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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 \$7.)

**Brent's Team raises over \$7000 for diabetes cure**

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, 50 of our friends and relatives joined "Brent's Team" for the Walk to Cure Diabetes at the Nike World Campus.

Our team was awarded a "Fundraising Excellence" plaque for raising over \$5000. Three members of our team won the "Golden Sneaker" awards for raising over \$500 each. As a team we raised \$7482. This

would not have been possible without your generous donations. The walk this year raised \$215,000 towards the goal of curing diabetes.

It was a great day and I hope everyone who walked with us enjoyed the activities. We are already planning for our next walk, which will be held Oct. 12, 2003.

(s) Brent Eckman  
Heppner

**Rebekah Lodge planning for assembly president's visit**

Planning for the upcoming visit of Patricia Olsen, president of Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, was the main order of business at the last meeting of the Holly Rebekah Lodge. The local lodge will be hostess to the McNary District on March 22, with the meeting to be held at the IOOF Hall in Heppner. Chairman of this year's gathering will be Marlene Gray of Ione. McNary District includes lodges in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Then again, later in the year, incoming president Rhoda Davis will pay her official visit to the lodge. State Assembly will meet in May, at which time new officers are chosen. Nominations for new local officers were held at the last local meetings, Noble Grand- Larae Kindle, Vice Grand- Marilyn Allison, Secretary- Luella Taylor and Treasurer- Marlene Gray. Installation will take place in April.

The members are also planning another Bingo Part for Sunday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. at the IOOF Hall in Lexington. Benefits go toward upkeep of the hall and to the wiring project. The March card party will be held on March 1. Both events are open to the public.

Following an established tradition, the men of the IOOF were host to the ladies, serving ice cream and cake.

**Kiwanis scholarship applications now available**

Kiwanis Perry Johnson Scholarship award applications are now available at east Umatilla County and Morrow County high school offices. Scholarships are \$750 each and are based on academic and other achievements, as well as need.

Applications are due by April 1 and recipients will be announced by May 1.

**Beautification helps economic vitality**

By the Heppner Beautification Commission

There is a relationship between community appearance and community economic vitality. An attractive appearance invites relatives, friends and travelers to come here and return here for visits, recreation and shopping. This activity helps maintain the economic vitality of our town.

A good looking town gives Heppner an edge in attracting new business and residents. Our town's good appearance may be just the thing that convinces someone to move here and do business here.

"Heppner's appearance and work on downtown makes a very positive impression. The town looks good. First impressions are priceless. Without an interesting and attractive commercial core, most communities don't stand a chance of having visitors stop. Heppner has been creative on many fronts including landscaping and making vacant downtown lots more inviting and friendly." (Quote from the Oregon Downtown Development Associations Retail Market Assessment Report for Heppner, Oregon.)

Heppner's future depends on maintaining its population and employment base and a neat and attractive community is vital to a prosperous future. It is a good investment of public resources to keep up our parks, tend our

flower displays and clean our sidewalks and streets.

Everyone can and should pitch in to help with maintaining the attractiveness of our town. Individual citizens and businesses can do their part by keeping their homes and stores looking good.

The City does its part by maintaining the parks and cleaning the streets. Currently, the City averages around 5-7 percent time allocation per month to parks. The Majority of City Public Works' time is devoted, as it should be, to the water system (51 percent) and sewer (24 percent). But the City continues, and will continue, to devote an appropriate amount of resources to beautification.

The City Beautification Commission advises the Mayor and City Council on matters concerning the appearance of Heppner. The Beautification Commission meets the second Thursday morning of the month at Heppner City Hall from 8-9 a.m. Members welcome input from any and all citizens concerning Heppner's appearance.

The Commission members are Marian Murchison, Chairman; Bob Jepsen, Mayor; Jerry Breazeale, City Manager; Craig Canham, Public Works Director; Chuck Bailey, Heppner Garden Club; Kay Procter, Heppner Master Gardeners; and Keith Brudevold, Member at Large.

**Nazarene Church to host guest speaker from the Middle East**

The Heppner Nazarene Church will be hosting Henry Stevenson, a Career Assignment missionary for the Church of the Nazarene in the Middle East, Thursday, Feb. 20. A potluck dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with a discussion to begin at 7 p.m. There will be a question and answer session and Stevenson will provide his insight on the political climate in Israel.



Henry Stevenson

Stevenson was the Personnel and Training Manager of the European Printing Corporation before being called to the ministry. He received his theological training from the British Isles Nazarene College. Stevenson's wife Grace also works with him in the ministry.

The Stevensons' first missionary assignment was to Bolivia in 1971. During their term of service, Stevenson served as Mission Director. During the last three years of their term in Bolivia, the church grew by 43 percent and in 1983 received 1750 new members.

The Stevensons requested a move and were reassigned to Spain, in 1984, where they started a church plant in Seville. They were then requested to re-establish the work of the Church of the Nazarene in the Republic of Ireland. With the church in Greystones, Ireland established

and self-supporting, the Stevensons were reassigned to the Middle East. They served for 18 months in Nazareth, Israel and are presently living in Amman, Jordan, working with the Jordanian National District.

The Stevensons have three grown children who are actively engaged in the church; Howard and his family at the Columbine Church of the Nazarene, Denver, Colorado; Gwyneth and her family at Detroit First Church, Detroit, Michigan; and Joanna and her family at Christ Church, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

**WCV Economic Development Group to hold meeting**

Business opportunities do exist in the Willow Creek Valley of Morrow County, and the economic development group is eager to share information about them with interested individuals.

The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group invites everyone who would like details about possible investments to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors on Wednesday, March 5. The board meets at the US Forest Service Building on Main Street in Heppner, at 8:00 a.m.

Attendance at the meeting will in no way commit a guest to any further involvement. It will simply be an occasion to hear the group's present knowledge of business ownership opportunities.

**St. Patrick's Senior Center meal service volunteers**

Meal service volunteers are an important component in the operation of St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. The volunteers are recruited from six area churches and scheduled through the South Morrow County Ministerial Association. Those cooperating churches are Heppner Christian Church; Hope, All Saints, Valby Ecumenical Parish; Christian Life Center; United Methodist; Seventh Day Adventist; and St. Patrick's Catholic. The members from each church alternate Wednesdays to help in the dining room when the weekly meal is served. Each church's turn to serve comes around every six weeks. Usually six to eight people arrive to help and sometimes include seniors who eat regularly at the Center.

The group arrives early to set up the dining room, being sure there are cups and glasses, full water pitchers with ice, and coffee servers, butter and other appropriate things on each table. They may help the cook with last minute things, like cutting and dishing the deserts or salads as the case may be.

Wednesday meals are from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The volunteers are at the steam table to fill the plate of each person going by. The volunteers serve with welcoming smiles; they

without a doubt, enjoy what they do. After they have themselves eaten, they help with the clean-up. They put away the centerpieces, condiment holders and wipe the tables. They scrape, and stack the dishes as the tables are cleared. They may, at times, wash cooking utensils, depending on the menu of the day. This volunteer work requires several hours of the workers time on the assigned day.

One volunteer deserves special mention. Clarence Buchanan comes every week to be the dishwasher. He had time out recently for serious heart surgery. He has been back, "manning his post", for a number of weeks. Ed Hunt is also a regular who often helps scrape dishes, care for the tables, and puts the chairs up.

Meals on Wheels are delivered every week from the Center to people who are homebound. The volunteer drivers bring people from the outlying areas.

Community pride is an important component that makes St. Patrick's Center a valued institution. Those associated with it commend and appreciate every one who is volunteering now or in the past. The Senior Center invites all people interested in volunteering to come in and sign up.

**Local student named to George Fox University honor roll**

Kristen Marshall, of Heppner, has been named to the George Fox University Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2002-03 academic year.

To be included on the academic honor roll, a student must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher while taking at least 12 graded credit hours of classes.

A junior majoring in psychology, Marshall is the daughter of Rollie and Debbie Marshall of Heppner.

George Fox University is a Christian university of the liberal arts and sciences ranked by U.S. News and World Reports as a top-tier master's-level university in the West. It offers bachelor's degrees in more than 30 majors, degree-completion programs for working adults, a seminary and 12 master's and doctoral degrees. More than 2700 students attend classes on a main campus in Newberg, at the university's Portland, Salem and Boise centers, and at various other teaching sites in Oregon.

**McElligott Memorial Fund scholarship deadline March 1**

The Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Fund is accepting scholarship applications from Ione High School graduates for the 2003-2004 school year. The fund awards scholarships to second, third and fourth year students attending post-secondary institutions. To be eligible, students must attend any two or four year public or private post secondary institution which participants in the Federal Title IV student financial aid programs. Scholarships are available to students who are attending a school either within Oregon or out of state.

For the school year 2002-03, the fund awarded scholarships to Jeremy Rietmann who attends Colorado State University, and Shelby Krebs, who attends New Mexico State University.

Students who wish to apply must complete the Oregon Student Assistance Commission application form for private awards, obtainable from the college Financial Aid office (Oregon Schools), or request the form from Student Assistance Commission, 1500 Valley Dr. Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401. The Commission must be in receipt of applications by Saturday, March 1, 2003.

**OSU Extension gathering 4-H recipes for cookbook**

The OSU Extension Office in Morrow County is putting together a 4-H Cookbook that will include recipes from past and present 4-H members. If you have a favorite recipe that you entered in the Morrow County Fair in 4-H, and you would like to publish it in the 4-H Cookbook, please bring or send it to the Extension Office.

The recipe should be typed and include some background information such as, did it receive a ribbon? Also include what year it was entered in the fair, and your name and phone number. We hope to put this cookbook together before fair time, so send us your recipes as soon as possible. For more information, please call the Extension Office at 676-9642.

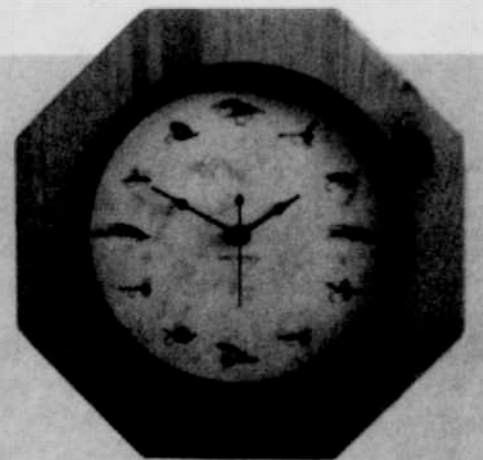
**Dirksen assigned principal of RHS**

Morrow County School District has announced the assignment of Dirk Dirksen to principal of Riverside High School in Boardman beginning in the 2003-04 school year.

Dirksen began his career in education at Riverside High School in 1981 as a social studies and math teacher. In 1996 he became the Dean of Students and in 1997 was promoted to

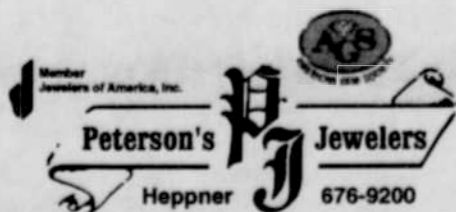
assistant principal. He received his bachelor's degree in secondary education from Eastern Oregon State College in 1980 and his master's degree in 1987. He completed his administrative program through Lewis and Clark in 1997.

Dirksen and his wife, Rose, make their home in Boardman.



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**Saturday, February 22  
106th ELKS ANNUAL**

Registration at 11 a.m.

Ladies Tea at 1:30 p.m.

Lodge at 2 p.m.

Roast Pork Dinner starting at 6 p.m.  
(Dinner cost: \$15 single / \$30 couple)

Live music provided by Lindy Gravelle at 9 p.m.

THEME: SAFARI Semi-Formal Attire

Elks members and out-of-town guests only