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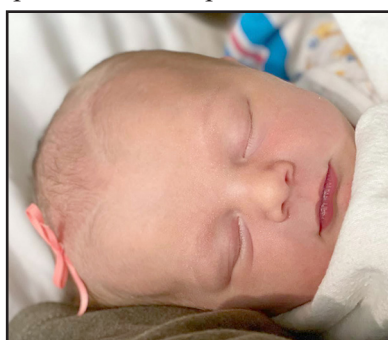
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Births

Sophie Grace Sykes was born Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 1:46 p.m., to Christopher and Rachel Sykes, Pendleton, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. She weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz and measured 21 inches long.



Sophie Grace Sykes

She joins a brother, Waylon, age two. Grandparents are David and April Sykes, Heppner, and Mark Parm, Pendleton.

Houser donates books to school library



Bob Houser (right), CEO of Morrow County Health District and Stephanni McAninch (left), HJSHS Library Technician. Houser recently donated health education and leadership books from his personal collection to the Heppner Jr/Sr High School Library. The books will be helpful to students exploring health related career fields. -Contributed photo.

Slottee Memorial scholarship available

The South Morrow County Scholarship Committee will be accepting scholarship applications for The Beth Slottee Memorial scholarship. It is available to students entering their junior year, senior year or graduate school at an accredited college. The student must be majoring or minoring in music, but if no applicants are available, it may be awarded to a student majoring or minoring in education. The scholarship appli-

cation can be found on the Heppner Jr Sr High School website under Menu; Information Center; College and Career, then select the Common Local Scholarship Application.

The application and an unofficial transcript must be emailed to Brandi Sweeney at brandi.sweeney@morrow.k12.or.us no later than 5 p.m. on September 24. For more information contact Brandi Sweeney at 541-256-0358.

Tricia "TJ" Jeannine Hunt Robinson

Tricia "TJ" Jeannine Hunt Robinson passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family, on August 29, 2020, at the age of 68. TJ, who was also known as Tricia, Jeannine, or even Ninker to family, was born on January 9, 1952 in The Dalles, OR to parents A. Dean and Lois (Key) Hunt of Lexington, OR.



TJ Robinson

TJ grew up in Lexington, where her parents owned and operated a wheat ranch. She attended school as a Lexington Jackrabbit through fourth grade, before finishing her schooling in Heppner where she graduated from Heppner High School in 1970. Upon graduation, Jeannine moved to Pendleton, OR where she attended Blue Mountain Community College earning her associate degree.

She worked for various organizations in Pendleton including Pendleton Grain Growers, where she was the first female grain marketer, the American Red Cross, where she acted as director, the Pendleton Convention Center, where she was the secretary and lastly, the Forest Service.

TJ met Curtis Robinson at a friend's house where they bonded over owning Ford cars. They were married on May 10, 1986 in Reno, NV. TJ and Curtis made their home in Pendleton and she kept busy with their side business of Paws & Claws pet and house sitting, as TJ was an avid animal lover. There was not a dog or cat she did not like and she rescued many animals over the years. Antiquing became one

of TJ's favorite past times and she started her own eBay shop, Old Shanty Antiques. She found delight in yard sales, junk picking and estate sales, where she was always on the hunt for a good deal or hidden treasures.

TJ attended the Free Methodist church of Pendleton and enjoyed a weekly Bible study. TJ also enjoyed knitting, cross stitch, reading, collecting glassware, spending time with her family and animals and was an avid fan of the Andy Griffith Show.

Jeannine is survived by her husband, Curtis of 34 years; brother, Gary (Rebecca) Hunt of Hermiston, OR; nephew, Jeff Hunt (Leah) of High Point, NC; niece, Miranda Hunt of Hermiston, OR; sister-in-law, Marilyn Helling of Weston, OR; nephews, Christopher Helling of Pendleton, OR and Stephen Helling of Seattle, WA; brothers-in-law, Stacy Robinson of Pendleton, OR and Billy Robinson of Spokane, WA. She is preceded in death by her parents, Dean and Lois Hunt.

At TJ's request no funeral will be held. A private family burial will be held at a later date at the Lexington Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice of Hermiston or Paws animal shelter in Pendleton.

Please share memories of TJ at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

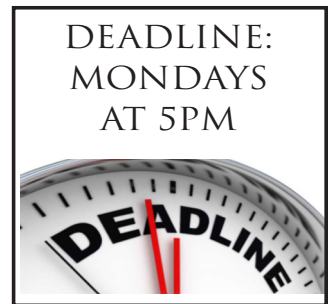
Colt volleyball academy scheduled

The 2020 Colt volleyball academy will be held outside at the Heppner Fit Park this year to allow social distancing. The academy, which promotes volleyball skill building and fun, will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 22 to October 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The event will include 10 practices where the girls can learn essential volleyball skills and teamwork. They will be unable to compete against other teams this year, so will scrimmage against each other. Masks

will be required and hand sanitizer will be provided.

As the event will be held outside this year, participants are asked to be prepared for all types of weather. They should bring outside tennis shoes and hair ties as well. For additional information, contact one of the coaches via email: Coach Petra Payne, Petra.Payne@morrow.k12.or.us; Coach Madison Rosenbalm, Madison.Rosenbalm@morrow.k12.or.us; Coach Ivy Adams, Ivyzimmerman20@gmail.com; or Coach Mindy Wilson, Mindy.Wilson@morrow.k12.or.us.



Obituaries

William (Bill) Ernest Lundell

Former Ione resident William (Bill) Ernest Lundell was born in Heppner to Frank M and Ruth F (Swanson) Lundell on February 9, 1930 and died September 5, 2020. He was the oldest of three children. Bill loved his youth spent in Ione, among grandparents and extended family. Many fond stories of his days in Ione have been passed to his children and grandchildren.



Bill Lundell

The family relocated to Milwaukie, OR in 1942. Bill's fondness for Ione would take him back there every summer vacation throughout his remaining childhood and young adulthood. He spent his summers working on various wheat ranches or helping out at the Ione grocery store operated by his grandfather, Carl Swanson, and later his Uncle Cot Swanson.

Upon graduation from Milwaukie High School in 1948, Bill operated a Signal garage in La Grande for his father until the station was sold in 1949. Bill worked on an Ione area wheat ranch the summer of 1950 before entering the Navy in October 1950.

After basic training in San Diego, Bill's Navy service took him from Hawaii throughout the Southern Pacific Ocean, Japan and Korea. His LST made several supply trips north of the 38th parallel during the Ko-

rean War. After completing his service, Bill returned to Milwaukie and after various jobs, went to work for Western Electric, the phone and equipment supplier, at that time, for Pacific Northwest Bell, a part of the Bell System. Bill remained a Bell System employee for the next 36 years.

In 1956, Bill met the love of his life, Katherine Jean Hopkins. In 1961 Bill and Jean were married and spent the next 56 years together. They built a home in the Milwaukie/Oak Grove area where they raised three children. Bill was active in his children's lives with family camping trips, Boy Scout outings and helping with sporting activities.

In retirement, Bill took up golf and was a weekly member in a men's group at Sah-Hah-Lee golf course. He and Jean did some traveling as well. They traveled to ship reunions in Branson, MO, Norfolk, VA and other destinations, took trips to Hawaii and a trip to China.

Bill was preceded in death by both his parents and wife, Jean. Survivors include son, David (Tammy); daughter, Diane; son, Darin (Kari); three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Donations can be made to Bristol Hospice, 10365 SE Sunnyside Rd, Clackamas, OR, 97015, 503-698-8911.

Cultural grant application period extended

The Morrow County Cultural Coalition, funded by Oregon's Cultural Trust Foundation, has extended the application period for the 2020 grants. Categories for qualifying groups or projects are literary, historical preservation, visual and performing arts, humanities, and cultural organizations.

In previous years, grants were awarded for projects that included writing festivals, histor-

ical books, art programs in schools, quilting, kid's activities for parks, drama and musical workshops and art displays.

Grants can be awarded for up to 50 percent of the total project cost. For complete guidelines and application form, please contact Gayle Gutierrez at 541-676-5630 or ggutierrez@co.or.morrow.or.us. Applications must be submitted by October 16, 2020.

Church to host drive-in worship

Willow Creek Baptist Church will hold a drive-in worship service on Sunday, September 20 at 10 a.m. at the large gravel lot next to the grain elevators on Riverside Ave in Heppner. There will be live music and a message of encour-

agement. Everyone is encouraged to bring a sack lunch or snacks to enjoy during the socially distanced fellowship. For additional information contact Tripp Finch at 541-219-2316.



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