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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. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$5.)

HP debate not "totally idiotic"

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter Jeremy Rietmann of Ione wrote in the Jan. 17 issue.

I feel that this Harry Potter "debate" is not "totally idiotic." Two people who I know are very smart people and people who I admire put letters in the paper. These people are Lea Mathieu and Monika Hunter. These women are very intelligent and would not put a letter in if they did not feel it was worth it.

I also feel that we should feel lucky that we are so blessed to have a community that is so close that we can do this. We should also be thankful that our local paper is allowing us to do this.

I think that there is nothing wrong with disagreeing. But it is never okay, nor is it right, to cut someone down for their beliefs, because everyone has a right to

his own opinion and to believe in what they choose. I am not accusing anybody of doing this. This is just how I feel.

Now not all Christians may feel that these books are inappropriate for Christians to read, just like some Christians don't find any harm in listening to "secular" music. But others might disagree. It is a matter of where your relationship with God is. Now, just because you don't find any harm in these things does not mean that your relationship with God is bad. It is a matter of opinion and conviction, just as the decision on whether to read the Harry Potter books is.

I personally have decided not to read them, but that is just my choice. But I will never condemn anyone for reading them.

(s) Kassy Gaines
Heppner

Question addressed to school board

To the Editor:

I have a question that I wish to publicly address to Morrow County School District's superintendent and board.

Based upon the district's educational system "Constitution and Bylaws" is it legal for public school teachers to teach students religious philosophy, doctrines or chants pertaining to the supernatural, through any selected medium of the teachers' choice, that may or may not pose the risk of a student converting from one religion to another?

Would you please print your answer in next week's editorial section of The Gazette Times, quoting and stating the article or section of the district's constitution and bylaws from which it is found?

Please note: to clarify any misunderstanding of my question, and to ward off any delay in the answer I have defined the following words from my letter, using Webster's New World Dictionary and Atlas (1940) as my resource.

(1) Teach-to impart knowledge to; instruct; inform; cause to learn or acquire skill in.

(2) Religious-set apart for religion.

(3) Philosophy- the knowledge of the causes of all phenomena of both mind and matter; a particular philosophic system.

(4) Doctrine-that which is taught; the principles, belief or dogma of any church, sect, or party.

(5) Chant-a psalm, phrase, slogan, or the like repeated rhythmically and insistently, as by a crowd.

(6) Supernatural- beyond, or exceeding, the powers of laws of nature.

(7) Medium-anything intervening; agency; means (a means to teach through such as literature, music, or physical exercise).

(8) Converting-convertible; transmutable; interchangeable.

(9) Religion-any system of faith (belief) or worship (adoration).

(s) Kelly Christman
Ione

'Famine' to be held in Heppner

To the Editor:

A 30-hour famine fund raiser has been planned in Heppner on Feb. 2-3. The famine will be put on by the Heppner United Methodist Church.

Those participating will fast (not eat) from Friday to Saturday. Juice will be available but there won't be any pop or food of any kind. Activities have been planned.

A breakfast will be held at the conclusion of the fast.

Money raised will be sent to children who live in poverty in Tanzania and other countries.

For more information, contact the Heppner United Methodist

Tumbling classes

Tumbling classes for children ages three to 12 will be held at the Heppner Elementary gym.

For more information, contact Cindy Sumner, 989-8514, evenings.

Weddings Sullivan-Ogden



Alison and Jarrod Ogden

Alison Sullivan and Jarrod Ogden were married on July 29, 2000, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Portland.

The bride is the daughter of Brian and Lorie Sullivan of Ione.

The groom is the son of Jim and Deanna Odgen, Willits, CA.

Father Joe Jacobberger officiated at the ceremony. Musicians included a cantor, an organist and a trumpeter.

The bride wore a strapless gown with a full skirt and train and a beaded bodice. She carried a bouquet of a variety of shades of pink roses.

Matron of honor was Jessica New, Salem, and maid of honor was Sarah Bolton, Tualatin, both sorority sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Meghan Burken Portland, a sorority sister of the bride, and Niki Sullivan and Jenny Sullivan, both sisters of the bride, Ione.

Best man was James Ogden, brother of the groom, Tigard. Groomsmen were Roy Leon, Shawn Zimmermaker, Scott Herman, Willets, CA, and Monty

Wells, Albuquerque, NM, all friends of the groom.

Candlelighters were Jamie Reid, Seattle, WA, and Jake Reid, Walnut Creek, CA.

Flower girls were Alissa and Rebecca Campbell, Gillian Reid, Walnut Creek, CA, and Samantha Sullivan, Pasco, WA.

Ring bearers were Sean and Mathew Campbell, Renton, WA, Nicholas Ogden, Tigard, Bradley King, Waco, TX, and Tanner Porter, Denver, CO.

A reception was held at the Adrianna Hill Grand Ballroom, Portland. Following the ceremony the couple left for wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico.

The bride received a bachelor of science degree in human development and family sciences from Oregon State University and a master of arts in teaching from Pacific University. She is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Sam Boardman Elementary School.

The groom attended Oregon State University on a football scholarship. He is employed with Sullivan Farms at Ione.

Nursing home resident of month



Nonie Pointer
By Pennie Miller

Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home resident of the month Nonie Pointer was born January 1, 1920, to Cornelius and Mary Loise McLaughlin on their ranch around the Franklin Hill area. She grew up on the ranch, the second of nine brothers and three sisters.

On April 24, 1940, she married Don Pointer and became a ranch wife, living on the Pointer Ranch north of Lexington. Nonie and Don raised six children: Hank of

Ione; Tom, who resides on the Pointer Ranch; Louise of Beaverton; Donna of Aloha; Mark of Lexington; and Charlie of Sublimity.

Nonie and Don lived on the ranch until they retired in 1976. They then moved to Pendleton.

Don passed away in 1977. Nonie continued to live in Pendleton until 1990, then moved to Portland to live with her daughter Louise. Due to health problems, Nonie later moved to the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

Nonie enjoys music, outings, visiting with family and friends and just watching people. "Nonie is cheerful and full of laughter. We are truly blessed to have her as part of our family," said PMNH staff.

Obituary

Ellis C. "Mike" Saling

Ellis C. "Mike" Saling, 84, a lifelong resident of the Heppner area, died Saturday, January 27, 2001, at Juniper House in Pendleton.

Graveside memorial service was held Wednesday, January 31, 2001, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

He was born March 12, 1916, at Hardman, where he grew up and attended school. Following the death of his mother, Goldie, he and his sister were adopted by their grandmother, Corda Saling, of Hardman.

He worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps and helped in the building of Oregon state parks.

He served with the Army from 1941-1946.

When he returned to Heppner, he went to work on the Ray Wright ranch. He later was employed by Kinzua Corporation in Heppner for 28 years, retiring in 1978.

On December 25, 1949, he married Eileen Kelly Harris in Heppner.

He was a member of American Legion Post 87 and Heppner BPOE 358.

Mr. Saling enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Eileen, of Pendleton; daughters, Patti Allstott and Michele Hams, both of Heppner, and Sheryl Kelly of Tucson, Arizona; sisters, Violet Myers of Beaverton and Mary Scott of Eugene; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Besides his mother, Goldie, he was preceded in death by his father, Charlie McDaniel; brother, Marion Saling; sister, Marie Martin; and stepson, Renn Harris.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Elks 358 Foundation, P.O. Box 494, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Red Cross drawing cancelled

The American Red Cross blood drawing scheduled for Monday, Jan. 29, at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

The next scheduled blood drawing in Heppner will be announced later this spring.

MCGC News

By Sandi Day

The weekly shoot of the Morrow Co. Gun Club was held early Sunday morning because of the Super Bowl in the afternoon.

Harvey Childers, Jeff Cutsforth and Curt Day took first at the 16-yard line with 23 of 25, Mark Schlichting was second with a 22, and Roger Mortimore followed in third with 21.

In the handicap event, first went to Harvey Childers and Curt Day, each with 23. Jeff Cutsforth was second with 22 and Rob Ashbeck finished third with a 21.

Junior shooters Chance Day and Tayler Hodges were "smokin' the birds" for the second week in a row, with Chance hitting 14 at the 16-yard line and 13 at the 20-yard line and Tayler had 10 at the 16 and 11 at the 20-yard line.

The ladies were also hot at the line with Deona Hodges shooting 19 of 25 at the 16-yard line for first. Sandi Day took second with 18, and Angela Munkers was third.

The MCGC will return to shooting at 12 noon on Sunday, Feb. 4, and will begin league shooting. League shooting will run for eight weeks and then the gun club will host a meat shoot.

Chronicles committee

The Morrow County Chronicles committee will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to begin planning the 2001 issue, the 20th in the series.

Anyone who is interested in contributing to this publication, which is dedicated to historical stories about Morrow County, is encouraged to join the committee at Twice upon a time... bookstore next to Heppner Hardware.

The committee will meet once a month, for four months, to select the topics and then to offer help to the individuals who contribute the articles.

The Chronicles goes on sale by the week of the Morrow County Fair in August.

Anyone who wants to contribute a story idea or wants to write a story may join the meeting on Feb. 6 or contact one of the committee members-Kathryn Hoskins, Ruth McCabe, Jean Nelson, Archie and Jeanette Padberg, Lucile Peck or Merlyn Robinson.

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