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**Engagement**

**Morgan-Clark**



Jarrod Clark and Desiree Morgan

Gary and Cherrie Clark, of Heppner, wish to announce the engagement of their son Jarrod Clark, also of Heppner, to Desiree Morgan, of Canby.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Julie Hernandez of Canby. She graduated from Canby High School and attended Portland Community College. Currently she is a student at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Heppner High School. He is currently employed at Morgan Distributing in Oregon City.

The couple plans a June 17, 2004 wedding at Oregon Gardens in Silverton.

**Ione student receives Auxiliary scholarship**

Cody Bergstrom of Ione has been awarded a Department Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 by the Oregon Department of American Legion Auxiliary. Working with the Ione American Legion Auxiliary, he applied for this scholarship in early spring.

Children of veterans are eligible for scholarships sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Bergstrom graduated from Ione High School this spring and is presently attending Blue Mountain Community College. He plans to major in education. Bergstrom is the son of Betty Bergstrom of Ione.

**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.)

**Make a reader, volunteer SMART**

To the Editor:  
The recent release of state reading scores and the No Child Left Behind report underscores the need for Oregonians to volunteer with children in our public school system. As schools strive to deliver quality education despite unprecedented budget challenges, they need the involvement and support of the entire community.

Volunteering with the SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) book and reading program is one way residents of Umatilla and Morrow counties can positively impact the reading skills and life prospects of our area children. By giving just one hour each week to read with children in kindergarten through third grade, you will make a difference with schools and children striving to meet state and federal standards.

Many, many children in Umatilla and Morrow County are still waiting to be matched with a volunteer. Please take the time and make the effort to volunteer with SMART and make a difference for our children and schools. SMART programs are currently available in Pendleton, Milton-Freewater, Hermiston, Stanfield, Umatilla and Heppner.

For information on volunteering, and a list of schools in your area, contact Virginia Carnes at 541-966-3276, or Tracie Bunch, SMART School coordinator, Heppner Elementary, 676-9128, ext. 2630.

Sandra Lazinka, SMART Leadership Council, Pendleton Area;

Valerie Jorstad, SMART Leadership Council, Hermiston Area.  
(s) Tracie Bunch Heppner

**Cardinal Booster Club news**

The Cardinal Booster Club met Monday, Sept. 8 at the Ione School library. Sixteen members were present. Joe McElligott updated the group on the division of assets with Morrow County School District. The matter has been turned over to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a final decision.

Becky Tullis is wrapping up the tax-exempt process. LynnDee Ramos and Del LaRue will contact Jean Jepsen regarding grant writing. Superintendent George Murdock is working on replacing the community events board.

The annual Deschutes rafting adventure was a success, with 54 community members making the trip. Club members expressed appreciation to Kari Morgan for organizing the details, and Dianne and Howard Mullins for their \$550 donation, allowing the club to offer discounted tickets to students. Homecoming will be Friday, Oct. 17. The club plans to honor past championship football teams prior to the game that evening. Del LaRue will contact team members and organize the activities.

Club family memberships are being offered for \$50 each. Included in the package is club membership for the family, names in all district programs, names on all district and state newspaper ads if the teams qualify and names on the sport schedule poster. Jeri McElligott will send letters to community supporters.

The new track area needs to be fenced. Dean Robinson is checking prices. The tennis courts will have to be locked due to children skating on the surface. The club approved the purchase of paint for the bleachers. Robinson is in charge of organizing the labor for the project. The club also approved spending approximately \$400 toward the purchase of cement for the pop/juice area outside the East entrance to the high school.

New officers for the 2003-04 year were elected as follows: LynnDee Ramos-President; Sharon Rietmann-Vice President; Jeri McElligott-Secretary/Treasurer; and Arlynda Gates-Dinners/Concessions Chair.

Dennis Stefani will order three dozen hats with a new design. The hats will soon be available in red, black or white at \$20 each. The club is also selling Cardinal football wraps at \$40 each.

There are some changes to the sports schedule. The Heppner volleyball match will be Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. The Pine Eagle football game will begin at 2:30 p.m., with volleyball still beginning at 3 p.m. Fans are reminded that the crowd, as well as the team, will be judged on sportsmanship at all Big Sky contests this year.

Club committees were filled at the fall appreciation dinner. The community calendar will be organized by Laurel Cannon, Jeri McElligott and Anne Morter. Santa's Helpers for the Christmas program are Donna and Emily Rietmann, Melissa and Kayla LaRue and Stephanie Holland. The scholarship committee consists of Tom Shear, Kerry Rietmann and Bink Ramos. Charity McElligott, Vicki Wagenblast, Cathy Halvorsen and Cathy McCabe will organize the graduation reception and Becky Tullis, Penny Krebs and Debbie Campbell will be in charge of the fall 2004 back to school potluck.

The next meeting of Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at the school library.

**Birth**

**Natalie Ann Cothren**- a daughter, Natalie Ann, was born Aug. 26, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Christal Irene and Jason Eric Cothren of Irrigon.

**Obituaries**

**Merrial D. Vinson**

Merrial D. Vinson, 82, formerly of Monument, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003, at Juniper House in Pendleton.

A graveside service was held Sept. 12 at Monument Cemetery.

Vinson was born Dec. 31, 1920, at Lexington, to Oris and Catie Gridley Padberg. She later moved to Heppner with her family. They remained at Heppner for a time then returned to Lexington where she was raised and attended school.

On May 20, 1939, she married L.D. Walter Vinson at Pasco. The couple moved to Clarks Canyon near Heppner in 1942, then moved to Cupper Creek between Kimberly and Monument in 1945. They settled at Monument in 1968.

Vinson's husband died in 1996 and she moved to Ukiah in 1997, then to Juniper House in Pendleton in 2000.

She was a 30-year member of the Rebekah Lodge. She enjoyed sewing and rock collecting.

Survivors include daughters, Lora Vaughn of Nimpo Lake, British Columbia, Canada, and Mary Corley of Ukiah; brother, Charley Padberg of Dayton, WA; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, by a son, Harvey, and a brother, Eldon Padberg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 380 S.E. Spokane St., Portland, OR 97202.

Sweeny Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**HCC to disband**

Heppner Coordinating Council has decided to disband the group. According to minutes of a recent meeting, HCC has "completed the Heppner Strategic Plan for 2002-2007 and are ready to turn the document over to the Heppner City Council."

The minutes went on to say: "The lack of interest and attendance for Heppner Coordinating Council meetings has prompted the three of us to decide to disband. When a need arises, HCC will reconvene, under City of Heppner leadership." The three persons at the meeting were John Edmundson, Mike Armato and HCC Secretary Marcia Kemp.

**Order  
Magnetic  
Door Signs  
HERE**

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676-9228**

Notice

BURNING  
BAN

The Burn Ban for the City of Heppner will no longer be in effect beginning Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003. A 5-day burning permit is required for all open (out of container) fires and may be purchased for \$1.00 at Heppner City Hall, 188 NW Willow Street.  
*Rusty Estes, Fire Chief*

**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Watch for the Travel section of the Sunday Portland Oregonian next week. Heppner will have an ad enticing people to inquire for more information. One never knows until they try what will attract people. Where else could we reach 1,006,000 readers? The ad reminds travelers that "Great Memories Take Time." The Chamber appreciates the businesses that contributed to the cost of the ad. Now we will spiff up on our customer service and look forward to new faces appearing on the horizon.

Speaking of new faces, we welcome new member Simmons Financial Group of Hermiston.

Organizations who have events scheduled for 2004 are encouraged to share the information with the Heppner Chamber. It's the time of the year when CSEPP, Oregon Tourism and other entities need our annual calendar. It's a good opportunity to "be out there," especially for major visitor events such as Fair and Rodeo, St. Pat's, Christmas festivities, etc. Call 676-5536 soon.

October is just around the corner. Businesses especially are encouraged to create their "Welcome to Heppner Scarecrows" for the annual scarecrow contest. To be included in the judging, register at the Heppner Chamber by Wednesday, Oct. 1. Scarecrows may be all sizes but the closer to human size, the better. The viewing area will be in the business district, so if individuals wish to enter, please get permission from local businesses to display your scarecrow in downtown Heppner.

The Chamber Awards Committee wishes to select the Town and Country annual honorees early this year, so please get your nominations in for Man, Woman, Business, Educator, and Youth by no later than Saturday, Nov. 15. There are many deserving people in our community who serve others and the community behind the scenes or upfront on a daily basis. Their volunteer time helps make Heppner thrive. Nomination forms will be available at the offices of Kuhn and Spicer or at the Chamber of Commerce. Call to have an application mailed.

The rain has been most welcome and it enhances the beautiful flowers at Central Red Apple Market and all along the street. Treasure their splendor because soon they will be replaced with vivid fall colors of leaves drifting to the ground. Variety is the spice of life and keeps it interesting. Treasures come and go.

Thought for the week: "To think creatively, we must be able to look afresh at what we normally take for granted." ...George Kneller

**Justice Court Report**

Mikel David Crills, 22, Hermiston, VBR, 78/55, fine \$132.

Jason S. Patterson, 30, Heppner, No Life Jackets, fine \$79.

Elbia Enrequeta Pallanes, 53, Heppner, No Valid Operator's License, fine \$177.

Kari Daniels, 23, Heppner, Furnishing Alcohol to Minors, fine \$481 and 180 suspended days in jail and one year probation.

Crysti L. Taylor, 23, Heppner, Driving while Suspended I, fine \$297.

JOHN'S PLACE  
will be  
**OPEN FOR  
BREAKFAST**  
starting Tuesday, Sept. 23  
at 7 a.m.

Also, come join us  
for a fabulous  
Sunday Brunch Buffet  
on Sept. 21st  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
\$11.95 adults  
\$9.95 seniors  
\$5.95 children (ages 6-12)  
(Children 5 and under eat free  
when accompanied by an adult)

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MAIN STREET, HEPPNER