

In the Service

Navy Airman Joseph Baker, son of Robin Baker of Ione and Robert Baker of Cecil, recently completed a six month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

While deployed in the Arabian Gulf, Baker's ship aided multinational interception operations in prohibiting contraband transports to and from Iraq.

During the deployment, Baker and crew members had the opportunity to visit Hong Kong, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.

The 1996 graduate of Ione High School, Ione, joined the Navy in June, 1996.

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Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

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"Good morning...good afternoon, Heppner Chamber of Commerce." Some of Monday's calls: "Reservations for four at the luncheon; does Heppner have candidates for a Miss or Mrs. Eastern Oregon? I need a table for St. Pat's; send St. Pat's information; my organization needs a money making project; send a relocate packet. I can't be your speaker for the annual luncheon; I'm having oral surgery. I purchased a cell phone from a business in Heppner and can't remember the name. How many servers do you need for the banquet? ODOT speaker changing dates. Strangers, friends, travelers. Are the tickets sold out for the prime rib dinner? Will you still store my tree lights? There's a retail meeting at 8 a.m. tomorrow. Is the web site material ready yet? How about another Celebrate Heppner? Find a different location for goal setting. It's time to print the St. Patrick's schedule of events". And so goes life at the other end of the phone.

That could be partly why my Christmas tree may be the only one still up in Morrow County. (Everyone should have the expertise of the Columbia Basin crew, the city and Tom Rawlins.) My tree is still green and it helped keep the 12 days of Christmas in perspective.

It would have come down Saturday, but I had to take my cat to the vet. Don't laugh. Curled up in my lap, Max could lower my blood pressure and bring calm to my household. She arrived three years ago in my four year old grandson's arms. "Gramsie," he asked, "I can't keep Max anymore, so will you take real good care of her?" She became family. Cat owners will understand.

And what does this have to do with the Chamber of Commerce, you wonder. Everything. All our lives are interconnected and we're human beings working on doing the best we can with our lives, our families, our communities, our jobs, just life in general. We celebrate with many rituals, including luncheons, banquets, parties and quiet times. Most of all it's about being there for others when they most need you, and letting them be when they don't. Sometimes in our busy lives we forget this. Remind me.

As the Chamber, our community, our families, friends, and strangers go forward into 1999, let us each take more time, have more patience, treat others as we would like to be treated, and remember to laugh along the way. Happy New Year.

See you at Town and Country.

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.

Is four-day week serving our youngsters well?

To the Editor:

Last week we learned that the school board will not use a survey on the four-day school week. Are we then to continue the four-day week?

The Nov 11 issue of the GT revealed that our students are well below the state required benchmark standards. In 10th grade reading, 64 percent of us are below these standards, in writing, 50 percent, in math, 74 percent. The scores for grades eight, five and three are also well below, most of them lower than last year. We must ask, "Is the four day week serving our youngsters very well?"

We were told that we needed the four-day week because of a money shortage, but the savings have not been substantial for our budget. We can now afford to return to five days. We were also told that Friday would better use the time for athletics, but sports schedules show that often other days are used for sports contests.

At the end of the first four-day year, some of us went to the board urging their careful attention to what it would mean to kindergarten through third grade children. Knowing that these years form the foundation for future success in school work. We pointed out that this age doesn't have the physical, mental or emotional maturity to take those longer days. By one o'clock they are worn out, but two hours remain before they can take the bus where they fall asleep on the way home. On Monday they have forgotten more than on a two-day weekend, leaving teachers to spend more time in review to get back on track.

Developing reading skill at this age gives self-confidence.

Why make it an issue?

To the Editor:

It was pretty obvious when the news about the blue dress with evidence on it was broadcast around the globe on TV that a plot was in store for the nation. It left no doubt in the minds of the voters that it wasn't to prove her virginity. What in the flames of hell was she messing around with a married man for in the first place? She was no teenager that had been led astray.

To help matters out, the straight-laced, overzealous representatives are worried about what they can do to punish him, if the impeachment doesn't go through. What other man on earth has ever gone through more punishment already than our president since this astute, awesome research started?

I doubt if the man has had one normal night's sleep since this plot was made public. With all this nit-picking going on day and

night, how can he keep a settled mind to tend to the business that he was elected? Also, when has the government ever been in better shape?

I would like to remind people of how Oregon lost the very helpful, valuable Senator Bob Packwood, when some women showed the audacity to claim harassment as long as 25 years previously. Something must have been wrong with their mentality, since it took them that long to make up their minds.

Perhaps if some of the representatives had walked a mile in President Clinton's moccasins, they would not have been in such a mad rush to string him up. My question: Why have past presidents' transgressions been ignored and President Clinton's have been made such a worldwide issue? It certainly has not enhanced our image in other nations.

Call or write to your board members.

(s) Jane Rawlins Heppner

and Morrow County School Board members going to give to the 60-65 percent of the students who do not qualify and are not given the crucial initial job interview?

(s) Meg Murray Ione

What do we say to the students?

To the Editor:

Many companies have already altered their job application forms to ask what Certificates of Mastery the applicant has achieved.

What answers are the parents

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

Hearing aid assistance was given and blood pressures taken before the senior meal Jan. 6. Members of the First Christian Church served at the meal. The Nutrition Site Committee met following dinner. The St. Patrick celebration senior breakfast and luncheon-were discussed.

The menu for Jan. 20 will be tamale pie, cabbage and chick pea salad, relish tray and dip, chunky apple sauce and chocolate cake. Members of St. Patrick's Church will serve.

Irene Anhorn is home from the hospital and recovering well from her broken hip.

Pinochle was played Tuesday and Friday afternoons. The card players had a party New Year's Day, a luncheon hosted by Jane Rawlins.

The St. Patrick's quilt is now on display at the Senior Center. Tickets are available in the office.

Remember, Bingo is on Fridays at 7 p.m. Sue Vinson moved into an apartment here last week. The tenants are happy to welcome her.

Ten people in the RSVP group folded news bulletins for the Extension Service on Jan. 7 and 11.

Bobbi Peck new Greenfield master

January's Greenfield Grange meeting will be the first time for Bobbi Peck to preside as master.

After five years as secretary she has been elected to a higher position.

Other officers for 1999 are: Martha Baker, overseer; Lennie Vaughn, lecturer; Otis Dean, steward; Don Baker, assistant steward; Nancy Huddleston, lady assistant steward; Edna Melby, chaplain; Jane Dean, secretary/treasurer; Patrick "Tiny" McDonough, gatekeeper; Eleanor Bailey, Ceres; and Connie Rodriguez, Pomona. Edna Melby remained Grange Women's Activities chairperson and Tiny McDonough, agriculture chairman.

The hall has a new look. Since getting a new exterior coat of paint this summer, new carpet has been laid in the dining hall and the card room. The GWAs are planning to put up new drapes in the hall this year.

Anyone wishing to join the

Grange may contact a Grange officer or call Jane Dean, 481-5223.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF HEPPNER WATER SYSTEM SUPPLY FEASIBILITY STUDY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Heppner is requesting proposals from qualified engineering consultants to provide a feasibility analysis for serving the water needs of the City with a population of 2,000. Qualified applicants will have experience in municipal water supply and shall demonstrate experience doing an extensive analysis of water systems with multiple pressure zones.

Copies of the complete request for proposals containing required scope of work and qualifications of the consultants can be obtained from The City of Heppner, PO Box 756, Heppner, OR 97836; phone (541) 676-9618. Applicants may also obtain a copy in Microsoft Word through e-mail by sending their request to heppner@ptinet.net.

Gerald W. Breazeale City Manager
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St. Pats Committee to meet Sat.

The Heppner St. Patrick's Day Committee will meet this Saturday at 8 a.m. at Corbin's Bowl.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Town Council meetings for the Town of Lexington have been changed. These meetings will now be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at Lexington City Hall. All citizens are encouraged to attend the meetings.

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PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Umatilla Electric Cooperative has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participating in, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color or national origin in its policies and practices relating to applications for service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in any meetings of Beneficiaries and Participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization. Any person who believes himself, or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the rules and regulations issued thereunder may, by himself, or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 20250, or the Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C., 20250, or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 90 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purpose of the rules and regulations.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Morrow County Court will hold the continuation of Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 20, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Health Office, Boardman, Oregon to hear public comment on the "Petition to Withdraw from the Morrow County Health District". Any interested person may appear at the hearing and be heard.

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PLEASE check your ad on the first date of publication. While we are happy to make any necessary corrections, we cannot be responsible for errors appearing on multiple days. When cancelling an ad, PLEASE check to be sure your ad was not inadvertently published. THANK YOU!

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following people for helping to make our daughter's wedding and reception a most memorable occasion: the Ione Legion, the Ione Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Betty Gray, Cheryl Anderson, Monica Swanson, Birdine Tullis, Laurel Cannon, Brian Holtz, Staci Miller, Jack Barnett, Della Heideman, Erin Hansell-Heideman, Anne Morter, Barbara Bloodsworth, Tina Chinen, Lorie Sullivan, Kevin and Jim Logan.

Buzz and Jeanette Logan
1-13-1c

A special thank you to everyone for the phone calls, cards, baked goods, dinners, gifts and floral arrangements. The caring and support was overwhelming. Thank you again; it meant a lot.

The Schonbachers
1-13-1c

A big thank you to those in the Ione Fire Dept. who responded to our calving barn fire on Thursday a.m. We were lucky in the timing of the fire and extremely lucky to have neighbors and friends willing to help out. Thanks to you all.

Paul, Sue, Jason and Megan Proudfoot
Bill Bacon
p.s.-the cow and calf are singed, but doing fine.
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9-16-tfx

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Wanted: Heppner T.V. is accepting bids for Janitorial Services. Job requirement: 1) clean office weekly. 2) wash windows inside and out monthly. 3) shampoo carpets when needed. Please submit bid to: Heppner T.V., Inc., 162 North Main, Heppner, OR 97836.
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MISCELLANEOUS

Social stationery: wedding invitations, napkins and all wedding printing. Also anniversary invitation. Fast service. **Heppner Gazette-Times, 676-9228.**
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Animal bedding-cedar shavings, \$8.95; fir, \$7.95, 10 cu. ft. bales; straw bales, 2-strand, \$2.50, 3-strand, \$3.50. **Green Feed and Seed, Heppner.**
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For Sale: queen mattress and frame w/six drawer pedestal. \$250 OBO. Call 676-5918.
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Wood for sale-676-5406.
1-6-2p

Wanted: Mildred Padberg's fruitcake recipe. Mail to Mary Evelyn, P.O. Box 69, Colton, OR. 97017.
1-6-2c

2-year old Sega Genesis w/ games, \$80. Call 676-5238 for information (evenings only).
1-13-2c

New arrivals at **Gardner's Men's Wear:** XL Socks, Pan-handle Slim Shirts up to size 20. Sale items: Coats, Ladies Blouses, Joe Boxers and Men's Sweaters.
1-13-1c

Contemporary leather chair and ottoman (great for cabin), \$70; small electric lawnmower, \$50; portable barbecue (Weber), \$15. 676-9625, Kim.
1-13-2p

HELP WANTED

WANTED: person to write Heppner High School girls' basketball articles. Call April or Dave at the G-T. 676-9228.
11-11-tfx

Part-time Help Needed
Applications available at **BUCKNUM'S,** 152 N. Main, Heppner 676-5274

Position 1: **Custodian** (6 hours per week - cleaning). Location: District Office, Lexington, Oregon. Application: Contact Personnel at (541) 989-8202. Successful candidate may be subject to fingerprinting. EOE
1-13-1c

The **Bank of Eastern Oregon**, a profitable growing community bank, is now accepting applications for one **peak time teller position** in their Heppner, Oregon branch immediately.

The successful applicant will possess outstanding customer service skills, be a team player, and have a genuine interest in helping customers with their financial needs.

Hours will be 10:00-3:00 Monday - Friday with additional hours possible depending on Bank needs.

Position will include a competitive salary and prorated benefit package. Applicants may call or write Darrell Raver, Branch Manager, (541) 676-9125, or P.O. Box 39, Heppner, Oregon 97836 to receive an application.

Applications will close on January 22, 1999.

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