

The Official Newspaper of the City of Heppner and the County of Morrow

Heppner
GAZETTE-TIMES

U.S.P.S. 240-420

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper

Published weekly and entered as periodical matter at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon under the Act of March 3, 1879. Periodical postage paid at Heppner, Oregon. Office at 147 West Willow Street. Telephone (541) 676-9228. Postmaster send address changes to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Subscriptions: \$18 in Morrow, Wheeler, Gilliam and Grant Counties; \$25 elsewhere.

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| April Hilton-Sykes | News Editor |
| Stephanie Jensen | Typesetting |
| Monique Devin | Advertising Layout & Graphics |
| Bonnie Bennett | Distribution |
| Penni Keersemaier | Printer |

David Sykes, Publisher

Bereavement teleconference set

Pioneer Memorial Home Health is sponsoring the Hospice Foundation of America's Fifth Annual National Bereavement Teleconference titled "Living with Grief - Who We Are and How We Grieve".

Cokie Roberts moderates this 2-1/2 hour live broadcast whose panel features five hospice professionals that will be

focusing on cross-cultural differences in death and dying.

The Ed-Net program will have opportunities for people to call in with questions and will be conducted on Wednesday, April 22, from 10:30 a.m. 1 p.m. To register to attend or for more information call Molly Rhea, at 676-2946.

Food handlers course set in Boardman

The Boardman Greenfield Grange is hosting a local session of Food Handler Training on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the grange hall, 209 First Street, Boardman. Information covered will include guidelines for selecting "safe" food items for booths or community events, safe storage and cooking techniques and ways to increase volunteer safe food handling skills. At the conclusion of the class, the state test will be offered. There is no charge for the class or the test. There is a \$10 fee for the certificate, which is good for three years.

The State of Oregon requires employees who handle or prepare food in food service facilities to attend an Oregon Health Division class on safe food handling techniques, pass a quiz on safe handling techniques and receive a food handler certificate. Additionally, Oregon statutes require all community food booths or events where volunteers serve food to have at least one person at the activity with a food handler's certificate.

Pre-registration will help to have enough materials on hand. Call 481-6191 for registration or directions to Greenfield Grange.

Whiffle ball meeting slated

A meeting for whiffle ball parents and coaches will be held at Kate's Pizza on Thursday,

April 9, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Craig Gutierrez, 676-5160.

8x10 Color Portrait only \$2.99

all ages welcome groups \$1.00 extra per person

Murray Drugs, Heppner
Monday, April 6
12 noon to 5 p.m.

April 3 - Thursday
Ladies' Nite: Andrea Mortimore and crew. Ham dinner with all the trimmings, starting at 6 p.m.

April 4 - Saturday
Bowl-a-thon "STRIKE OUT FOR KIDS." Pledge cards are available at the bowling alley or the Elks Lodge.

April 11 - Saturday
Easter Egg Hunt!

Bingo every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.
Regular dining on Fridays and Saturdays

Heppner Elks 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main

Come Share With Us At
Willow Creek Baptist Church

Worship Service on Sundays at 11 a.m.
Meeting in the 7th-day Adventist Church
560 North Minor, Heppner

And a big WELCOME to our new pastor and his wife Brent and Jennifer Waldrep

PG & E Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation

Compressor Station 9
Near Ione, Oregon

Has applied for a Modification of an Air Quality Title V Operating Permit

The Department of Environmental Quality has conducted a preliminary review of this application and is providing an opportunity for public comment. For a copy of the draft permit and a "Chance to Comment" call Bonnie Hough at (541) 388-6146 extension 223 or call toll free in Oregon at 1-800-452-4011. For more information see the legal notice section.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

Make your feelings known

To the Editor:

I received many comments, phone calls, etc. after my recent letter to the editor. There are a lot of people in the community who are very concerned, as am I, about what medical staff we will have here in just a few months. I would like to make clear that my letter was in no way meant to express the opinion of the Morrow County Health District.

With the potential for a juvenile correctional facility and for a retirement home, we need a stable medical staff, including

doctors. As far as I know, the many "hats" worn by the doctor (i.e., medical examiner, director of various departments, etc.) can't be worn by anyone but a doctor. Mid-level providers, i.e., nurse practitioners, can't admit to our nursing home and a physician is needed for back-up with our current Level Four certification.

I urge concerned citizens to make your feelings known, by whatever method you choose. The next medical board meeting is Monday, April 6 at Boardman.

(s) Patricia (Trish) Maben Heppner

Newkirk for Congress

To the Editor:

Second Congressional District race: John D. Newkirk (R), contender for this job, Navy veteran of WWII/Korea, a man who's been there, done that. An American Indian with a concern for the human environment that makes sense and that you'll like, helped with the greatest gift a man can have, common sense. He's used that to subsist in mining, logging and ranching. He knows these concerns, like land use laws, etc., EPA's rules on cattle feedlots, hog, poultry and dairy farms. He knows water will be a coming major fight.

No one running this race is as well informed, has the moral center/courage to take the heat for the hard-working, decent people of

this district. You'll have to stay with him because he'll catch hell from the people he'll oppose for you.

John knows the arbitrary separation of citizens, on the basis of race, is so evil and destructive that the effects confront all of us in our daily lives. Americans boast of the freedom enjoyed by us above all other peoples. John will do all he can to maintain the struggle for equality for all citizens, regardless of race.

He'll not be an errand boy for a political system. Before you decide who to vote for, run, check John out. Reach him in Medford, 772-4068. His web page/Internet: <http://id.mind/net-newkirk>.

(s) John W. Blaney Medford

Greg Walden to replace Smith

To the Editor:

This letter is to let you know what my thoughts are on the upcoming legislative race for U.S. representative to replace Bob Smith in Washington D.C. I am personally sorry to see Bob quit the job, but I think we in Eastern Oregon have a clear and good choice of the man we should elect to take over this important job. It is, I believe, without any doubt, our Eastern Oregon friend Greg Walden of Hood River.

In the past I have worked with and seen Greg Walden's decisions on many projects and new laws and benefits for our area. One of the first things Greg will ask and consider is, will this new law or regulation benefit or help his constituents rather than put more unneeded rules or regulations in force that will only make life tougher and more restrictive?

Greg Walden is an honest, sincere, thoughtful, down-to-earth person. He will not lie to you nor mislead you. He is by

far our best choice to do a good job for us.

When looking at the other two candidates, one falsified some statements in the voter's pamphlet and was also questioned on some other facts. My experience with politicians is, that once a bad egg, the chance for any improvement or change is rather remote. Why he thinks the voters will now respect and vote for him now is beyond me.

The other gentleman candidate, as I understand it, has not been involved in the type work or life such as he is asking you to elect him to. I am afraid he would be at a loss on what is needed and happening in our area.

Again I think Greg Walden is our clear choice for this tough job to represent us in Washington D.C.

Let us vote for Greg and ask your friends to do likewise.

Yours for a stronger and greater Eastern Oregon where we need all the help we can get.

(s) Herb C. Wright Fossil

What's with hospital board?

To the Editor:

What is with this hospital board? We need to take a good look at what they are making us lose. We don't like having our lives put on the line by a few people. Who knows who they are? We are losing a top doctor and for what? Hopefully none of you will require monitored care where a change of doctors could be a threat to your health because a new doctor might not know

how your body reacts.

The care in the hospital is still great but with no good doctor or no doctor how long can it last? Will we be like Alaska, where there are few doctors to provide the care needed and to get to one requires travel? That will mean the hospital will turn into a nursing home with an emergency room on it.

(s) Chuck and Betty Bailey Heppner

Keep Dr. Atkins

To the Editor:

I want to say amen to Patricia Maben's letter.

Let's get rid of these Adventists. They are not trying to get doctors for us or keep the one

we have. I for one think Dr. Atkins is a good doctor and we should do everything we can to keep him.

(s) Maude Hughes Heppner

Singspiration slated for April 5

This month's community Singspiration will be held at the Christian Life Center, 535 W. Morgan St. in Heppner, Sunday,

April 5, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend a time of worship, singing favorite hymns and choruses.

GOLF PROFESSIONAL
PETE STRAWICK
Will be Teaching at
Willow Creek Country Club
Every Thursday
Starting on April 2nd
Call Luvilla Sonstegard for Appointments
676-5437



Klamath managers receive promotions

Gerald Brown, president and chief executive officer of Klamath First Bancorp, Inc. and its subsidiary, Klamath First Federal Savings and Loan Association, has announced the promotion of six branch managers to regional managers, including Diane Isom, who is the manager of the Northeast Region, which includes Heppner, Enterprise, Pilot Rock, Union and Hermiston.

The new regional managers will continue to manage their local branches and live in their present communities.

"This new organizational structure will allow more localized decision making," said Brown. "These are very experienced managers, each with an average of 21 years in banking. Previously all branch managers reported to me. This new arrangement allows optimal efficiency and span of control," he added.

Klamath First Bancorp, Inc. and its subsidiary, operate 33 offices, in 22 counties throughout Oregon.

4-H News

Martingale 4-H Horse Club

The Martingale 4-H Horse Club had a meeting March 26 at the Ione Library.

Present at the meeting were Nonnee Walters, Erin Crowell, Tasha Hollis, Kara Miller, Katie Bacon and Sybil Krebs.

The meeting was called to order by President Nonnee Walters. Secretary Erin Crowell read the minutes and they were approved.

Members discussed having a bake sale in May. Each member will bring three items for the sale. Another fund raiser might be to purchase something to raffie.

Erin Crowell gave a demonstration on how to check tack for safety. The meeting was adjourned by President Nonnee Walters who then served snacks.

The club will hold its annual Easter egg hunt on horseback Sunday, April 5, at the home of Gene and Kristy Crowell, 68104 Highway 74, Ione, beginning at 1:30 p.m. All 4-Hers, family members and guests are welcome to come and take part. Each family is asked to bring Easter candy for prizes. For more information call 422-7564.

Tree planting cancelled

The tree planting scheduled for downtown Heppner Saturday, April 4, has been cancelled because no bids were received for the purchase of the trees.

The planting will be rescheduled at a later date.

Football team to attend WOSC camp

The Heppner High School Mustang Football Team is going to camp.

The team will attend the Western Oregon University team football camp June 21-25. The camp features instruction by Mac Bledsoe and his son Drew of the New England Patriots. World champion lineman, Brian Habib of the Denver Broncos, will also attend. Teams from Seattle, Spokane, Portland and Northern California will be in attendance.

"We are looking forward to the experience we will get from this exposure to great coaching and other top programs. The days of showing up in August for daily doubles and expecting to be competitive are a thing of the past," said HHS football coach Greg Grant. "We have to do more than our competition to

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following cases over the past several weeks:

Perry Alan Adams, 67, Heppner, failure to wear safety belt, \$54.

Stuart Lee Dick, 51, Meacham, failure to wear safety belt, \$54.

Stacey Lee Jessen, 29, Umatilla, operating unregistered snowmobile, \$74.

Ronald Owen Larson, 26, Walla Walla, WA., failure to wear safety belt, \$54.

Robin D. Scott, 35, Heppner, violation of the basic rule 75/55, \$82.

Merritt Harold Gray, 82, Heppner, failure to drive on the right side of the highway, \$127.

Mark Raymond Huddleston, 38, Heppner, violation of the basic rule 71/55, \$72.

Joshua Travis Peck, 22, Lexington, driving uninsured, driving while suspended, \$464.

Paul Francis Donovan, 66, Pendleton, failure to wear safety belt, \$54.

Monte L. Bohannon, 41, Kimberly, operating with out proper ODOT authority, \$152.

Kenneth Dean McLaughlin, 25, Pendleton, failure to obey traffic control device (stop sign), \$127.

Albert G. Barbera, 50, Estacada, endangering child passenger, \$54.

Earl D. Jenks, 73, Springfield, violation of the basic rule 45/35, \$74.

Jeffrey Patrick Cutsforth, 38, Lexington, failure to wear safety belt, \$54.

Laurence H. Sullivan, 27, Ione, failure to wear safety belt (passenger), \$54.

Edith R. Hendricks, 47, Ione, failure to wear safety belt, \$54.

John L. Britt, 60, Heppner, wide load with no front or rear warning signs, \$52.

Mark Duane Thompson, 51, Pendleton, disobeying traffic control device (stop sign), passing in a no pass zone, \$254.

Vern Alfred Garrett, 51, Hermiston, truck speeding 68/55, \$72.

James Leo Boor, 50, Ione, failure to wear safety belt, \$54.

Barry David Ater, 31, Portland, disobeying traffic control device (stop sign), \$127.

William Lee Andrews, 27, Heppner, no Oregon operator's license, \$72.

Nicole Lynn Clark, 26, Lexington, violation of the basic rule 72/55, no Oregon operator's license, \$144.

Samuel Alan Myers, 38, Heppner, violation of the basic rule 70/55, \$72.

Douglas John Brown Jr., 30, Kennewick, WA., failure to wear safety belt, \$54.

William Ellis Looney, 22, Heppner, driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, \$526; furnishing alcohol to minors, \$626.

"have a chance to win regularly and everyone is going to camps in the off-season."

Sponsors are being sought for those players who need to raise money for camp. The sponsor would promise \$205 to cover the cost of camp; the student will pay the \$75 deposit which will be due June 20; and then the student will perform 35 hours of work to cover the sponsorship. All sponsors are guaranteed that work will be done to satisfaction, said Grant.

"The player could do the work before or after camp. I hope to find enough work that every player who really would like to go can earn the opportunity," said Grant.

For more information about sponsoring a player, contact Grant at 541-676-9138; or 676-5257.

The Arts Council of Morrow County will be holding a General Membership and Public Meeting on Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at the District Office in Lexington.

Everyone is invited to attend and hear what is going on with the "Arts" this spring!

