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Ribbon cutting held at new Irrigon Government Center



County Commissioners (L-R) Melissa Lindsay, Don Russell and Jim Doherty handle the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon at the new Morrow County Government Building in Irrigon last Thursday. Located at 215 NE Main, the new center has offices for many services including planning, justice court, sheriff and transportation as well as others.

Good News Only

By Doris Brosnan
A little excitement last Thursday at lunch time at Bucknum's ended as good news for the patrons and a bat. Both doors were open, to create some cooler air on the toasty day. Apparently, this also created a surprising detour for a little bat, as it came flitting through the establishment. Close to the floor, it seemed to search for the way out but wasn't attracted to the brighter areas at either the front or back door. So, it continued back and forth, resulting in a few squeals from startled patrons and increasing concern for the disoriented bat. Finally, Phil waited with his over-shirt for the bat to pass near him and successfully tossed the shirt over the little guy, scooped it up and took it to freedom outside the back door. Yes, some people wondered why the bat was awake at midday....

On Thursday, Mrs. Matheny's and Mrs. Rosenbaum's classes hiked to the cemetery. They had lunch and listened to a short presentation about the 1903 Flood Memorial Stone. And they searched the cemetery for the resting places of individuals who had served in the military, so they could

place American flags at those sites for the Memorial Day weekend.

How challenging the very wet weather was for the many campers in the mountains. Surely, those big drops "dampened" some spirits, but this moisture is good news for our drought-burdened area.

The long weekend brought company and a busy three days for many of us, so little time for jotting down good news. Maybe next week. My daughter, Darci, and granddaughter, Katie, came from Salem, and we found time between rainfalls for a good walk-about and for their two favorite stops on Main, Murray's and Randall's. They are good for our economy.

This coming weekend will feature the First Friday event on Main and the graduations for Ione and Heppner. Maybe the weather will cooperate.

Do please, take a few minutes to jot down or call in your good news that can add a positive to the readers' days to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or 541-223-1490. Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

Obituaries

Marvin Duane Hemnes

Marvin Duane Hemnes was born in Bellingham, WA, to Carl K. and Hannah K. (Akre) Hemnes January 16, 1947. He passed away May 26, 2022.

He graduated from Globe High School in Globe, AZ in 1965 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1970. He met his wife of 47 years, Barbara, in Phoenix, AZ and they married in 1974. They lived in Arizona and Nevada before settling in Boardman, OR in 1979.

Marvin worked for Portland General Electric, officially retiring in 2013.



Marvin Duane Hemnes
Marvin battled multiple sclerosis for decades and moved to Lebanon, OR in 2017, to be near his son, Carl.

Marvin was an avid fisherman, always one to generously hand over the rod and reel to others when a large catch was on the line. Even after his MS limited his ability to fish, he still loved getting down

to the river to watch his son put a line in the water.

Marvin was the youngest of nine children; three sisters, Marion, Caroline and Olive; and five brothers, Aldin, John, Edwin, Robert and Richard. All have preceded him in death, as well as his parents, Carl and Hanna and son, Jason.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Carl of Lebanon, OR and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

His ashes will be buried in Hermiston, OR. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

HWCD to meet

Heppner Water Control District Budget Committee will meet Wednesday, June 8 at 6:15 p.m. in the conference room at 430 W Linden Way to receive the FY 2022-2023 budget. A regular board meeting will follow with minutes of the last meeting, financial report and opening and selection of bids.

Meetings of the HWCD are open to the public.

SOLAR PROJECT

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intersection of Bombing Lane Road and Alpine Lane on the north side of the project. It will hook into an existing Umatilla Electric Cooperative 230-kv Blue Ridge Line. There will also be seven 2.5-acre collector substations located throughout the project.

On its tax abatement negotiating team, the county commissioners named commissioner Jim Doherty, assessor Mike Gorman, county counsel Justin Nel-

son and county planner Tamra Mabbott. The group will be making a deal with the company on the terms of the tax abatement or property tax reduction it will receive from the county. Any reduction deal will be either under the Strategic Investment Program (SIP) tax abatement plan, of which all other county energy projects have been done, or the new state of Oregon PILOT tax reduction plan.

Armond Earl Britt

Armond Earl Britt, 88, passed away at his home on November 18, 2021, at Prineville, OR. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2022, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner, with a reception to follow at St. Patrick Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Armond was born in Spray, OR December 31, 1932. He was the youngest of three sons born to Walter and Alta Britt. Armond served in the United States

Army during the Korean War.

On July 1, 1956, he married Marietta Helms in Spray, OR and in 1957 a son, Stan, joined the family. In 1960 Steve came into the family and in 1963 Shannon finished the family.

On March 11, 1968, Armond married Joan Wagner in Hermiston, OR. Armond was a lifelong log truck driver for Britt Brothers Trucking which he operated with his brother

Elvin until his retirement in 1997.

Survivors include his three children, Stan of Pilot Rock, OR, Steve (Nan) of Prineville, OR and Shannon (Larry) of Prairie City, OR: his beloved six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan; his parents and brothers, Marvin and Elvin.

Sweeney Mortuary is in care of arrangements. The online condolence book is available at www.sweeney-mortuary.com.

Morrow SWCD to meet

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. at the Ag Service Center in Heppner. To join via Zoom or conference call, please contact the SWCD beforehand at 541-676-5452.

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.



Chamber meeting scheduled


Heppner Chamber of Commerce will hold an all entities meeting Thursday, June 2 at noon at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building. RSVPs are required.

Lunch of sweet and sour meatballs, rice and a garden salad will be pro-


vided by Heppner Market Fresh Deli.

The chamber would like everyone to note that due to rising food costs, this will be the last lunch the vendors will be able to offer at \$10. New prices will be announced soon.


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Did You Know



Fast Facts About the Morrow County Health District Ambulance Service



 **Who provides emergency medical services in Morrow County?**

Morrow County Health District is the sole ambulance service provider in our county. This hospital-based ambulance service has been serving our communities for over 70 years. Our Ambulance Service Area Plan specifically delegates this responsibility to Morrow County Health District.

 **How does Morrow County Health District ensure that Morrow County residents get high-quality emergency medical services?**

The Ambulance Service Area Plan includes a quality assurance process administered by a multi-disciplinary EMS Advisory Committee. The Committee has representation from EMS, fire, dispatch, and local hospitals. Quality Assurance efforts include:

- Monitoring call response times
- Quarterly medical review of selected calls
- Ensuring proper training and equipment
- Recommending service improvements, such as the current staffing enhancements

Let's Celebrate! 

Music by Frank Carlson

Saturday, June 4

Fettuccine Dinner 6 pm

Music 7pm to 11pm

Come down and join us to Celebrate Teresa's 65th Birthday


Gerry & Nancy Arnson's 40th Anniversary

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