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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.)

**Heppner Chamber endorses Measure 30**

To The Editor:  
The Heppner Chamber of Commerce endorses Measure 30. The consequences for our community, our children, our seniors, and healthcare if it does not pass will be significant compared to the small amount of the increased tax. "Let's send Salem a message" is heard, but the resulting no vote may well be less education for our children with larger classes and fewer teachers. Some of our senior citizens will no longer have necessary medications or appropriate housing. The Oregon Health Plan will be cut. We will lose significant matching federal dollars, which will result in a significant increase in medical insurance for individuals and businesses. This will not help the economy or the well being of Heppner and rural communities across the state.

There is no question that state government can do better, and needs to do better, but the answer is not a one time simple yea or nay on a ballot. We need to fix our funding problems now and get involved. As citizens, we need to tell Salem that we want continuity without threats to our safety, children, seniors, and healthcare.

Send a message that we care about our kids, that we care about our seniors, that we care about the health of everyone. Show the country that Oregonians care. Vote yes on Measure 30, and then become more involved by electing those who represent, first and foremost, the basic needs of the citizens of Heppner and all of Oregon.

(s) Victor Vander Does,  
President  
Heppner Chamber of Commerce

**ODA lifts hold order placed on Boardman-area dairy**

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has lifted its "Hold Order" on a dairy near Boardman, restoring the movement of animals on and off the dairy. ODA's action follows completion of USDA's tracing activities at the Oregon dairy of all animals potentially associated with a Canadian herd of cattle imported to the U.S. that contained the BSE-positive cow found in Washington State in December. Meanwhile, USDA continues its multi-state, multi-dairy investigation.

Oregonians and the American public can be assured that milk and dairy products are safe. Scientific studies show BSE is not contained in milk or dairy products. International trading standards allow the movement of milk from countries where BSE is known to occur. The World Health Organization, the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization, the US Food and Drug Administration and other major health organizations have affirmed and reaffirmed that milk and milk products do not contain or transmit BSE.

The State of Oregon will continue, as needed, to assist the U.S. Department of Agriculture in its ongoing investigation of the BSE incident, and continues to emphasize that milk and dairy products remain safe for consumers.

Question regarding the investigation should be directed to USDA at (202) 720-4623. BSE updates on the investigation are provided by USDA online at [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov).

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**Obituaries**

**Elwayne E. Bergstrom**

Elwayne E. Bergstrom, 69, a lifelong Heppner resident, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2004, at his Heppner home.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Jan. 30, 2004 at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge, with concluding service and burial to follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 29, 1934, at Heppner, to Carl and Mildred Hanna Bergstrom. He attended Heppner schools, graduating from Heppner High School in 1952. He then attended Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls.

He had a 35-year career with Kinzua Mills.

He was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge and the Hermiston Eagles Lodge, where he and his wife enjoyed dancing.

He was baptized and joined the Stanfield Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he was a deacon and assisted with the Primary Youth Group.

On Sept. 15, 2001, he married Carol Cross at Hermiston.

Bergstrom was a cancer survivor of over 20 years, which gave him a second chance at life.

It was said he had an electrifying smile and always greeted everyone with a wave, a smile and often a story.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Bergstrom of Hermiston; daughter, Christine Bruce and her husband Glenn of Gresham, Cindi Stinson and her husband Dave of Woodinville, WA, and Kelli Meacham and her husband Kelly of Boise; son, Wayne Bergstrom and his wife Connie of Portland; brother, Robert Bergstrom of Heppner; 11 grandchildren; three stepchildren; and 11 step-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Oregon Division, 0330 SW Curry, Portland, OR 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**James H. Keith, Sr.**

James H. Keith, Sr., 99, a retired longtime Umatilla Army Depot worker, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, in his sleep at Rainier.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004 at 2 p.m. at the Irrigon Cemetery.

Keith was born Dec. 5, 1904, at Bach, OK. He came to Irrigon in 1946 and worked at the Umatilla Army Depot, retiring in 1974. He then moved to Long Beach, WA.

Survivors include sons, James Keith, Jr., of Irrigon, Howard Keith of Port Tobacco, MD; and daughters, Norma Warlick of Beaverton and Vinita Tayler of Lewiston, ID.

**Marjorie K. Church**

Marjorie K. Church, 61, a retired Heppner Central Red Apple Market clerk, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at her home.

A memorial service for Church was held on Jan. 24 at the First Christian Church in Heppner.

She was born July 29, 1942, at Walla Walla, to Harold and Edna Crumb Peck. She grew up and attended schools at Heppner, graduating from Heppner High School then Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

She had lived in Oregon, Idaho and Montana and had been employed as a bookkeeper for many years.

On May 25, 1975, she married John C. Church at Walla Walla. The couple moved from Troy, MT, to Heppner in 1997. She was employed as a clerk at Central Red Apple Market in Heppner, retiring in 2002, due to ill health.

Church had many interests and hobbies, including square dancing, music, playing the piano, snowmobiling, crafts, traveling, sewing, painting and needlework. She also loved animals, especially horses.

Survivors include her husband, John C. Church of Heppner; stepson, Kevin Church and his wife, Diane, of Bonners Ferry, ID; stepdaughters, Bev Drury of Umatilla, and Lyla Worley and husband, Brian, of Philomath; sisters, Patricia Hardy of Salem and Shirley Palmer of Heppner; five stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a baby brother, Harold Peck Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, or Home Health, both at P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**HHS Class of 2006 to hold baked goods raffles**

The Heppner High School Class of 2006 will be conducting a baked goods raffle at each of the remaining home basketball games beginning Saturday, Jan. 31. The students will also be selling individual slices of cheesecake as a fundraiser. Proceeds will go towards a number of class projects. For information, please call Heather Yocom or Janice Huddleston at 676-9138.

**HHS to hold service auction**

There will be a Heppner High School senior class service auction this Saturday, Jan. 31, during the Heppner/Stamfield varsity basketball games at the high school.

Boys will be sold during the girls' varsity halftime, about 4:30 p.m. Girls will be sold during the boys' varsity halftime at approximately 6 p.m. Babysitters, fence-builders, cattle-workers, painters, etc., will be available for purchase.

All proceeds will go toward an after graduation alcohol-free and drug-free activity.

**Edna J. Harshman**

Edna J. Harshman, 90, of College Place, WA, passed away Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004 at Regency at the Park in College Place.

At her request there will be no funeral. A family gathering will take place on Hail Ridge at a later date.

She was born March 2, 1913, eight and a half miles northwest of Hardman on the family homestead. She was the daughter of Frank Martin and Anna Marie Erickson Lovgren and was from a family of 13 children, with three still surviving. She went to school at Eight Mile and helped with her younger brothers and sisters.

She married Loyd F. Harshman in Heppner on March 3, 1931. Mrs. Harshman cooked for harvest crews and at the sheep camps, worked at the movie house and took in sewing. Upon the family moving to Dayton, WA in 1958, she worked at Green Giant Cannery and was a dietitian and cook at the Dayton Hospital. In the 1970s, she and her husband moved to a farm on the Umapine Highway in Oregon where they raised sheep and calves. In about 1990, she and her husband moved into Milton-Freewater. Mr. Harshman preceded her in death on July 20, 1992.

Harshman lived in Milton-Freewater until November 2002 when she broke her left hip, followed four months later when she broke her other hip. She finished out her life at Regency at the Park where she very much enjoyed the activities and caregivers around her. She was a member of the Degree of Honor.

She is survived by two daughters, Anna Marie Abel of Milton-Freewater and Wilma "Billie" Coppock of Lexington; two sons, Loyd "Bud" Harshman of Walla Walla, WA and Frank Harshman of Dayton, WA; two sisters; one brother; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, foster grandchildren and step-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Harshman lived long enough to have two of her children's pictures of five generations.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice through the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.

Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater was in charge of arrangements.

**Vera Rietmann**

Vera L. Rietmann, 60, of Ione, died Jan. 26 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner.

Jolynn Love, 27, a lifelong resident of Hermiston, died Sunday, Jan. 25 at Oregon Health and Sciences University Hospital. She was the stepdaughter of Heppner UPS carrier Jim Barton. Arrangements are pending at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

**Jolynn Love**

Jolynn Love, 27, a lifelong resident of Hermiston, died Sunday, Jan. 25 at Oregon Health and Sciences University Hospital. She was the stepdaughter of Heppner UPS carrier Jim Barton. Arrangements are pending at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

**Karl Heg**

Karl Heg, 66, of Irrigon, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at his home. Arrangements are pending at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

**Justice Court**

Brandon Joseph Allen Blodgett, 22, Portland, DUII (BAC .20), \$1800 fine plus court appointed attorney fees and 365 days in jail, of which \$500 and 355 days were suspended, 24 months probation, completion of alcohol education program and 40 hours of community service.

David Wayne Eldridge, 37, Lexington, Driving while Suspended and No Insurance, \$662 fine.

Kenneth M. Stookey, 40, Heppner, No Motor Vehicle License, \$73 fine.

Clinton Roy Gissel, 20, Beaver Creek, VBR 76/55, \$180 fine.

Brian Dewayne Simmons, 36, Spray, Improper Display of Plates and Failure to Carry Registration, \$169 fine.

**DA's Report**

John Joseph Horner admitted to violation of probation allegations for Assault in the Fourth Degree-Felony. Horner was sentenced to six months in jail and 12 months probation.

Arnold Dean Tipton pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class-C felony. Tipton was sentenced to 18 months formal probation, 80 hours of community service, completion of a drug package and payment of \$914 in fines and fees.

Holly H. Mack pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class-C felony. Mack was sentenced to 18 months formal probation, 80 hours community service, completion of a drug package and payment of \$914 in fines and fees.

Jody Lea Hendricks admitted to violation of probation allegations for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Hendricks was sentenced to six months in jail and 24 months probation.

**Marriage Licenses**

**Jan. 13:** Jeremy Steven Cimmiyotti, 26, Lexington and Tylinn Marie Laird, 19, Lexington.

**Jan. 22:** Clifford F. Thomas, 78, Hermiston and Mona M. King, 77, Hermiston.

**Jan. 26:** Thomas Joseph Jensen, 39, Irrigon and DeAnne Marie Robles, 28, Irrigon.

**Reload Ridge Riders to hold meeting**

The Reload Ridge Riders invites all ATV and motorcycle riders to join them at their next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at the Heppner Elks at 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the meeting room.

The club's first event will be a poker run held at the Morrow County OHV Park on May 15, with a 100-mile cross-country OMRA event to follow on May 16.

All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting and events.

**HEPPNER ELKS 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

**Thursday, February 5th**

**LADIES NIGHT.** Leann Wright and Rhonda Helfrecht will be serving a **Chinese Dinner** starting at 6 p.m. with Sweet and Sour Spareribs, Garlic Chicken, Pork Fried Rice, Barbecue Pork and Crab Puffs. Lodge to follow the dinner at 8 p.m.

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