her husband Sam Howell.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandy McKinney of Prineville, OR; a son, Sammy Howell of Monument, OR; grandsons, James Jewell of Prairie City, OR and DJ Howell of Monument; granddaughter, Jessica Hemphill of Powell Butte, OR and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Monument EMTs, 50214 Hwy 402, Monument, OR 97864

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

# Judith Shannon

Judith (Paine) Shannon, 76, of Everett, WA died, Saturday, January 26 at an Everett hospital. A Celebration of Life will be held May 4 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Heppner, with a reception

to follow in the church basement fellowship hall.

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

# Republican committee to meet

The Morrow County Republican central committee will meet in Irrigon on Friday, April 26 at the Irrigon Community Baptist Church community room at 6 p.m. The agenda will include a brief overview of the State Republican Central meeting that recently occurred at the Evergreen Air and Space Museum in McMinnville. Guest speaker was (Ret) Lt. Col Oliver North. Discussions will include our Morrow County upcoming planned Republican fund raiser. We will also discuss our efforts to

recruit additional Precinct Committee Persons (PCPs) in each of our county precincts and ways to grow our local Republican party.

Snacks will be provided at the meeting and all registered Morrow County Republicans are invited to attend, as well as anyone interested in becoming a Precinct Committee Person (PCP).

For additional information contact Ken Matlack Morrow County Republican central committee chairman at 541-314-5101 or 541-922-5173.

## Funeral Services

**Peggy Michel** – a remembrance service will be held for Peggy Michel in the dining room at the St. Patrick's senior center on Thursday, April 25 at 2 p.m.

**Gary H. Robinson** – A memorial graveside service with military honors for Gary H. Robinson will be held Saturday, April 27 at 1 p.m. at the High View Cemetery in Ione. A reception will follow at the Ione American Legion Hall. Mr. Robinson died at Pahrump, NV on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 at the age of 76.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ione American Legion Post 95, PO Box 384, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

## Community lunch menu

Nazarene/Christian volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, May 2 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be a build your own taco bar, Mexican rice, 7-layer salad, Pico de Gallo, tortillas and ice cream for dessert.

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

## Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has released the following information:

**January 29 (cont.):** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at SW Wyoming Ave, Irrigon of a dog at large.

-MCSO received a report at Willow Creek Waterpark on NW Riverside Ave, Heppner that there is a large black pig roaming the highway. Pig went back into its pen.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a red four-wheeler went off of Seventh across the field to California. No helmet. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on SE Gilmore St, Heppner that respondent had asked a church member to deliver paperwork to her. She is not sure if that is a violation of restraining order. Under investigation.

-MCSO received a report on SE Gilmore St, Heppner that someone came to her residence and tried to sell her Dish TV. When she asked if he was with Dish or Direct he said no, that he was employed b himself. She found this suspicious. Under investigation.

-MCSO received a re-

port at Heppner Fire Dept on NW Riverside Ave, Heppner that two dark brown horses are out on the Hwy heading toward the golf course. Owner of the horses came out and got them.

-MCSO received a report at Willow Creek Reservoir on Willow Creek Rd, Heppner that a dog was hit at the park by the dam. She advised the dog was deceased and it was her friend's dog. Under investigation.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a vehicle went through his neighborhood going 45-55 mph.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a black Dodge Dakota flew down towards Tenth.

-MCSO received a report on Rippee Rd, Boardman that a suspicious male is in the construction area that is non-authorized.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that the blue T-Bird that lives off Utah and Division came flying down Utah and slammed on its brakes. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 74, Ione that he can see a car light on the Hwy with people walking up and down the highway. MCSO advised vehicle was with ODOT, no emergency.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman of a single vehicle MVA that flipped on the guard rail, knocked over. Possibly leaking, unknown injuries.

**January 30:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on NW Gale St, Heppner that sometime yesterday her vehicle was hit in the back fender, believes it was either at Murray's while she was at work or at CCS, looks like a hitch hit it.

-MCSO received a report at Irrigon Shell Station, E Hwy 730, Irrigon that on the east side of Irrigon Shell is a suspicious vehicle. Male was sleeping, advised he was going to a friend's house.

-MCSO received a report on Depot Ln, Irrigon that he had five weapons stolen from his gun rack at his residence. RP had left his residence unsecure,

doors were unlocked. Not stolen, sister took items for safekeeping.

-MCSO received a report at NW Morgan St/NW Riverside Ave, Heppner of a suspicious character in the area. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on Wilson Ln, Boardman of 77-year-old male with possible heart attack. Transported.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, Boardman of black Honda failing to maintain lane, going to both lanes and onto the shoulder. Deputy made contact with male driver at Love's truck stop. He stopped to rest as he has sleep apnea.

-MCSO received a report at Irrigon High School, SE Wyoming Ave, Irrigon of minor in possession of alcohol/tobacco.

-MCSO received a report at AC Houghton on NE Main Ave, Irrigon that a Chevy Silverado almost ran over a male on the road, speeding going 85-90.

-MCSO received a report on Doolittle Canyon Ln, Heppner that he has recordings of the dogs barking constantly.

# Heed the Warning!

This sign - which is posted at substations and near other electrical equipment - means what it says. Electricity is deadly, and should always be respected. Take this warning seriously, and teach young children - even those too young to read - to recognize the warning sign and steer clear of the hazard.



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*John Murray*

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