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# Stained glass window to be dedicated to Father Condon

Sixteen months ago, Heppner lost its beloved Father Gerald Condon, whose impact reached far beyond his local parishes, a friend to all in our communities. "His departure definitely left a large hole in many hearts, a hole to be filled with the love and memories so many individuals have of this remarkable man," Sheridan Tamasky told the Gazette.

Since Father Condon's death, many have asked what they could do as a memorial to him. After much discussion, a suggestion is being shared with the community as a whole: A large stained-glass

window, which would be placed in the area of the upper windows on the south side of his parish church, St. Patrick. The window's segments would depict Father Condon's dedication to the priesthood, his Irish Heritage, and his reverence to St. Terese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower").

Community-wide participation in this effort to establish funds for the project is encouraged and welcome, and all contributions will be acknowledged on a plaque near the window. Viewing of the window will be accessible to everyone, not only members of the

parish.

The cost of the project will be nearly \$30,000. Although a generous donation has provided a promising start-up of the project, the ultimate goal remains distant.

Presently, the only stained-glass windows at St. Patrick's are in the chapel area. These windows are from the old church that was demolished when the present church was built. "A stained-glass window in the church proper will definitely add to the aesthetics of the church and will be a continuing reminder of Father Gerald Condon to

all who gaze upon it. Generations to come will know the story of the parish priest that served St. Patrick's and the communities of Heppner, Lexington, and Ione for over twenty-five years," continued Tamasky.

Contributions for this project can be sent to Saint Patrick's, PO Box 633, Heppner, OR 97836, or to Sheridan Tamasky, 390 Barratt Blvd, Heppner, OR 97836. Please designate "Father Condon Memorial Fund" on the donation. Any questions regarding this project can be referred to Sheridan Tamasky at 541-676-5059.

# Heppner seeks fair parade participants

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro-Rodeo group is seeking entries for the parade to be held Saturday, August 21. The theme for this year is "Morrow County Strong." The deadline for parade entries is Friday, August 6 although registrations will still be taken the day of the parade.

On the 21<sup>st</sup>, the parade will begin promptly at 10

a.m. Sign in and line up will begin at 8:30 in front of Morrow County Grain Growers Green Feed and Seed store. Those with horses should plan on unloading safely on Riverside Ave. rather than on Highway 74.

For additional information contact the Heppner Chamber 541-676-5536 or email heppnerchamber@gmail.com.



Folks, young and old, lined the streets to watch (above and below), and a local 4-H club participated (lower left) in the fair parade in 2019. -File Photos.



# Irrigon man arrested for murder in the second degree

Brett Ian Carson, 43, of Irrigon has been arrested by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) on charges of murder in the second degree and unlawful use of a weapon after an incident at the Oregon Trail RV Park in Irrigon. MCSO received a report of a shooting at the RV park at approximately 9 p.m. on July 8. The caller reported



Brett Ian Carson

nesses, Carson was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail. The victim was identified as Donald Eugene Beal, 53, of Irrigon. EMS attempted to treat Beal, but it was determined he was deceased. An autopsy has been scheduled.

According to the press release from Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson, Carson was charged and arraigned by the Morrow County Circuit Court. Nelson reported

that the Morrow County Sheriff's Office is the lead agency for the case and will be assisted in the investigation by the Boardman Police Department, Oregon State Police, Oregon State Police Forensic Division, Umatilla County Sheriff's Office and local EMS providers.

Nelson stated that anyone with any information concerning the case are urged to contact the Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 541-676-5317.

Nate Kennedy who helped load her and was a great driver (good news), and for the staff, including the doctor, in the emergency room at Pioneer Memorial (good news). Sharon had broken her shoulder, had an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon on Monday and learned that she will not have to have surgery (good news).

After losing his wife to cancer, William (Bill) Mahon moved back to Heppner to be near his sister Patty Harshman. William started attending church, where he met Neva DeMayo, who had recently lost her husband to Parkinson's disease. These two lonely "old" people who thought life was pretty much over began sharing church and life in Heppner. It's been a whirlwind romance. They are now an engaged couple.

Thanks to everyone who shared news this week. Hopes are to keep this column running because individuals will be willing to share their good news items with the readers. Please, share your tidbits by sending them by Monday afternoon to dbrosnan123@gmail.com, or call 541-223-1490.

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

that a male was shot in the eye.

Witnesses at the scene reported they knew who the suspect was and believed he returned to his residence in Irrigon. MCSO was able to locate Carson at his residence where he was taken into custody without incident. After interviews with Carson and multiple wit-

# The Loop to meet

The Loop - Morrow County Transportation will be holding its quarterly advisory committee meetings on July 20, 2021, at the Irrigon City Hall large conference room, 500 NE Main Ave. in Irrigon. The meetings will be available for viewing via Morrow County Zoom Meeting. To schedule a Zoom Meeting invitation please provide your name, phone number and email address with The Loop - Morrow County Transportation via phone message at 541-676-5667, or kimes@co.morrow.or.us

The Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee will start at 3 p.m. On the agenda will be roll call public comment, approval of minutes, transportation coordinator update, and other business as needed for the good of the order.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee will immediately follow the Special Transportation Fund Meeting. On the agenda will be roll call, public comment, approval of the minutes, transportation coordinator update, and other business as needed for the good of the order.

# Death Notices

**Daniel Coiner** - Daniel Coiner, 66, of Pendleton died Thursday, July 8, 2021, at his home. He was born in Pendleton, OR on December 7, 1954. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

**Patricia Rae Adams Reed** - Patricia Rae Adams Reed, 83, longtime Spray, OR resident, died Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at Heppner. She was born March 3, 1938, at Portland, OR. A memorial graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, July 25, 2021, at the Spray Cemetery with a potluck meal to follow at The Rock in Spray. A full obituary will follow in next week's Heppner Gazette-Times. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

# Good News Only

**By Doris Brosnan**  
Next month, those cowboy melodies heard on Main Street will be easier to sing along with, judging by Dale Bates's efforts last week. He was replacing speakers, ensuring clearer, truer sounds.

The eclectic sounds of Music in the Park were well received by the good-sized lawn-chair crowd last Sunday that included four residents from Willow Creek Terrace.

HHS graduates from the 60s classes will be converging in Heppner this weekend. At least 140 attendees are expected by planners Ken and Jan Evans and Stuart Dick. Anyone who wants to say hi will find them at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building Saturday evening.

David and Jean Creswick, who moved to Lexington six years ago, will be hosting their fourth family gathering this week, expecting at least fifteen family members. Beginning on Thursday, daughters and their husbands and the grandchildren able to attend will be showing up from Forest Grove, Battleground and Vancouver, WA, and Casper, WY. The event will last at least four days for most, and one expected form of entertainment will

be two little girls zipping around on their new little 4-wheelers.

Alex Carlson, son of Sarah and Phil, was an outstanding student in the lone HS class of 2010 - and he continues outstanding achievements as he works toward his ultimate goals. He has been at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill graduate school since 2014 as part of the MD PhD program. He completed his PhD program in neuroscience in 2019. And this May, he graduated from UNC Medical School with AOA Medical Honor Society recognition. This month, Alex started a pediatric residency and fellowship at University of California-San Diego. His fellowship research will focus on the influence of the microbiome on neurological development. Impressive young man whom his parents are pleased to have on the west coast.

Good news for Sharon Harrison last Friday (wait for it.). She fell at home alone, but she was able to use her smartwatch (good news) to call son Travis, who was almost (good news) on his way to a field. Instead, he soon arrived and called 911. Sharon has nothing but praise for Tina Davis in the ambulance (good news) and

# Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Glen Diehl, has released the following Justice Court report:

- Donald Martin Jr, 51, Heppner, was convicted violation of basic rule, fine \$65.
- Xavier T. Perry, 52, Rainier, WA, was convicted of driving while suspended, fine \$440.
- Jessica L. Wallis, 35, Hermiston, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$265.

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