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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.)

**Concern expressed over Klamath Basin**

To the Editor:

The Malheur County Republican Central Committee is writing to express our concerns about and enlist your support for the farmers of the Klamath Basin who have had their livelihoods threatened by the inappropriate revocation of their water allocation from the Upper Klamath Lake reservoir. The Upper Klamath Lake reservoir and irrigation canals were constructed or upgraded in 1906 by the Reclamation Service. Landowners, the State of California and the State of Oregon ceded their water rights for this watershed to the federal government to get this project started. The reservoir and irrigation canals were constructed for the purpose of irrigating farm land in the Klamath Basin.

One of the worst droughts in many years exists today in the Klamath Basin. In April of 2001, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department announced no water from the Upper Klamath Lake reservoir would be allocated for irrigation of farm land. One thousand, two hundred farmers in

the Klamath Basin will receive no irrigation water for their crops. Instead, the water held in Klamath Lake reservoir will be released to promote endangered fish in the Klamath river system. These federal agencies claim that the Endangered Species Act of 1973 takes precedent over the water needs and livelihood of these 1200 farmers who have depended on this irrigation water since the early 20th century.

Droughts have occurred in the past and the fish have survived. This is a gross miscarriage of judgement and regulatory authority. This blind application of the ESA is inappropriate and will prove very destructive for the families in Klamath Basin, the City of Klamath Falls and the Klamath County economy.

The Malheur Republican Central Committee opposes the choice of fish over people by these federal agencies and encourages your newspaper to educate your readers about this travesty of bureaucracy.

(s) Jeff Whitter

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**St. Patrick's Senior Center  
BULLETIN BOARD**

By Liz Straley

Over the weekend, a Woman's Touch project was completed: the cushion pads for the oak captain's chairs, a donation by Dr. Wallace Wolf upon retirement, were taken apart, washed, ironed and re-stuffed with new foam donated by Jane Rawlins. Labor was furnished by Jane Rawlins, Daisy Collins and Liz Straley.

At present, we have a full house occupancy with an excellent and caring manager, Marion Murcheson. At present, of the 19 apartments, nine have been repainted and recarpeted.

Exercise class was held on Tuesday morning. There was one table of card players with coffee and snacks served.

There were 90 diners and take-outs on Wednesday. The meal was served by Clarence and Clarice Baker, Katherine Hoskins and Rev. Andrew Johnson from the First Christian Church.

The decorations on the walls are of colorful spring flowers and rain/shine umbrellas. The tables are decorated with candles and live geraniums-very cheerful. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McCabe for their hard work.

On Thursday, exercise class was held in the morning, with a light lunch of baked spaghetti, spinach salad, dessert and beverages following. A John Wayne movie, "Angel and the Badman," was watched afterwards.

There were two card tables of players, with coffee, lemonade, cookies and candy enjoyed. People were in and out with plants for the Heppner Garden Club exchange on Saturday, May 5. There was even a box of red seed potatoes.

Velma Wright, Marlene Barnett and Liz Straley had a delightful visit and delicious seafood lunch with Alice Wagner at the Rose Arbor Assisted Living complex in Hermiston. Alice is a former eight year resident of St. Pat's Senior Center and a five year RSVP volunteer. She is doing well after open heart surgery as is her pet dog "Bingo." She keeps up with the Heppner news via the "Gazette." She would be happy to hear from you.

Bud Lundell says, Here's a blast from the past... Who was the first person to own a car in Heppner and what year and model was it?

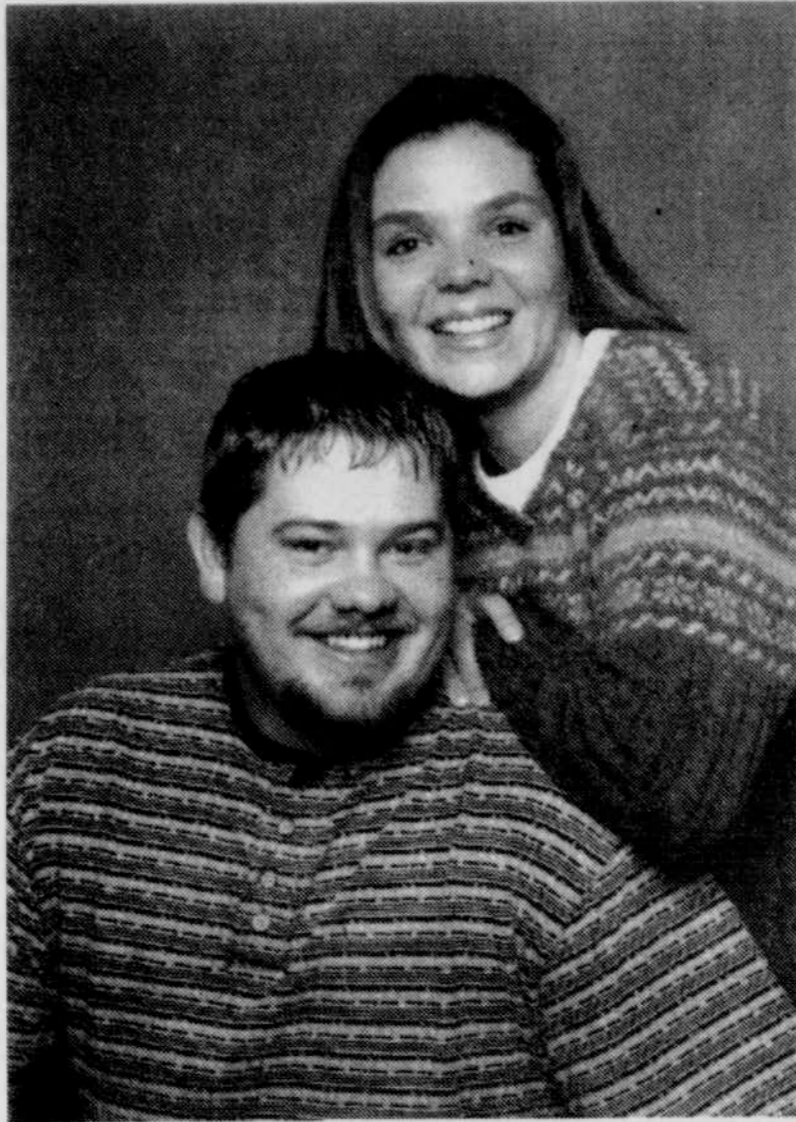
Our sympathies to Marion Murcheson on the loss of her brother-in-law, and Doug Gunderson's loss of his grandmother at 90. Both lived in California.

The Wednesday, May 9 Mother's Day menu was baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, perfection salad, cornbread, muffins, pudding and beverages.

Don't forget Mom on Sunday, May 13.

On the drawing board are plans for the Memorial Day Dinner on Sunday, May 27, here at the senior center. The menu will be ham, turkey, salads, rolls, fruit cobbler and beverage. A door prize and prizes for the youngest and oldest guests will be awarded. The doors will open at 12 noon for coffee hour, with dinner at 1 p.m. Archie Padberg, board member and "chief cook and bottle washer" (no pun intended) is in dire need of six to eight volunteers, young and not so young, or whoever. Call Archie at 676-5355.

**Engagement  
Scott-Hunt**



**Kevin Scott and Jennifer Hunt**

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Scott, Heppner, announce the engagement of their son, Kevin Graham Scott, Enterprise, to Jennifer Allison Hunt, The Dalles.

Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hunt, The Dalles. She is a 1995 graduate of The Dalles High School and graduated from Eastern Oregon University at LaGrande in 2000 with a bachelor of arts degree in history with a minor in business. She is employed at Eastern Oregon University.

Kevin graduated from Heppner High School in 1994 and received a bachelor of science degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from Eastern Oregon University in 1999. He is employed with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in fish research at Enterprise.

The couple plan a June 2, 2001, wedding at the First United Methodist Church of The Dalles.

**Global warming topic of conference**

A conference on global warming, "Is Global Warming Real: An Interfaith Forum East of the Cascades" will be held in The Dalles at The United Church of Christ Congregational of The Dalles, 111 E. 5th Street, The Dalles. The conference will be held on Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch and materials. (503) 244-8318 or by e-mail at [incc@emoregon.org](mailto:incc@emoregon.org). The conference, co-sponsored by the Mid-Columbia Fellowship of Churches, is one of four regional conferences of the Oregon Interfaith Global Warming Campaign.

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The conference will address three fundamental questions: What is Global Warming and how will affect us? Why should we care? Global Warming as a Spiritual and Religious Issue and What can we do?

Speakers and resource people include Ron Mote, atmospheric scientist from the University of Washington, who will address the predicted impacts of global warming on Eastern Oregon and Washington; Brison Ellinghaus from Seawest Wind Power, who will discuss the potential for wind energy east of the Cascades, as well as representatives from USDA Agricultural Research Station and Carbon Technology Transfer Center, who will explore the issue of carbon sequestration and the role of agriculture. The Rev. Mary Sue Evers, co-chair of the Oregon Interfaith Global Warming Campaign and a representative from the Umatilla Confederated Tribes will bring a moral perspective on global warming.

In addition, Representative Ron Wyden is invited to speak on the role of federal policies in addressing global warming in ways that benefit rural communities.

The conference is open to anyone seeking to learn more about global warming and its possible impacts on the land, lifestyles of people east of the Cascades. "The faith-based communities may be especially interested in exploring global warming as a religious issue and how to faithfully respond. It is also for anyone interested in the ways in which global warming solutions, such as renewable energy and carbon sequestration, can benefit rural communities," said a news release.

For further information concerning the conference, contact Van Rietman at (541) 384-4148, The Rev. Karl Vercooter at (541) 296-2909, or Isa Brown, 422-7273. For information about the Oregon Interfaith Global Warming Campaign, call Jenny Holmes at

**Bicyclists raise money  
for St. Jude**

A smaller than normal crowd tackled the lone St. Jude Bike-a-thon on April 29, but riders ended up enjoying some of the best conditions in years. In the middle of a blustery weekend, Sunday afternoon calmed nicely for the event and temperatures were moderate.

The first riders to reach lone from Ruggs were Brendan McElligott, Justin Delveaux and Gaylin Fickel, pedaling the route in one hour and 25 minutes. Not far behind, Justin and Tim Key sailed to finish line in one hour and 34 minutes. The remaining riders finished in groups, enjoying the ride. One group of riders even reported that they stopped to watch a foal being born. Some riders, like Brenna Rietmann, had energy to spare, pedaling eight in-town miles to accompany her 22 Ruggs miles.

The in-town riders were led by Jordan Graff's 20 miles, followed by Beth Morter's 19 laps. The town group gave indication that they

might never stop, but finally gave up when the refreshments were put away.

Riders collected pledge money for the ride with all money raised going directly to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Riders are asked to turn their money and pledge sheets into the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Lone Branch, by Tuesday, May 15 so that prizes may be ordered.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a leading children's cancer research facility and is funded mainly by public donations. St. Jude Hospital has one of the lowest overhead costs of any of the major health charities, with 86 percent of every dollar going to current and future needs of the hospital.

Anyone wishing to make a donation or for further information may contact Anne Morter at 422-7429 or Janet Thompson at 422-7549.

**May 10th ~ Thursday**  
Ladies' Night: Ginger O'Brien and crew will be serving swiss steak with all the fixings. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. Mother's Day Observance will be held upstairs at 8 p.m., with Lodge to follow.

**BINGO BACK ON WEDNESDAYS STARTING AT 7:00 p.m.**

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There will be many demonstrations, displays, dealers, a silent auction held both days, and more!

For more information, contact Juanita Ross, 567-2542, or Don Horneek, 564-9312

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