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## Hope-Valby to install council

On Sunday, February 10, Pastor Hoobing will install the church council members of both Hope and Valby Lutheran Churches. Those elected to the church council at Valby congregation and to be installed at the 9 a.m. worship service are: Jane Rawlins, Kathy Carlson, Ed Haugsvar, Martha Peterson, Rudy Bergstrom, Dave Barnett, Clint Carlson and Roger Palmer. Shirley Palmer was elected as financial secretary.

be installed: Penni Keersemaeker, Judy Rickert, Irv Rauch, Shelli Britt, Steve Hill, Roger Morter, Linda Shaw and Karen Dubuque. Shirley George was appointed financial secretary. Also at the 11 a.m. service at Hope, the children of the Sunday School will sing two numbers under the direction of Carol Hoobing.

The sermon at both congregations will be based on reading from St. Mark 9:2-9, entitled "Did You Get the Point?"

At the 11 a.m. worship service, the following council members will

## New Dimensions



Maybe I'm all alone in my astonishment of how folks on the other side live. Take this war half way around the world. I've been watching Arab sheiks in their funny dress. That fits the image from long years ago. But I was really surprised the other day when one of them spoke up in plain English and said something that really made sense.

While there was some differences alright, I was astonished to find that an Arab is pretty much like the people I know and like.

Then, just this morning, I had coffee with a good friend who just got back from a vacation in England and Germany. I had lots of questions about those folks and how they live and such. Overcoming the old prejudices about my English ancestors was hard but as he talked, I was surprised to learn that folks in London are not the absolute aliens I had imagined. I'm told that they follow the war just like we do and they eat and sleep and work at jobs much like we do and they talk a little funny, but after you visit for a while, communication is pretty good.

My friend stayed with a farm family Germany and he had a lot to say about the funny way they farm and live and such. But I was really surprised when he said the young man they stayed with was a fertilizer salesman. Well, "farm chemicals" is what he said, but that's just like an American fertilizer salesman, they all say they deal in "farm chemicals."

Gosh, I didn't know that even in Germany, farming is a pretty sophisticated science, relying on any number of farm chemicals. I supposed those weird aliens just swatted the flies, pulled the weeds by hand and spread a little manure around.

It's funny about how our preconceived notions about things and people build up. And it's embarrassing how wrong those notions can be.

Take my experience this past week, taking basketball pictures. Now I've known quite a few folks in the south end of this County for a long time. The ones I know are regular, ordinary folks, just like the people who live next door or down the road from me.

But there are a lot of people who live in South County that I don't know. Maybe the same ones that the guys that hang around the Boardman coffee shops don't know. Those are the folks that everyone talks about being in control in this county, the ones that put down the prison deal, that bad mouth the Port, that want to keep this County in the dark ages.

There's a lot of talk about the "landed gentry," the third generation wheat farmers who want everything to stay just the way it was when Grandpa came to this country. (I know just a few of those fellows and it must be the ones I don't know that they're talking about.)

And I've drank quite a bit of coffee in Heppner and Lexington (and a little bit in Ione) over the years and there you hear talk about the carpet baggers in Boardman, the Johnny come lately who are intent on raping the country and prepared to move on at a moments notice. Now that I thought I was pretty well acquainted in my own town, and I don't know those folks. Well, maybe those guys know some thing I don't.

But about the basketball pictures. This past weekend I had occasion to drop in at the ball game in Echo. Ione was playing. So I took a few pictures. It was a pretty good game so I stayed around to watch and talk with some folks from Ione. Boy was I surprised. They weren't like I'd thought at all. They were more like me and my neighbors than they were different.

And then on Saturday night, Francie and I stopped in at Umattilla to take a few pictures of the Heppner game. Same thing. The Heppner folks that we met were regular people. They didn't have horns growing out their heads or fire licking out their noses or anything. Boy, was I surprised-astonished.

Maybe there's a lesson in all this. Maybe the folks in the South end of the County are not as bad as the folks in the North think. And vis-a-versa. Maybe if we were just a little better acquainted, one end with the other, we could get along together really well. Maybe it doesn't take face to face acquaintance, maybe if we just knew a little more about each other.

Well, it was a thought. But taking basketball pictures was so much fun I figure on takin' more.

## Dinner to benefit Orem's London trip

By Anne Morter  
The Ione Cardinal Club, with the help of several other organizations in town, will sponsor a benefit dinner this Friday, February 8, to help Eric Orem with the expenses of his upcoming trip to London.

Hamburgers, chilburgers and chili will be served along with homemade pie and drinks from 4 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The dinner will be held during the Cardinal's last home game of the season, which they will play against Condon. The game is a critical one for both

the boys' and girls' teams, as the outcome could be a major factor in their district tournament seeding.

Other activities that evening include an exhibition of pee-wee boys' basketball and a dance routine by girls from pre-school to fifth grade.

Eric Orem will use the proceeds to fund his trip to London over spring break where he will participate in an All-Star Football Exchange.

Brandon Pedro of Heppner was also selected for that honor, but is unable to attend.

## Letters to the Editor

### Blazer fans come to TV meeting

To the Editor:  
Anyone really interested in receiving the Blazer games should come to the meeting Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at

the Heppner TV office to let them know you're serious and to get more information.

(s) Mike Vejraska  
Heppner

The following letters are from some of Jannie Allens' Heppner Elementary Sixth grade class and their views concerning the war in the Gulf.

### Can we afford the war?

To the Editor:  
Right now the war is costing \$500 million to one billion dollars a day. Can we afford it? When the land war begins the price will probably double and the casualties will increase greatly.

Just to fire one of the patriot missiles cost \$500,000 to \$600,000 dollars. Some people say that if we

killed Hussein the war would be over but I think his followers would rebel.

I think the war is costing too much. Half a billion dollars is too much. Besides the United States is already in a deficit.

I hope it's over soon.  
(s) Rick Worden

### The man you love to hate

To the Editor:

Many people of Iraq love Saddam Hussein. They join in streets gathering around him and shaking his hand. Although many people say they love him it was stated that 95% of Iraq hate him they just act that way or "boom," if you get my drift.

I don't see how you could like him. The man is crazy and it shows in his actions. You tell me what kind of guy dumps oil into the Persian Gulf. Killing all the animal life near

or in the water.

They might think George Bush is not so hot himself. But I can tell you something you have to remember who dumped the 350 square miles of oil into the Gulf.

Some people ask themselves why did he do this? Well I'll tell you why. That man is so cruel he wanted our soldiers to have no water to drink. Now that's pretty low.

(s) Brent Gunderson

### If the shoe fits

To the Editor:  
In my opinion Saddam Hussein is the most selfish, greedy, self-centered, inconsiderate, stubborn, stupid, ignorant...etc., etc. I mean you could go on forever with names to call him, but if I had to describe him in one word it would simply be cruel.

If you thought for five minutes about how mean he is what would you think about? Oh I suppose you would think about things like:

- 1-He moved into Kuwait and took over its oil.
- 2-He didn't move out of Kuwait

when we asked him to.

3-He called in 17 year olds to work in the military.

4-He bombs Israel when they had done nothing to make him mad at them.

5-He moves underground so he won't get hurt. What a coward.

6-And now he's dumped oil into the Persian Gulf. This list could go on forever.

I think that these nicknames we've given him, Saddam Insain, Sodumb Insain, fit him perfectly.

(s) Amber Rollis

### Protestors too optimistic

To the Editor:  
I think the protesters are being very optimistic about the war. They think by holding up picket signs that that will stop the war. It won't because they think by holding up those signs that Saddam Hussein will say "Well, they want us to stop the war, so we will." That won't happen, because Saddam Hussein is so dumb he won't give up.

In Pendleton, Oregon, about 300 protesters gathered at Main and Dorion Saturday to support the troops. But they are also wanted to stop the war.

People can't stop a war by walking around holding signs and yelling. Nobody can stop the war but the people who are in the war.

(s) Joann Bingham

### Troubles about war

To the Editor:  
I believe that the Gulf War has brought nothing but trouble. Saddam Hussein dumped tons of oil into the Persian Gulf. Birds, fish and dolphins are dying. Iraq is disobeying every rule of the Geneva Convention about prisoners of war. Also many innocent people are dying. Saddam has made the comment, "I will starve my people before I deprive my army," to show you what kind of man he is.

I feel sorry for the many children who are and will be left without parents. On Sunday, January 27, during half-time of the Super Bowl ABC showed a few children from every state whose parents were fighting in the Persian Gulf. It made me very sad.

My family knows two soldiers in the Gulf War and I pray every day that they get home safely and soon.

(s) Ann Wick

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Heppner Chamber's participation in the City of Heppner's St. Patrick's celebration is one of the ways in which the goal to promote Heppner and encourage visitors to return is fulfilled. The "Wee Bit 'O Ireland in Oregon" celebration is an annual opportunity for the entire community to work together to show visitors a good time. I'm told many cyclists are returning, although we may not be able to recognize them this time. Be sure to call Bob Kahl, Jerry Hollomon or Ann Spicer if you have auction items to donate; the auction insures the continuance of the St. Patrick's celebration.

Letters have started arriving from Ireland. The visitors are looking forward to their visit and sharing all types of music with us. "War or no war, we're coming to America," they say. Incidentally, the dancers will be teaching "set" dancing not sit dancing on Thursday evening, March 14. They sent a list of young people ages 12 through 15 who wish to write to students from Heppner. Grade school teacher Sally Walker has the list and we hope our young people will correspond with the County Cork students.

Although it seems much of Chamber's time is occupied with the wearing of the green, 1991 goals and the budget have now been approved. Senator Timms will be calling during a Chamber meeting once a month to give members the opportunity to share legislative concerns via a speaker phone; new programs are planned; a dues revision is taking place and a membership drive will soon be launched. Join Chamber...a vital part of your community.

Next week a visitor to Heppner shares his vision for tourism potential right here.

Thought for the week: "Never fear shadows, they simply mean there's a light shining somewhere."

## Obituary

### Ethel Chappell

Graveside services were held for Ethel Chappell on Monday Feb. 4 1991 at High View Cemetery in Ione. She died Feb. 1, 1991 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Heppner at the age of 77.

She was born April 2, 1913, in Hillsville, Va. the daughter of James and Irena Horton Hill. She was married to Roby C. Chappell on Aug. 13, 1935, in Woodlawn, Wash. They moved to Oregon in 1943.

Her husband worked for the state highway department which took them to Condon, Spray and Heppner. Following his retirement the couple settled in Ione.

Survivors include sisters Lila Reynolds and Erna Shaw, both of Hillsville, VA. and Lena Good of Elkton, MD.; and sister-in-law Pauline Gates of Ione.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

### Taco feed this Fri.

A taco feed sponsored by the senior class will be held Friday, Feb. 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria during the Heppner-Weston-McEwen basketball game.

Proceeds from the taco feed will benefit the HHS senior class, who are planning a class trip to Disneyland.

### Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

- February 4: Lawrence M. Aragon, 25, Heppner; and Connie Jean Padberg, 31, Heppner.

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