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Engagement

Egbert - Rietmann



Crystal Egbert and Nathan Rietmann

John and Kerry Rietmann of Ione announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their son, Nathan Robert Rietmann to Crystal Marie Egbert, daughter of Julie Egbert of Wilsonville.

Crystal is a 1998 graduate of West Linn High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Oregon in Eugene with a major in Political Science and minors in Business Administration and Religious Studies. Nathan is a 1998 graduate of Ione High School and a 2002 graduate of Willamette University in Salem, with a double major in Politics and Philosophy. He will be attending Willamette University Law School in the fall.

The couple is planning an August 3 wedding at Zion Lutheran Church in Oregon City, to be attended by family and close friends.

Athena's Caledonian Games to be held

A concert by Tiller's Folly with Riverdance-style dancing will kick off Athena's Caledonian Games July 12-14.

The Caledonian Games constitution was created in 1899 at the formation of the Umatilla County Caledonian Society made up of Scotsmen. Scotsmen, families, and friends will be gathering again in Athena to maintain Scottish traditions with the old songs, dances, games, stories and piping.

The Games open with a concert by Tiller's Folly from Vancouver, B.C., Canada, Friday night, July 12, at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at the Athena high school gym and admission is \$10.

Other activities include sheep dog trials, dancing, Celtic harp performances, vendors, a parade and a benefit dinner Friday at 5 p.m. before the concert.



Nifty, Nifty!
**OUR
FIRECRACKER
BOY
IS 50!**

Karen's Korner

By Karen Masshoff

Some months ago, I brought up the subject of the "safe cigarette," and stated I would be pursuing this topic further in the coming months. Perhaps in the interim, you were able to tune into PBS's NOVA presentation of, "The Search for a Safe Cigarette." I was able to get a copy of this video, and anyone is welcome to borrow it. This will be one of the resources I will be using in the coming discussions. I also downloaded material from PBS's website.

The addictive nature of tobacco has been known since the early 1500s, at least the Spanish historian Bartolome de Las Casas made note of it then. In the late 1940s, Sir Richard Doll and Bradford Hill began looking at their country's lung cancer epidemic. It wasn't very long before their research led them to conclude smoking was the culprit, but it took until 1954 before they could convince even their medical colleagues, many of who smoked. That is the strength of the addiction. Not until the early 1970s did the public really begin to change its attitude. That is the power of the tobacco industry on both sides of the Atlantic. With the media's help, the scientific facts from independent researchers ultimately triumphed.

Remember Kent cigarettes - one of the first to introduce a filter? Interesting thing: that filter contained asbestos (I'll have to search further as to when they changed that). This introduction of filters in the late 1950s was an industry response to increasing public concerns about smoking and health. Ostensibly these filters were to lower the tar levels, but as both industry and independence research has indicated there is almost no advantage. Smokers, in order to compensate for the loss of nicotine in "low tar" cigarettes, take puffs more often and inhale more deeply into the lungs. They only trade the type of lung cancer they may develop - from an upper respiratory squamous cell to an inner/outer lung adenocarcinoma. Doctors have noted an increase in this latter type of cancer, which in many cases can be more aggressive.

The next discussion will be on what the industry is developing specifically and how they are attempting to solve the toxins problem.

I am looking forward to being in Ione for the July fourth festivities. This will be my third year and I always enjoy meeting and speaking with folks.

BMCC awards scholarships

The Blue Mountain Community College Foundation has announced scholarship awards for 2002-2003. The BMCC Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Aaron Tworek and Cory Bennetto of Ione and Brenda Holtz of Pendleton. The Education Scholarship was awarded to Stacey Wainwright of Heppner. Emily Unruh of Heppner received the Juan Young Trust scholarship

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes

Chamber Executive Director

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce is "a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a positive environment where business, community, and people thrive." That's a tough call and simplified means, we try to keep the lines of communication open by giving everyone the opportunity to come to the table. We also try to plan events that are fun and attract visitors, work on economic development, we try to keep on top of issues that have a long ranging effect on our town and we try to keep our sense of humor.

Everyday offers many choices, one being whether to watch or read the national news. As you read your paper or watch the screen, think about what you are seeing. Is the media trying to create a focus on good news or bad news? Circle the bad news you read in red; the good news in blue or list those you hear. What "color" is the majority of the news? What color are you? Choices are reflected in our children and in our daily lives. As a Chamber, we lean toward the "blue".

People organize and plan for events, meetings, travel, and the future. They make schedules and make lists; but the bottom line is that no matter how much staff one has, how much money one makes, or how much planning one does, they cannot control the "weather", their health or other human beings. That seems to be a very good reminder that we are not now, nor will we ever be fully in control of anything completely. Too often we forget that. Maybe September 11th was a big reminder to treasure the moments and appreciate the gifts in each day, the gifts of each other. We are only grains of sand in the whole scheme of things, doing our best and then moving on. Working together we're not just a drop, we fill a bucket.

With that, one and all are encouraged to enjoy the Fourth of July in Morrow County, as we celebrate freedom and are given the opportunity to honor those who make it possible, including those serving this country and our many volunteers, such as the firemen and EMTs, who give of themselves that we may be a bit safer.

As you celebrate the Fourth of July and the Red, White, and Blue, give some serious thought to America and how we, as a community, can make a difference in our daily choices, in how we relate to others, and in what we stand for. And remember to laugh and have fun.

Chamber programs in July will include: a Morrow County Economic Development update by Martin Davis, a visit from new BMCC President Travis Kirkland, and an informational meeting and possible tour with the Nature Conservancy.

Thought for the week: "We are not permitted to choose our destiny, but what we put into it is ours."

Potluck at Spray Grange

Spray Grange #940 will be recognizing their 25 and 50 year members at a community potluck on Saturday, July 20, at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend.

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 \$7.)

Don't be deceived

To the Editor:

This letter is written with a heavy heart and is directed to some of our people in this community that gather for religious purposes. Various ungodly "isms" apparently are being presented and promoted amongst a few of these religious groups. This truly is grievous and is responsible for the heaviness of my heart.

The Bible, the Word of God, predicts that many will be deceived. Examples of these warnings are found in Matthew, Chapter 24, and 2 Timothy, Chapter 3. Numerous other scriptures do likewise. Not only does God warn us but He also directs us to protect ourselves from such deceptions. Ephesians 5:6 tells us, "Let no man deceive you with vain words". In this context, the word "vain" means "empty". Matthew 24:4 tells us to, "Take heed that no man deceive you". How can we ourselves take heed? By being equipped. And how do we do that? By reading the Word of God, the Bible, and learning for ourselves what God

says. Right?

Let's ask ourselves some questions. Are we hearing the Word of God when we attend religious gatherings? Is the Bible being quoted? Are we growing in our relationship with God by what we hear? Or are we hearing about false religions? And being deceived with vain words?

Let's be encouraged to seek a true, pure, loving relationship with God. And how do we do this? Is it not that of seeking truth? Jesus tells us in John 14:6, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". In these troubled, perilous times He, God, is calling us unto Himself and into a heavenly relationship with Him, detesting false religions and deceptions. For He is the Truth and the Way unto the life of this blessed relationship. And is this not life in God's promises and eternal life with Him?

Please accept this warning in the spirit in which it is given, that of our hope being found in God, not in deceptive words of vain, unfruitful, false religious doctrines.

(s) Vie Oliver
Heppner

One nation, now divided

To the Editor:

As of June 26, it is now illegal for you to say, "under God", in the Pledge of Allegiance, as ruled by the Ninth U.S. District Court in San Francisco, CA. "One nation, under God, indivisible," has become, "one nation, now divided."

Citizens are encouraged to call or write their congressional representative or senators. Representative Walden: 1-202-225-6730; Senator Wyden: 1-202-224-5244 or at the La Grande office, 1-541-962-7691; Senator Smith: 1-202-224-3753.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States is an oath of loyalty to the U.S. national emblem and to the nation it symbolizes. By proclamation of President Benjamin Harrison, the pledge was first used on October 12, 1892, during Columbus Day observances in the public schools. The original wording of the pledge was as follows: *I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands: one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

The pledge was later amended by the substitution of the words, "the flag of the United

States of America", for the phrase, "my flag". The newly worded pledge was adopted officially on Flag Day, June 14, 1924. By joint resolution of Congress the pledge was further amended in 1954 by the addition of the words, "under God." This is how the pledge read until this week: *I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

If this insane, blasphemous ruling is allowed to stand then a new pledge will soon become evident by all who held dear to the God-fearing nation that once was: *I pledge no allegiance to the flag of the un-United States of America or to the Anti-Civil Liberties Union or to the republic for which it once stood: a nation, divided, with diminishing liberties and increasing justice for all.*

Simply stated, one must stand for something, or you'll fall for anything!

(s) Duan Jones
Heppner

Marriage Licenses

June 18: Joshua James Roy, 21, Heppner and Jessica Janel Maben, 21, Heppner.
June 21: Martin L. Harrison, 35, Irrigon and Tamey J. Ledgerwood, 31, Irrigon.
June 25: Ryan Duwayne Payne, 23, Hermiston and Heather Marie Duke, 26, Hermiston.
June 28: Gene Allen Sheppard, 31, Irrigon and Tammy Lynn Maine, 36, Irrigon; Thomas James Ruloph, 25, Thurston, WA and Alison Star Dacus, 21, Thurston, WA.

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Not guilty

To the Editor:

When someone purchases a newspaper they take it for granted that what they are reading is the truth. We expect them to be fact-based and accurate. I have unfortunately found this to not always be true. The Eastern Oregonian recently printed a small article claiming that I had been caught doing something inappropriate and that in the past I have plead guilty to the same offense. This is absolutely untrue.

I have not been convicted of this alleged offense. I am unsure where the EO has gotten their information but they have been contacted by my lawyer. There will be a letter of correction and apology. It is ridiculous that I should have to defend myself like this and it is impossible for me to contain the damage this small article will cause.

Public records are available to everyone and anyone more interested in the truth instead of feeding off of salacious rumors can look at them.

(s) Jeremy Hollyer
Heppner

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