

## Smiths named July Yard of the Month



The home of Lenna and Glenn Smith was selected the Heppner yard of the month for July.

## Kenny family holds reunion

A family reunion was held July 4 at the Bill Kenny ranch on Sandhollow, near Heppner.

All living direct descendants of John F. and B. Kenny attended with the exception of James Kenny, who was at his home in Lake Oswego recovering from open heart surgery. Those attending came from Pennsylvania, Washington, California and Oregon. Lunch and dinner were served to 93 family members.

"A wonderful time of visiting, playing games including horseshoe

throw, trampoline, egg toss and sack races were all enjoyed," said a family member.

One of the highlights of the day was the showing of a slide show assembled by Bill Kenny, the son of Marj and Bill Kenny, showing pictures of some of the ranch activities and years spent growing up on the ranch of the seven Kennys: Eddie, Matt, Ilene Kenny Richards, Emmett, James, Patricia Kenny Erwin, and Bill. Also included were pictures of the 30 plus grandchildren of John F. and B. Kenny.

## Program on sex abuse protection slated

Morrow County Behavioral Health Prevention/Early Intervention Program, in conjunction with the Commission on Children and Families and Parents Together Program are sponsoring a workshop titled "Protection From Sexual Abuse." The workshop will be held on Thursday, Aug. 6 in Heppner, from 7-9 p.m. (English only), and Friday, Aug. 7, in Boardman, from 7-9 p.m. (in Spanish and English).

Meike Kerper, LMFT, and Dr. Andrew Lee will be guest speakers. They have a combined work

history of over 40 years in the human services and educational fields. Currently, they are in private practice in Cove, specializing in sex offender evaluation and treatment of juveniles, adults and sex abuse reactive children. Both are clinical members of the Association for the Treatment of Sex Abusers. For further background information, contact Marilyn Bader-Nesse, county prevention coordinator.

Day care will be provided for those who register by Thursday, July 30. Call 676-9161 or 481-2911 to register.

## High school rodeo invites members

Area youth interested in participating in Oregon High School Rodeo are invited to join the Columbia Basin High School

Rodeo Club. The club consists of rodeo patrons from the mid-Columbia area, and has had members from Wasco, Sherman, Jefferson, Wheeler, Gilliam and Morrow counties.

The group will sponsor the first rodeo of the OHSRA season at Condon over Labor Day weekend, September 5-6. Memberships to the OHSRA must be received by August 15 to be eligible to participate in the Condon rodeo.

For membership information with the Oregon High School Rodeo Association, contact Columbia Basin Club President Marne Wilkins or club advisor Lynn Wilkins at 541-384-3699.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

The Chamber of Commerce's first priority is the small businesses in our community and the desire for their economic success and continuation. As all good businessmen are aware, the success of their business hinges on excellent employees, working together and putting the customer first.

The Morrow Umatilla Workforce Committee has money available to small businesses offering employee training.

Community development funds have been set aside to provide an opportunity for businesses to receive reimbursement for wages/costs associated with employee training critical to the businesses' maintaining or increasing its productivity.

Businesses with fewer than 25 total employees are eligible. For more information and a copy of the application, contact Mary F. Nixon, Region 12 Workforce Committee Regional Coordinator, at 541-276-9050 Ext. 230. Don't miss this great opportunity to give positive reinforcement to your employees.

Ready for a great time this Friday, July 31? Prepare for an afternoon and evening of good community fun, kicked off with the sidewalk sale which leads into all kinds of activity on the shamrock from children's games to music, cake, dedication and dancing. Bring along your lawn chairs, visit with your neighbor, dance and sing a little, vote for the distinguished person of your choice to kiss the little porker, and enjoy cold beverages out of the new Chamber of Commerce sports bottle. Bring family, friends and golf tournament visitors for a rollicking good time. Unfortunately, the tree bricks will not be in place, but look for them by Fair and Rodeo, yet another reason to enjoy your community and "Celebrate Heppner".

Thought for the Week: Leisure is spending time on the work you love without getting paid for it.

## 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.

### Dismayed at polarization

To the Editor:

I am dismayed at the growing age polarization in Heppner, with anyone under 21 being treated with fear and suspicion.

Townpeople complain that young people are disrespectful. But I have heard reliable reports that in their dealings with youth, some police use foul language and physical intimidation, have conducted searches without cause and have detained minors without parental notification. Perhaps they think fear and loathing lead to respect, but the opposite is true. The best way to teach and earn respect is to practice it. Returning adolescent

behavior with more of the same will only lead to trouble.

It is doubtless true that among the hundreds of young people in South Morrow County, there are a few who are angry, bored and undisciplined. But the vast majority are fantastic, fun, creative, smart people who enjoy hanging out with their peers. Please don't make them feel that their adult world is against all of them.

One more thing regarding the committee formed to look into the situation: unless at least one-third of its members are under 21, they're wasting their time.

(s) The Rev. Lea Mathieu  
Ione

### Clarification on puncturevine

To the Editor:

I appreciate everyone's positive response to my request to eliminate puncturevine in last week's paper.

A note of clarification. My reference to locations (mini-mart and Hager Park) was not meant to point fingers at anyone. I apologize if my comment was

taken personally.

I wrote my letter was a little late this year. If not sprayed before the plant sets seed, those seeds are viable and will grow. I have some printed material for anyone who is interested. Next year, we'll get an earlier start.

(s) Janet Greenup  
Heppner

### Words can be deceiving

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to the article published in last week's paper. The article discussed the town meeting that was held for the concerned citizens of Heppner. In this article, concerning the statement, "One of the youth was identified as a known troublemaker," was followed by a quote from myself.

I wish to make known that I did not at any time say that this particular student was a "known troublemaker," nor did I even iden-

tify any of the students that participated in this particular event. It concerns me that words can appear in such a deceiving way.

I apologize to this young man and to his parents. We really enjoyed his company; he was an asset to the trip. We hope that he will feel comfortable about continuing his involvement with Campus Life. We hope you will accept our apology. You are more than welcome to join us anytime.

(s) Joey R. Van Doorn  
Campus Life volunteer staff  
Heppner

### HHS class of 1978 plans reunion

The Heppner High School class of 1978 will hold a barbecue re-

union on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 5 p.m. in the park behind the Morrow County Courthouse.

For more information, contact Shelley Thompson Connelly, (503) 620-4116, or Dee Hedman Miller, 642-7098.

### In the Service

Navy Airman Joseph R. Baker recently visited Hong Kong while on a six month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, homeported in Everett, WA.

During the port visit, sailors and Marines from Baker's ship participated in "Project Handclasp" providing humanitarian aid to adults and children residing in a disaster relief organization, a school for the mentally handicapped and an international Christian school. In addition to providing food, hygienic items, toys, books and paper to the recipients, members of Baker's ship cleaned, repaired and painted buildings, said a military news release.

Baker is the son of Robin Baker of Ione, and Robert Baker of Cecil. The 1996 graduate of Ione High School joined the Navy in June, 1996.

## Contract Boardman health services with GSH

To the Editor:

To the Administrator and Board of Directors, MCHD-

The evolving information regarding the medical district's finances and the 1998-99 budget clarifies the impossibility of the medical district being able to fulfill its commitment to the Boardman area for full-time services. It appears to me now that the district's Boardman clinic should be closed. That physician should be transferred to Heppner to help keep the hospital and Heppner clinic functioning.

Boardman has a doctor struggling to maintain a private practice and could probably assist the district in operating the Irrigon clinic if it can be opened under the existing financial restraints.

All of North Morrow County is in the area being served by Good Shepherd Hospital and Foundation. That organization should be approached to assist and probably take over medical ser-

vices in North Morrow County. Residents of Irrigon and Boardman were among the original donors to Good Shepherd when it was first established and it is the closest hospital for this area.

Further, we need to seriously reexamine the viability of a county-wide medical district. As an original supporter of this countywide district, I now believe it was a major mistake. It is apparently not working for the Heppner hospital and clinic and it certainly is not working for Boardman. The Boardman area should probably have its own district. That district could then make decisions for Boardman that would fit its needs, whether that is standing along, associating with Good Shepherd or some other arrangement.

If I can be of any assistance to the medical board in pursuing these matters, please contact me. There are others, I am sure, throughout the district who would be willing to help.

(s) John Prag  
Boardman

## Community grants awarded

The Morrow County Commission on Children and Families approved two community development proposals on July 14 during its monthly meeting in Boardman. Grants totaling \$500 were distributed to the Irrigon Park and Recreation District to help fund construction of a Little League Baseball Field and \$500 to the Boardman Park and Recreation District to help fund a summer evening recreation program.

The Community Development Fund was established for community needs and to leverage other funds and resources into services, advocacy and unique application projects for the children, youth and families of Morrow County. There is approximately \$1,500 available each quarter and the maximum grant is \$500.

Examples of reasonable community development fund requests include seasonal program needs; small capital expenditures (except for private property); service program staff training; one-time events and pilot projects. Home day care providers may also apply for funds to enhance the quality and availability of their services but they must be registered by the state or have registration forms submitted to the state for approval at the time of request for funds.

Next quarter's proposals will be reviewed on Sept. 8 during the monthly commission meeting, but must be received by the commission office by Monday, Aug. 31 to be considered. Applications are available at the commission office at 120 S. Main, Heppner, or by calling 676-9675.

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