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## Rose Bergstrom retires from Murray's Drug



Rose Bergstrom

Customers at Murray's Drug are going to have to get used to a big change at the store. Rose Bergstrom, a fixture at the store for the past 17 years, has retired.

Bergstrom, a petite and very young 67 year-old, has worked in nearly every phase of the operation over the years, except for the pharmacy.

"I'm going to miss the people," said Bergstrom, who plans to do a "little traveling" and do some work in her large yard.

Bergstrom, who is originally from Spokane, was raised in Pendleton and attended

St. Joseph's Academy there.

After high school she worked in Pendleton for a while and then met her husband-to-be, Gerald, through a friend of his. They married in 1966 at Valby Church.

Gerald drove bus for 24 years.

The Bergstroms, who make their home at Eightmile, have a son, Michael, who works for Morrow County Grain Growers. He and his wife, Darcy, live in Heppner.

Rose attends St. William's and St. Patrick's churches. Besides gardening, she enjoys reading and doing handicrafts.

## MCGC News

By Sandi Day

The Morrow County Gun Club held their weekly shoot on Sunday, March 18, with a rather small but hearty crowd.

Mark Schlichting and Mike Bennett each shot a perfect 25 at the 16-yard line, followed by Rob Ashbeck and Jimmy Walton with 23. Brian Haguewood took third with 18. Mike Bennett also took first at the handicap line with a 24 of 25. Mark Schlichting was second with 21 and Bob Krein and Brian Haguewood tied for third with 19 each. Shelly Ashbeck and Angela Munkers tied for first in the ladies shoot with 14 each.

MCGC met again on Sunday, March 25, with a better turnout despite the strong winds that provided a challenge to the shooters. Club president Curt Day and Mike Bennett shot a near perfect 24 of 25 for first at the 16-yard line. Newcomer Lowell Turner took second with 23 and Harvey Childers was third with a 22.

At the 16-yard line for the ladies, Sandi Day was first with a 20 and Deona Hodges was second with 17.

took first with 23. Second went to Mike Bennett with a 22 and Bob Krein was third with a 20.

For the ladies, Sandi Day was first with 17 and Deona Hodges was second with 11.

Junior shooter Tayler Hodges was on a hot streak shooting with the "big dogs" at the 16-yard line.

Four Annie Oakley shoots were held with Bob Krein, Sandi Day, Curt Day and Travis Greenup each taking a winning pot.

Winners of the spring league shoot were the team of Rob Ashbeck and Brian Haguewood, edging out Mark Schlichting and Sandi Day with 405 and 401 respectively. Third place went to Jeff Cutsforth and Roger Mortimore with 373. Barry Munkers and Tony Greenup took fourth with 362. Fifth-place team was Bob Krein and Deona Hodges, and the sixth-place team was Curt Day and Shelly Ashbeck.

MCGC will shoot again on Sunday, April 1, starting at noon, and will hold another meat shoot on Sunday, April 8, beginning at 10 a.m. More information will follow in next week's news.

## 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.)

### Gossip hurts

To the Editor:

It's time I said something. I have lived here for about seven years. Throughout these years, I have had people confide in me. Some told me that this is the most gossipy town they have ever lived in. Others end up moving because they can't handle the vicious gossip that has gone around about them. Others that are still here have confided in me, drenching both of us in tears. People talking behind their backs. People saying things on purpose when they're around you to hurt you. People playing games. I won't give you names of any of these people that have entrusted me.

However, what I will do is tell you, that about eight years ago, a woman wanted me to slander and help her destroy this man who was and still is very dear to me. I wouldn't do it. So she set out to slander me. She said that she would "make sure she would do whatever it takes to take me out". She wanted to make sure I regretted my decision.

When I moved here, she knew someone who knew someone who lived here. She was up here slandering me. This female still continues with her slander chain. My first year in Heppner was very hard for me.

Two years ago, my husband and

I separated. He left, because that's what we agreed on. It didn't work out financially. Last September we separated for a second time. This time I left, because that's what we agreed on. Something happened that affected my living arrangements in Pendleton. Due to what happened, I took leave from work. I'm a guest in my house now. As soon as the situation is taken care of, I will be able to continue with the separation. There is a lot more lies going on about me with this also. I still get people who play their little gossip games with me. For the record, my, not-divorced-yet husband and I are very good friends. There is no hatred between us.

Nobody ever came up to ask me about the slander. But someone did ask me about my marriage. And I respect that person for not believing what he heard but instead asking me what's going on. That someone was only visiting here. That someone was one of them who left here and is still wounded by the gossips who are in the Heppner area.

We shouldn't use our tongues to hurt, to wound, nor destroy. We should use our tongues to help, to encourage, to build up one another.

With all vulnerability,  
(s) Teresa Gaines  
Heppner

### Can peace continue with military boost?

To the Editor:

Now, keeping a promise, it is time to look more closely at Pres. Eisenhower's warning at the end of his second term: "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

The industry he referred to was the arms industry, weapons manufacturers and others who profit materially from wars. The U.S. has been involved directly in two "hot" wars and one "Cold War", all bolstering the military-industrial complex.

Ironically, Ike himself had to preside over the rise of that "military-industrial complex" requiring a strong military to continue a policy of containment of communism in the Cold War. We were obsessed with the fear of the Soviet Union and communism, turning over every rock, trying to find communists in this country (remember McCarthy). Ike was right; the containment policy affected decision-making in the White House and the Congress for the next three decades.

In 1950, the American-sponsored South Korea was invaded by the Soviet-sponsored North Korea. For us at home the conflict was kind of a far-off mystery and lacked the moral urgency of World War II... but the president and the main general said that we should fight and so we did. The U.N. voted to support South Korea, but mostly it was our boys there. After see-saw battles our troops were losing and met with massive Red Chinese armies. The President fired the general. By 1953 the war ended where it began, at the 38th parallel. Fifty-four thousand of our boys had died with another 100,000 casualties and two million young Koreans were killed. Who won? That situation is still not solved. It did make profits for the arms industry though.

At the same time, we had started what became the Vietnam War by aiding the French in Indo-China. When they pulled out in '54, a Geneva conference partitioned Vietnam (This division was left to a future election which was never held). Until 1975 a war ensued that we could not win but were shamed both at home and before the world. We lost 58,000 of our young men; another 10,000 evaded the draft (pardoned later by Pres. Carter). Too sad that we did not heed the words of Senator Morse of Oregon: "...History will record that we have made a great mistake in subverting and circumventing the Constitution."

The Cold War continued with another boosting of the military-industrial complex in the 80's under Reagan, building up a military that threatened use of force against the

USSR, even though Gorbachev was contacting world leaders, trying hard for nuclear disarmament agreements (see "A Time For Peace" by Gorbachev). He was also planning sweeping changes in the Soviet economy and the quality of life there. However, our military might was built up and increased our national debt by around three trillion dollars.

By '88 we had the largest, best equipped and most powerful military in the world and were ready to take the largest part in the Gulf War. The reason for that war -- the world knew it and so did we -- was a much greater concern for oil than for the safety of the Kuwaitis or the Saudis. If we had really been fighting a ruthless military dictatorship, why did we not go to Baghdad and remove Saddam, as we went to Berlin? We were left with an unresolved problem, like Korea. However, we had proved that we had a mighty military -- the conflict had been like Heppner's C team playing the Portland TrailBlazers.

Were these wars a result of "misplaced power" that Eisenhower warns against? Whatever our answer to that may be, one thing is sure: now the U.S. arms industry is the largest on Earth and we are the world's greatest supplier of weapons, often to third world countries. Let's not forget that we sold arms to Iraq, adding to increasing power for Saddam and that under Reagan we sold arms to Iran, helping their war against Iraq, and then took that money to aid the Contras fighting Marxism in Nicaragua despite a Congress-passed amendment cutting off all aid to the Contras. Was that "misplaced power"?

How can we, with this proliferation of weapons, be working for world peace?

For the past eight years our country has been at peace. Can we continue that peace with our new president's emphasis on another boost of the military-industrial complex? What must the rest of the world think?

(s) Jane Rawlins  
Heppner

### Receipt boxes to move

Effective April 1, boxes for the Central Market's "one percent program" will no longer be available at the front of the store. In the program, one percent of the grocery store receipts placed in the box goes toward that particular charity organization.

Boxes for the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living project store receipts will now be located at Heppner City Hall and at Twice Upon a Time bookstore.

## Obituaries

### Henry G. Peck

Henry G. Peck, 91, of Heppner, died Monday, March 19, 2001, at his home.

A memorial service was held Friday, March 23, 2001, at the Lexington Oddfellows Hall.

He was born March 16, 1910, in Heppner, to Burton and Myra Yeager Peck. He was raised in the Rhea Creek area and attended Rhea Creek Country School. The family later moved to Lexington, where he attended high school.

On November 25, 1928, he married Josie L. Rowell at Lone.

He was employed by the Morrow County Road Department then the State Highway Department assigned to the section of road between Arlington and Blalock.

For over five summers, he worked harvest at the Dee Cox Ranch. The Pecks moved to Hermiston where they operated a farm, and Mr. Peck was employed at Umatilla Ordinance Depot during the 1940s.

He purchased a 16-foot pull-type combine and did custom cutting for many area farmers and leased the Pat McLaughlin Ranch, where he farmed for several years.

The family moved to Parkdale, where he bought a ranch that he farmed while working at the Oregon Lumber Mill as a millwright. The Pecks sold that farm and moved to Condon where he was employed by the John Deere Company as a mechanic for five years.

They returned to Hermiston, where he worked for Ross Machine and Iron Works for six years, and in 1976, they moved to his family's ranch between Lexington and Heppner.

Mr. Peck was a member of the Elks Lodge, the Lexington Oddfellows Lodge and the Lexington Grange.

Survivors include his wife, Josie of Heppner; daughters, Dorothy Tucker of Salem, Jeanette Henkins and Martha Corcoran, both of Douglas, Arkansas; sons, Ronald Peck of Moro, Lyle Peck and Richard Peck, both of Heppner, Burton Peck of Hermiston, William Peck in North Carolina and Raymond Peck of Lexington; brothers, James Peck and Donald Peck, both of Hermiston, and George "Bud" Peck of Pendleton; 30 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, James; a brother, Harold; and sisters, Eleanor Morey and Irene Nolan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health Care, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

### Master Gardeners to offer help

It's time to work outside in yards again and Blue Mountain Master Gardeners are here to offer help.

The local chapter of the OSU Extension Master Gardener program sponsors, in cooperation with the City of Heppner, a community garden located on Riverside Street in Heppner.

A 12' by 12' garden plot is offered for \$12. Local Master Gardeners are also available throughout the year to answer a variety of questions about plants, insects, trees, soil, etc.

For more information about the community garden or who to call for advice, contact the Morrow County Extension Service at 676-9642.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes,  
Executive Director

Scattered clouds, scattered showers and scattered thoughts for this week's column. It takes a bit to wrap up a celebration as large as the Wee Bit O' Ireland has become. Clean-up, flags, thank-yous. So many wonderful people in Heppner put the community on the map with all their hard work. The office continues to receive calls commending Heppner for a great weekend.

On the down side, there was a bit of leprechaun harassment. Just want to remind those involved that these leprechauns have very close ties with grandparents, mothers, clergy, health care people, teachers, etc., who are putting in long hours to add to the pleasure of little ones and the theme of the weekend. Remember, leprechauns aren't for hitting next time they are out and about. Be kind, please. Leprechauns shouldn't need bodyguards.

April moves us right into some busy weekends with various community events planned such as the annual Elks Easter egg hunt; the M.S. Walk; high school rodeo; and the Rolling Hills Run.

Chamber will be revisiting Business After Hours, with the first one scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, at the home of member Fran Oswald, local home business Shaklee distributor.

The Pioneer Flea Market will be at the Morrow County Fairgrounds on May 19-20. If organizations have additions to the Willow Creek Valley Calendar of events, we will gladly add them.

The Chamber encourages retailers and realtors to attend a two-part workshop on Friday, April 13, in Walla Walla, presented by retail consultant Jon Schallert. Joseph, Oregon, had the benefit of learning from him recently and he comes highly recommended by many.

There will be a 9 a.m. to noon session on Competing With Big Box Retailers (geared to helping small business owners remain competitive and thrive in a retail environment dominated by big box retailers). The 1:30-4:30 p.m. session is Attracting Retail To Your Downtown (filling up vacant buildings). The cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for the full day. If there is enough interest, the Chamber will arrange for a bus. It is open to one and all; however, Chamber members who are interested in attending will be eligible for a drawing for half off the cost. Please call the Chamber office 676-5536, if interested.

Welcome to Thomas Wolff, CPA, newest Chamber member. Problems with your taxes? Give him a call. Barnett and Moro are also longtime Chamber members ready to assist you with your returns. It's that time of the year.

Next week Chamber will meet at noon at DG's for the business meeting where all entities report the first Tuesday of every month.

Thought for the week: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."

### Parenting classes offered

"Love and Logic" parenting classes are being offered in Heppner on Tuesday evenings, April 3, 17 and 24 and May 1. Classes will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Family Services building, which is located above Heppner Hardware.

For additional information, contact the Commission on Children and Families office at 676-9675 or the Heppner Head Start office at 676-9150.

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