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Missionaries to speak at Lexington

Missionaries Victor and Carmel Madsen will be speaking about their ministry at Lexington Baptist Church on Sunday, April 8, at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Madsens look forward to serving as missionaries to Uganda under the auspices of CBInternational. They will be training and equipping national pastors and church leaders in Uganda. Few pastors, particularly those in rural areas, can afford to leave their village and families to get needed Bible training. Victor and Carmel will be working in cooperation with the church associations of the Baptist Union of Uganda to provide training for these pastors through the local Bible School programs.

As a mother of four young children, Carmel will also serve in women's and family ministries.

The Madsens are well acquainted with Africa. As children of CBI missionary parents, both grew up in Africa-Victor in Congo, Central

Africa, and Carmel in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa. Additionally, Victor attended high school in Kenya, East Africa, and Carmel taught reading in Mali, also West Africa.

The Madsens earned their undergraduate degrees in the United States. Victor is now pursuing a master's degree at Western Seminary, Portland, in preparation for full-time ministry. The Madsens were married in 1993 and appointed by CBI in 1999.

Correction
Isabelle Davis of Pendleton, a cousin of Ellen O'Brien Moroney from Ireland, was incorrectly identified in the March 21 issue of the Gazette-Times as Isabelle Campbell of Condon, according to another cousin, Bill Mitchell, Daly City, CA. Ellen Moroney and her husband Brendan were visitors to Heppner during the St. Patrick's celebration. Mitchell makes an annual trek from California to enjoy the festivities.

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.)

Understanding of peace misguided

To the Editor,
Jane Rawlins' portrayal of America, "Can peace continue with military boost" March 28, 2001, misses the essential reason why America has peace. Heinrich Wurmbbrand, the Lutheran pastor that spent over a decade in communist prisons in Eastern Europe because he refused to compromise his faith in God wrote, "Every freedom loving man has two fatherlands; his own and America. Today, America is the hope of every enslaved man, because it is the last bastion of freedom in the world. Only America has the power and spiritual resources to stand as a barrier between militant communism and the people of the world."

America enjoys our present freedom and peace because of the price in shed blood sacrificed in two world wars, Korea, Vietnam and other conflicts in the past century. Militant communism, militant Islam, militant dictatorships and militant Nazism destroy individual freedom and the very liberty that allows Jane Rawlins and all citizens of America to express themselves. Can America's political leaders abuse the military power required to protect liberty? Absolutely. Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Clinton's Yugoslavia bombing campaign achieved negligible results because each failed to develop a moral imperative of protecting America's and the world's liberty. Does that mean our soldiers died in vain serving America? Absolutely not. Lord Acton the English historian wrote, "That great political idea, sanctifying freedom and consecrating it to God, teaching men to treasure the liberties of others

as their own and to defend them for the love of justice and charity more than as a right, has been the soul of what is great and good in the progress of the last two hundred years." (1877)

America has been the last bastion of freedom and liberty because Americans have been willing to defend the right of all men to sustain liberty from oppressive communist, Islamic, and totalitarian dictatorships. In a Muslim fundamentalist nation a woman is not allowed to be seen in public without a head to foot covering with a screen over her face and must be accompanied by a male relative. Islam is the fastest growing totalitarian government in the world today. Military might in a dangerous world is a necessary evil if we are to remain free and wish to continue to live in peace. If you know someone that served America whether in peace or war never forget to honor the price they paid for our liberty.

Jane Rawlins' understanding of peace is misguided. We must return to the values of the Bible and support the current bill in the Oregon legislature to return the Ten Commandments to the classroom. The American people have been deceived to believe the problem is the military. There is no greater threat to the liberty of America, than the violent slaughter waged against the most vulnerable human beings on earth, a baby in a mother's womb. If America is to remain the last bastion of freedom the unborn child in a mother's womb must be sanctified and we must honor those dedicated to protecting our liberty.

(s) Stuart Dick Meacham

Bond measure ignores students' needs

To the Editor:
To the Morrow County School Board:

It honestly seems impossible that our school board could realize the depth of scheduling difficulties in South Morrow County and still submit to voters a bond measure that would spread our teaching staff even more thinly.

The students in South Morrow following the college-bound format have great difficulty getting the classes they want and need. The students not planning on college are offered even less; in fact, nothing. An example of the seniors' dilemma is the lone senior who took two required classes, was a teacher's assistant for two periods, had lunch, and went home. The South Morrow seniors who did not seek college placement last year were poorly served by our school system; an ineffective system that cries out to be addressed.

Student numbers have declined countywide this school year, rather than growing as expected. Superintendent Anderson reported to the school board that, countywide, classroom size is 16 to 18 students. The bond measure proposed is not

the answer to our problems. Stretching our teaching staff even further will only spread the problems that exist in the South End of the county to the North End as well.

Another reason to proceed slowly lies in House Bill 2637. This bill directs that federal forest reserve revenues, the funds allocated by the U.S. Congress last session to compensate for lost federal timber-receipt revenue, should go directly to the intended school districts. If this bill passes, recipient school districts must use the federal forest reserve revenues for maintenance, capital construction and transportation. We do not need 22 million local dollars spent hastily at this moment.

Please reexamine the results of breaking up our county-wide high school system into small units. As experienced in South Morrow, the result is a disastrously limited curriculum. It is not the four walls of a separate high school that matters but how well the students are taught therein. The bond measure emphasizing only infrastructure totally ignores the students' real needs.

(s) Meg Murray Ione

Everyone pitches in to help

To the Editor:
To the Willow Creek Valley community:

Another St. Patrick's Celebration has come and gone and what fun we had. Many people worked hard to host and entertain our out-of-town guests as well as fellow residents of the Willow Creek Valley.

The following people and businesses assisted in various ways with the parade on Saturday: Claudia Hughes collected entries and assisted with a variety of questions; Cara Osmin provided guidance, encouragement, assistance with registration and help with a variety of questions and information about past parades; Ann Spicer helped register; Bob Kahl provided information about what had been done in the past; Janet McDowell distributed and received Parade Entry Forms; Jerry and Joyce Kay Holloman of the Shoe Box stored the P.C. system and jackets; Cliff Green of Heppner Hardware stored the sawhorses for the parade signs; Steve Rhea provided his pick-up and assistance with moving equipment; Rhonda and Jamie Helfrecht of Green Feed and Seed provided the use of their parking

lot (and restroom) during registration; Jerry Breazeale and the City of Heppner Maintenance Crew set out cones and kept things clean and ship-shape; Sharon Harrison and her crew of judges walked the whole length of the parade to find entrants Karen and Lindsay Wolff, Karen and Steve Woodward, Joyce Shepherd, Tricia Coe, Tiffany McCurry, Travis Harrison, Becky Hunt and Gary Hunt; Kevin Chick of Miller Manufacturing provided the flatbed truck for the announcing stand; and Monika Hunter did a wonderful job announcing.

So you see, if you enjoyed the parade, it is because it was the work of many hands. Likewise, the following people helped with the John Doan concert on Sunday: Cara Osmin and Claudia Hughes for contract arrangements; Cara Osmin opened the building and prepared it for a concert in the daytime; Rick Drake provided the sound system; and Phyllis Danielson helped with physical arrangements.

In a small community such as ours, things happen because we make them happen.

(s) Craig Strobel Heppner

Support Oregon Project Independence

To the Editor:
I am writing to ask for help in lobbying the Oregon State Legislature's Speaker's Task Force on Funding for Senior and Disabled Services as they consider the Oregon Project Independence program. This program, which provides seniors with a variety of basic services, has been cut from the Governor's budget.

Oregon Project Independence is a state-funded program intended to assist seniors in staying in their own homes by providing needed services on a sliding fee scale. The program is intended for those who do not qualify for Medicaid. Seniors contribute to the cost of their

services and the State of Oregon picks up the balance. Without this program, some seniors would be forced into adult foster homes in order to get the kind of care and services they require. Should this occur, the senior or the state would pick up a significantly higher tab.

Why has this program been cut? By eliminating funding for OPI, more seniors would be forced into spending their own money to the point of qualifying for Medicaid. Once they qualify for Medicaid, they are less of a financial burden on the State. To be blunt, cutting this program will hurt more seniors to the poverty level where they become a federal tax burden, not a state tax burden.

You can help by contacting Representative Jackie Winters, Chair of the Speaker's Task Force on Funding for Senior and Disabled Services at 900 Court St. NE H-291, Salem OR 97301 or e-mail at winters.rep@state.or.us. Urge Ms. Winters to restore funding for Oregon Project Independence.

(s) Loa McElligott Ione

Seeks Heppner connection

To the Editor:
My name is Gernot Heppner. I live in Frankfurt and my family lives in Munich. My father originates from a little town called Feudingen in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany.

Well, my brother and my sister told me about heppner.net and now I ask myself where the name comes from.

Maybe some of our ancestry emigrated to America and grounded this nice little town. Unfortunately

I could not find any historical data at heppner.net and the Heppner family is too big to get details about every ancestor.

Therefore I would like to ask you to give me some more information about the origin of Heppner city.

I appreciate your efforts, in advance.

Best regards,
Gernot Heppner
gernot.heppner@mtbc.de

Pastors invited to submit messages

Area pastors are invited to submit an Easter Message for publication in the April 11 issue of the Gazette-Times. Easter is April 15.

Messages are due in the Gazette office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 10.

Messages may be typed or hand written, but must be legible.

Information on Easter services and activities should be submitted as a separate item.

For more information, call April 676-9228.

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Correction

On Henry Peck's obituary in the March 28 issue of the G-T, daughters Jeanette Henkins and Martha Corcoran are from Douglas, Alaska, not Douglas, Arkansas.

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