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**Letters to the Editor**

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**City Hall condition didn't happen overnight**

To the Editor:  
I hope all Heppner residents had a chance to read the article in the East Oregonian about the deplorable condition of Heppner City Hall. The article states, "Heppner's City Hall is nothing more than a few run down rooms." The people of Heppner might want to know who is responsible for allowing this building to become so "run down." Why wasn't something done to prevent City Hall from becoming run down? What will cause a building or anything else to become run down is neglect. I see it every day. The mayor has been in office for quite some time. The run down condition of City Hall did not occur overnight.

If "It's almost a shame to take people in there," why wasn't something done to correct this run down condition a long time ago? In the event City Hall is relocated,

how long will it take for the new location to become run down? If the city government is allowed to erect a new building, I suggest it be located on Riverside Ave., directly across the street from, and facing the City Corporation Yard. That way when it becomes run down it will be in the right location, because the City Corporation Yard contains a run down building and some run down equipment. If I were responsible for maintaining the City Corporation Yard, that is one area I'd be ashamed to take people, even if it is zoned industrial. Suggestions: The run down equipment could be sold, or moved to Heritage Park with the rest of the obsolete machinery, for everyone to enjoy. The run down building could be torn down or repaired.

(s) Gene Sonstegard  
Heppner

**Contribute to Oregon's children**

To the editor:  
In view of the condition of public funding for education throughout Oregon, it is important to look beyond traditional solutions when it comes to helping kids.

An example of this is the action taken this week by the JELD-WEN Tradition, Oregon's Champions Tour golf tournament. The JELD-WEN Tradition Foundation announced it would contribute \$170,500 to help support a variety of creative and innovative educational programs throughout the state.

That is good news for children and families in Oregon, but it is also an important reminder that there are many ways to help. The JELD-WEN Tradition Foundation is committing thousands of dollars to

programs- both large and small- that make a direct, positive difference. Worthy local and statewide organizations such as Self Enhancement, Inc., SMILE, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Friends of the Children, and many others were recipients of these donations.

Private support for education and learning programs is more important than ever before. As Oregon looks for ways to help fill gaps and make sure kids in need do not fall through the cracks, both privately funded, innovative solutions and improved public funding will be required.

(s) Henry Hewitt, Chairman  
JELD-WEN Tradition Foundation  
Stoel Rives LLC  
Portland

**Girl Scouts office issues warning to beware of fraud**

It's Girl Scout cookie time again and Girl Scouts are everywhere, taking orders for cookies. The Girl Scout Cookie Sale program is a learning experience for the girls, as well as a way for them to earn "Cookie Currency" with which they can pay for camps, activities, uniforms and equipment. "Please support the girls by ordering cookies, but please be cautious. By taking a few simple precautions, we can make this another successful sale," said Sheila Bentley, communications director.

In previous years, the Girls Scout office has received phone calls from people who had paid for Girl Scout cookies at the time that they ordered them and the cookies were never delivered. Girl

Scouts are instructed not to collect money when taking orders for cookies. They are to collect money only when they are delivering the cookies. Do not pay for Girl Scout cookies until they are delivered to you.

Also, a call came into the Girl Scout office from a man who said that he had been approached, at his home, for donations to a Girl Scout troop. Girl Scouts should never go door-to-door asking for money. If someone approaches you as a representative of the Girl Scouts, asking for money, contact the Girl Scout office right away.

Report any suspicious activity to (509) 783-7721, or contact the Girl Scout office at 8468 W. Gage Blvd., Kennewick, WA 99336.

**WVSC to host Sad is Not Bad presentation**

The Willow Valley Service Club will hear the "Sad Is Not Bad" presentation at its Thursday, Feb. 19 meeting from 12-1 p.m. at John's Place in Heppner.

"Sad Is Not Bad" is a presentation provided by the Pioneer Memorial Hospice as an informational program on children's grief, including what to look for, how to answer questions, and when to seek assistance. The WVSC presentation will primarily be a 20-minute video with statements of explanation by the PMH Director Molly Rhea and volunteer Carolyn Willey. A few books from the Hospice library will be displayed, including ones given to hospice families with children/grandchildren and the school

systems. The "Sad Is Not Bad" raffle for the basket of gourmet food valued at \$200 plus individual donations supports this children's grief program. Raffle tickets are available at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Willow Valley Service Club invites everyone to attend the presentation.

WVSC has members from Ione, Lexington and Heppner. It meets twice a month, the first and third Thursdays, from 12-1 p.m. at a no-host luncheon at John's Place. One meeting is a business meeting; the second meeting is usually a program meeting. Anyone interested may attend meeting. New members are welcomed. Annual dues are \$24.

**Enforcement to target child seat safety on Feb. 9-22**

Law enforcement officers will conduct the "Three Flags Campaign" enforcement blitz on Feb. 9-22, which focuses on increasing safety belt use throughout Oregon. Because it coincides with National Child Passenger Safety Week on Feb. 8-14, the blitz will focus on public education regarding proper use of the correct type of child restraint. Booster seats are required for children who have outgrown child safety seats but remain too small to fit securely in adult lap/shoulder belts.

Oregon law requires child safety seats until children reach four years of age or 40 pounds, then booster seats until the child attains six years of age and 80 pounds. Further, it is strongly recommended that children aged twelve and under ride in the back seat.

Safety belts and child safety seats can more than double the chances of surviving a crash uninjured. Since Oregon voters approved the 1990 safety belt law, belt use has doubled and crash injury and fatality rates have

decreased by 43 percent and 53 percent respectively. However, more than half of crash fatalities last year were reportedly not wearing safety belts. ODOT estimates that more than 200 lives could be saved per year if everyone buckles up.

For maximum protection and compliance with Oregon law, larger children and adults must wear both the lap and shoulder portions of a safety belt system. "The odds are great that you will be in a crash at some point in your life," said Carla Levinski, occupant protection coordinator for the Oregon Department of Transportation's Transportation Safety Division. "Safety belts, properly worn, keep you inside your car where you have a much better chance of surviving a crash or rollover."

For several years, Oregon's overall belt use rate has been among the top four states. While the national average use rate is 79 percent, Oregon's official use rate is 91 percent.

**St. Patrick's Senior Center news**

The regular meeting of St. Patrick's Senior Center Board will be Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 12 noon in the center office. Discussion and organization of activities of St. Patrick's Celebration is on the agenda, as well as regular reports. Readers are reminded that these are public meetings and open to any interested person.

Sherron Woodside, member of CAPECO Advisory Committee, was a special guest at the January meeting. She represents the interests of local centers to CAPECO and brings to the attention of local centers suggestions for available services.

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish volunteers will host and serve the noon meal. The menu of the day is Sloppy Joes, oven fries, Mexican corn, fruit salad, bun, cookie and milk.

Faye Wilson is the newest volunteer in the center's office. She is there as hostess, information giver and recorder of activities on Monday afternoons, from 1-4 p.m.

Ed Baker announced a bus shopping trip to Hermiston on Monday, Feb. 16, Presidents' Day. The deadline for signing up to go is Friday, Feb. 13 at 4 p.m. The center office is not open on weekends or Federal holidays. Sign up may be done in person, at the office, or by phone at 676-9030. Departure time is 10 a.m. at the Main Street entrance of the Center.

A Legal Aid meeting with David Allen and Bill Kuhn, attorneys, is coming soon. Watch for time announcement on the Heppner TV Channel 3 Bulletin Board.

**Pastor's daughter graduates from Army school**

Misty D. Brudevold graduated from the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Daleville, AL, and was appointed to the rank of warrant officer one.

The student completed an intense six-week course conducted in a very demanding, rigorous, high-stressed, and deadline-required environment. The candidate received training in leadership skills, Army customs, doctrine, tradition, and tactics, drill and ceremonies, professional ethics, physical fitness, time-stress-people management skills, decision making, and numerous other military academic subjects. They gain experience in leadership to maintain professional and quality work performance and standards required of career warrant officers.

Warrant officers continue to further their training through technical and tactical certification. As the officers

gain progressive levels of expertise and leadership, they operate, maintain, administer and manage equipment, support activities or technical systems throughout their Army career.

The newly appointed warrant officer will attend the Rotary Wing Aviator Course at Fort Rucker.

The warrant officer has three years of military service.

Brudevold is the daughter of Keith J. Brudevold of Heppner, and Charlene V. Brudevold of Orangeburg, S.C.

**Fundraiser Feed to be held at HHS**

There will be a Baked Potato and Chili Feed on Friday, Feb. 13 at Heppner High School during the Heppner games. The Feed will begin at 4 p.m. The menu includes: baked potato and chili, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$5 per plate.

**ABOUT THE HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES  
NEWSPAPER**

**News articles**

The Heppner Gazette welcomes news articles that are of interest to the communities of Ione, Lexington, Heppner and the surrounding area.

You can submit your article through mail, fax, email or bring it to our office (see below under how to contact us).

There is no charge for news articles, but if the article is a money-making activity for a person or business other than a non-profit or community service organization, it must run as a paid advertisement.

**Advertisements**

There are several different types of advertisements in the Heppner Gazette.

Display ads are the boxed ads that run throughout the newspaper and are charged for by the amount of space. The larger the ad the more it cost. Photos and graphics may be used in display ads.

Classified, or want ads, run in the section near the back of the newspaper and are charged by the number of words in the ad.

Business directory ads are boxed ads at a discounted rate. You must agree to run the ad unchanged (except for minor corrections) for a minimum of three months.

Legal notices. The Gazette is the legal newspaper for various public entities and is able to satisfy publishing requirements for Morrow County.

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Letters in poor taste or libelous will not be published.

**Photos**

The Gazette welcomes photos to run with news articles. We accept either black and white or color photos and they can be returned. We also accept digital photos. Email or bring the digitals to the office on a disk. We also accept digital camera "chips" to download the photos from your camera. Please contact us if you are unsure how to submit your photo.

**Hours and Deadlines**

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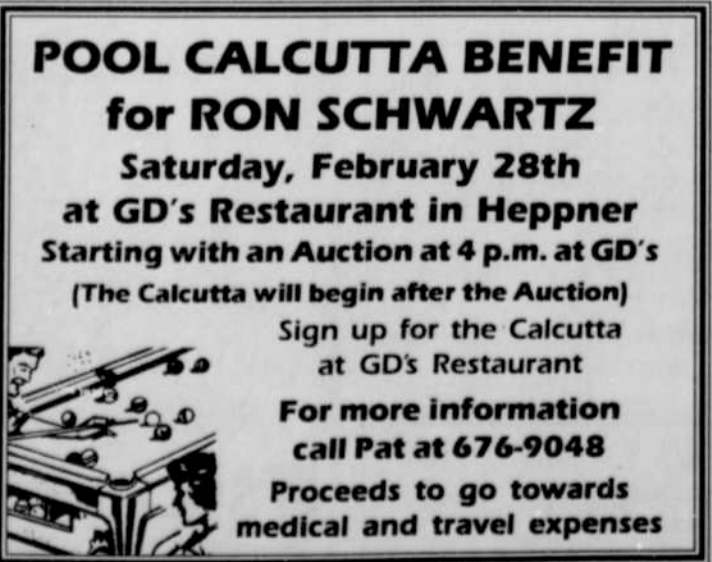
**Valentine's Dinner Special  
at John's Place  
Saturday, February 14th**

John is preparing an Elegant Buffet with Cornish Game Hens in Creamy Orange Sauce, Baked Salmon, or Succulent Prime Rib Includes Champagne Cocktails and Dessert!

**\$16.95 per person / \$30 per couple**

Buffet open from 6-9 p.m.

**John's Place**  
Main St., Heppner • 676-5017



**POOL CALCUTTA BENEFIT  
for RON SCHWARTZ  
Saturday, February 28th  
at GD's Restaurant in Heppner  
Starting with an Auction at 4 p.m. at GD's  
(The Calcutta will begin after the Auction)**

Sign up for the Calcutta at GD's Restaurant

For more information call Pat at 676-9048

Proceeds to go towards medical and travel expenses