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Obituaries

Beverly Steagall



Beverly Baker Steagall, 84, died on November 9, 2023, at Pioneer

Memorial Hospital in Heppner. A memorial mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 2, 2023, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner.

She was born on Upper Rhea Creek on November 23, 1938, at the Blackburn Sawmill which was owned and operated by her parents, Oral Earl and Alda Zidona Kennedy Baker. She attended school in Heppner until 1956. She was a majorette in the Heppner Band. The family moved to Lexington where she graduated from high school as valedictorian of her class in 1957. Beverly was very active in all sports at both schools. During her senior year, she worked for Lexington Implements, owned by Mervin (Red) Leonard. After graduation, she worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and then Columbia Basin Electric COOP.

On December 28, 1957, she married Robert Steagall in Heppner at St Patrick's Catholic Church. The couple have three children, David, Jana, and John.

Beverly drove a school bus for Morrow County Schools for 19 years. She also worked for Pettyjohn's Builders for 26 years.

Rodeo was a big thing in the lives of Bev and Bob. She was the Point Secretary for Oregon High School Rodeo and Western States Jr. Rodeo. She was also

secretary for the Morrow County Horse Show for 3 years while also showing their own horses. She and Bob had a 4-H horse group and put on the Morrow County Jr. Rodeo from 1976 through 1980 with the help of many Heppner Rodeo families.

Bev enjoyed barrel racing and was a member of the Oregon Barrel Racing Association. She had several hobbies including steelhead fishing on the John Day River, hunting with horses, and team roping. She was one of the first women to rope in the Morrow County area. She also enjoyed sewing and making all of her clothes.

She and Bob made 5 trips to Alaska, visiting their children and grandchildren. When Bob retired from Kinzua Corporation they made several trips to Arizona where Bob roped in the Senior Profession Rodeos.

Survivors include her husband Bob, children; David Steagall (Diana), Jana Atkinson (Barry), and John Steagall (Jennifer), brother Edward Baker, 7 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Beverly was preceded in death by; her parents, siblings; Delores Wilson, Darlene Padberg, and Dale Baker, granddaughter Amberlee and great-grandson Colin.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, or Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com

Birth Announcement



Newborn Kambree Collins snuggled and resting.

Emily Collins and Patrick Collins welcomed baby girl Kambree Collins at the Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston, Oregon on November 9th, 2023. The baby was 6 lbs. 14 oz and 20 inches long. The Grandparents are Ray and Jen Cecil from Gresham, and Tim and Jean Collins from Heppner Oregon.

BEO Bancorp Announces Dividends for 2023

The Board of Directors of BEO Bancorp has voted to declare a \$1.15 per share dividend for 2023. The dividend will be paid to shareholders of record as of December 5, 2023; payable on or before December 15, 2023.

According to Board Chair Brad Anderson, "BEO Bancorp has paid a dividend 37 of the past 38 years. Dividends

Morrow County Wolf Depredation Committee seat vacancy

Morrow County is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on the Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee, an advisory committee to the Board of Commissioners. The Committee consists of seven members: two Wolf Conservation representatives, two Livestock Producer representatives, two Local Business representatives, and one County Commissioner. The current vacancies are for a Wolf Conservation representative, a Livestock Producer representative, and a Local Business representative.

Letters of interest must be received by Thursday, November 30th. Please submit letters to Roberta Lutcher, rlutcher@co.morrow.or.us or by regular mail, Morrow County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box

788, Heppner, OR 97836.

The purpose of the Committee is the administration of the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Wolf Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program. The Committee meets to discuss ways to assist livestock producers with non-lethal deterrent methods; determine the dollar amounts to be reimbursed to implement those deterrent methods; and compensation amounts in the event of a proven wolf depredation. Term lengths are four years. The Committee meets every other month in Heppner, except May-August, or on an as-needed basis. For additional information or questions, contact Committee Chair, Dean Robinson, at 541-980-2350.

Senior Resource Navigator to Assist Local seniors

Although there are a host of agencies that offer assistance for seniors, many are unaware of their options or unable to find the relevant phone number or website.

South Morrow County Seniors Matter (SMCSM) has received a grant to employ a part-time "Senior Resource Navigator." The navigator will assist older adults in South Morrow County to connect with resources available through state and local agencies.

Jerry Conklin, who serves as the part-time hospice chaplain for Pioneer Hospice and chairman of South Morrow County Seniors Matter, will fill this one-day-a-week position. He will be available at the St. Patrick's Apartments (either in the Lobby or Meeting Room) on Tuesdays from 8 AM—4 PM. You can also call him on Tuesdays at 458-235-9265 or email him anytime (jerry@smcsm.org).

Please contact Jerry if you have difficulty getting help with such things as: housing and food assistance, transportation needs, caregiving resources, internet access, Medicare questions, mental health issues, etc. Jerry will work with you to find out if there are any resources available for which you are qualified. If there are, he can help you get connected to them.

The grant for this program has been provided by The Roundhouse Foundation. Located in Sisters, Oregon, the vision of the foundation is to "create a positive impact through collaboration in communities by encouraging creative problem solving, innovative programming, to stimulate local economies." In 2021 alone, the private foundation distributed over \$10 million to hundreds of organizations.

AARP Tax-Aid Volunteers needed

Looking for AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers! Needing help in Hermiston, Boardman, and Lexington. All training provided. The season runs from February to April.

As a Tax-Aide volunteer, you'll receive training and support with IRS-certification, learn new skills, and connect with people in your community while giving back. There's a variety of volunteer roles at

over 4,000 sites nationwide and flexible virtual opportunities. Join our team of volunteers and find out why volunteering with a Tax-Aide is so rewarding.

Please contact Bobbi Gordon at bobbigordon53@gmail.com or call 541-788-4466

or go to the AARP website <https://www.aarp.org/volunteer/programs/tax-aid/>

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THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING REMINDS OF THE UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD

Catholics will celebrate this coming Sunday as the "Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe." Kingship in the Scriptures always stands for service, love, and care, and Christ, the Eternal King came as the differences between the Kingship of Christ and that of Pilate and other kings of this world is that (1) Other kingdoms have territorial boundaries; the Kingship of Christ is universal, without boundaries/borders. (2) Other kingdoms come and go; the Kingship of Christ is eternal. (3) The earthly kingdoms are sustained by military power; the Kingship of Christ is sustained by the power of truth. We must stand by the truth even when it is hurtful and humiliating to do so. Jesus acquired this Kingdom for us at a great price, with His blood shed on the cross. He conquered the world with His unconditional love. Paul writes that as followers of Christ, we are called to fight, "for our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12). Today's celebration challenges us to look more critically at public life and examine it against the light of the law of Christ. As Christians we should be loyal citizens of our countries, but loyal citizens of God's Kingdom first.

The prophet Ezekiel (34:11-12, 15-17), describes Lord God as the shepherd of His people. The allegory of the shepherd is one of the primogenital and most familiar images used to describe God's tender loving care for His flock, contradictory to the wicked shepherd, unfaithful kings, and false leaders who misguided the people, led them astray, and used them for their own selfish benefits. Yahweh is a faithful God who never stops caring for His people. If the people have gone astray, it is because of poor leadership. They deserve a good shepherd who will lead them along the right path. While Ezekiel is aware of the need for good leaders, he reminds the people that ultimately, God will assume leadership of His people, but the people have to walk in faith and follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd. We have a responsibility to God and for God every day of our lives.

The Gospel of Matthew (25:31-46) illustrates the scene of the last judgment, but the purpose of presenting this scene is not to portray Jesus as an austere and frightening judge. Freedom, our greatest gift, brings along with it the responsibility to pass judgment on ourselves. Today's Gospel highlights the criteria we need to bear in mind when we evaluate our lives: man will be judged on how he acts towards his neighbor. "What you did to the least of my brothers you did unto me." The passage offers the opportunity to see the presence of Jesus anywhere where there are people who are suffering and to realize that in reaching out to the needy, we touch Christ Himself. This is how Jesus lived His life; this is how Jesus exercised kingship and leadership – identifying Himself with the little ones, the outcasts of society. The failure to recognize Jesus in the needy and the suffering results in our being separated and alienated from the Kingdom of God. We pass judgment on ourselves by refusing to acknowledge God in our midst in the "little ones." Our focus has to be on preparing for a Kingdom faithful to the example of a loving and constantly caring King.

Sunday's "Christ the King" offers us not only the opportunity to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Master but also is an affirmation of human dignity over all attempts to subject people to other systems and ideologies. His kingdom is a kingdom of justice, love, and truth, inaugurated by Jesus. As the theologian, Reinhold Neibuhr pointed out, "Any justice which is only justice soon degenerates into something that is less than justice. It must be saved by something that is more than justice." And that "something more than justice "is found in the life of self-sacrificing love lived by Christ our King and bequeathed to us by him." – Patrick Labelle

One writer, Barclay, puts it well: God will judge all of us in accordance to our reaction to human need. God's judgment does not depend on the knowledge we have amassed or the fame we have acquired or the fortune we have gained, but on the help we have given.

MURRAY'S THANKSGIVING HOURS

Happy Thanksgiving

November 23
Closed

November 24, 9am-6pm
Pharmacy - 12pm - 6pm

Morrow County Grain Growers Inc.

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