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**TV Shoot to be held third Saturday in April**

The annual 1000-yard TV shoot will be held Saturday, April 17 at Frank and Joe Halvorsen's Farm. Sign-in will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The shoot will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp. All participants should park in the designated area and proceed to the registration area with an unloaded rifle with the bolt open and several bullets.

There is a \$20 entry fee for each shooter who will receive one shot. Participants who want to shoot again will be allowed another shot for an additional \$20. There will be no back-to-back shots.

All money (after expenses) will go for the prizes for kids at Ione's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

The prize for the event is \$100 for hitting and breaking the TV tube. If more than one person breaks the TV tube, then a shoot-off will commence after everyone has shot. Only one person will win the \$100 prize.

Each person will be given a shooting number and their rifle and bullets will be placed on a carpeted trailer by the safety officer for display. No one will handle the rifles while they are on display. If a participant chooses not to display their rifle, it should be left locked in their vehicle until they are ready to shoot.

There are no rifle restrictions. However, the whole purpose of this shoot is to have fun shooting your elk or deer rifle. Large caliber rifles (50 cal) are not

encouraged, as they would not normally be taken hunting.

Spotters will notify participants if they have hit or miss the TV tube.

Food and drink will be furnished for \$6 for all you can eat. Children 10 and under eat for \$3.50. Food available will include hot dogs with chili or sauerkraut, barbecued chicken, doughnuts and pastries and drinks.

Participants are asked to not bring their dogs.

They may also be clay pigeon shooting away from the rifle range so you can bring your shotgun as well.

If you would like to help sponsor this event and get your company's name on the reader board, a donation of \$100 or more would be appreciated.

If you have any questions you can contact Terry Mewhinney at 422-7259.

**Winners of the St. Pat's raffle announced**

The winners of the Neighborhood Center St. Patrick's Celebration raffle were Cara Osmin, who won the Wal-Mart shopping spree and Bebe Munkers, who won the Treasure Chest.

David Sykes drew the lucky numbers during the St. Patrick's Celebration parade.

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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.)

**Support our local leaders**

To the Editor:

We are writing in support of the Heppner Mayor and City Council.

These elected officials are working hard to find the way forward for our community.

These people are our friends and neighbors. They are not distant state or federal bureaucrats. They deserve our respect and support.

They put forth many hours of time and lots of effort to do an important job for which they receive virtually no remuneration; and unfortunately, for which they sometimes get severe criticism and outright abuse.

If we pull together, Heppner can prosper and maintain its status as a nice place to work, play and live.

We all need to make positive efforts to improve and advance our town. Support and encouragement for our Council and Mayor is a good place to start.

Let the Council and Mayor know that you appreciate their efforts. Ask questions, be informed. But above all, show due respect and decency to these volunteer leaders of the City of Heppner.

(s) John and Pat Edmundson Heppner

**Make your concerns known**

To the Editor:

The response to, and support of, my letters to the Editor by people who have the same concerns as I do, through personal contact, or over the telephone, has been tremendous. I urge everyone to make your concerns known in some way to all members of the city council. It could make a difference. The email address for the City of Heppner, as shown in the Heppner, Oregon home page, is [heppner@centurytel.net](mailto:heppner@centurytel.net). One lone voice is not enough. So long as the majority of residents remain silent, one very small minority group will continue to decide what is best for the rest of the community. This is not the American way.

Some Heppner

**Vote for Dan Hill, a genuinely good judge**

To the Editor:

Integrity and Experience.

Dan Hill is homegrown and a genuinely good Judge. I remember walking with Dan and his wife Jacque at the County Fair after he had been serving as Hermiston's Municipal Judge. A couple of off-duty Police Officers saw us and stopped to talk with Dan. They went on and on about how badly they needed him back on the municipal bench. He was effective and

residents have requested that I view the eyesores in their areas, and submit letters to the editor. I don't mind doing this, but it would be more effective if everyone submitted their own pictures, and or, letters to the council. The sooner the better. My first complaint about the City Corporation Yard was made to the city council in 1995. So, I've made my concerns about this area known to the city for nine years. Lately things have started to happen. The powers that be at 188 NW Willow Street have done one thing right by selecting Bruce Nelson as the Public Works Director. He understands that a working yard does not have to be a city dump.

(s) Gene Sonstegard Heppner

supportive of law and order and they adamantly wanted him back.

Unfortunately, due to administrative changes, he was not able to return to the bench there but he has since gone on to serve well as our current Circuit Judge Pro-Tem. We can really use the kind of dedicated, genuine capacity Judge Hill would bring to our Circuit Bench. Phyllis and I willingly offer Dan our support and urge the same of others.

(s) Michael E. Duffy Echo

**Wrangler's Club to hold play days**

The Wrangler's Riding Club announced they would hold play days on the following Sundays- April 18, April 25, May 2 and May 9.

Membership fees will be \$30 for a family and \$20 for a single person.

Sunday play days will consist of barrels, poles, a third and possibly a fourth event to be chosen by the committee

for that weekend. This is great fun and learning for kids. You can start as early as stick horse and continue all the way up to adult.

The play days will be at the Rodeo grounds in Heppner. There will be a snack shack provided, but no potluck. If you have any questions please contact Amy Kollman at 676-9407.

**BMCC Winter Term Honor Roll**

BMCC has announced its Winter Term 2004 Honor Roll. The following local students included were:

From Lexington- Beth Jeffreys (3.00), Jesse Kempas

(3.17), Rebecca Owen (3.00) and Nicole Wilson (3.29);

From Ione- Beth Anne Heagy (3.08), Dylan Pettyjohn (3.08) and Aaron Tworek (3.17); and

From Irrigon- Daphne Friend (3.08).

**Obituaries**

**Gerva Gladys Hays**

Gerva Gladys Hays, 77, a resident of Irrigon the past 20 years, died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at her home.

A graveside service was held April 1 at the Lostine Cemetery.

Hays was born July 15, 1926, at Arco to Charles and Ora Schmalhurt Shuman.

She had been employed as a bartender and as a cook.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Teddie Hays Sr., in 2000.

Survivors include sons, Teddie Hays Jr., of Irrigon and David Hays of White Salmon, WA; brothers, Joe Shuman of Pendleton and Alden Shuman of Lostine; a sister, Charlotte Brooks of Hermiston; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

**Gene L. Allen**

Gene L. Allen, 75, of Boardman, died Friday, April 2, at Boardman. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 8 at the Boardman Community Church with burial at Riverview Cemetery in Boardman.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

**Shelby Krebs receives Foundation scholarship**

Shelby Marie Krebs, a junior Agricultural Economics major at New Mexico State University and resident of Ione is the recipient of the National Panhellenic Conference Foundation's 2004 Alpha Phi/Betty Mullins Jones Scholarship.

Krebs currently serves as an NMSU Presidential Ambassador, ASNMSU Senator for the College of Agriculture and Home Economics, the Executive Vice President of Recruitment for the Panhellenic Council and a member of the College Bowl team.

Established in 2002, the Foundation's regional scholarship program recognizes the academic achievements and extracurricular contributions of outstanding sorority women across the country. The Alpha Phi/Betty Mullins Jones scholarship is awarded annually to a woman who has worked to further her Greek community's reputation on her campus and who embodies the Greek goals of sisterhood, philanthropy and scholarship. Each spring, NPC Foundation scholarships are available to five college Panhellenic women who have excelled in their academic efforts and service to their local sorority chapters, campuses and communities. More information about these scholarships can be found at [www.npcwomen.org](http://www.npcwomen.org). The National Panhellenic Conference Foundation was established in 1995 as a 501(c)(3) public education charity. The Foundation provides funding for educational and leadership programs of the National Panhellenic Conference, an umbrella organization for 26 inter/national women's fraternities and sororities.

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**Merrie Jo Morrison**

Meredith Jo Morrison, 57, of Lake Oswego, died March 20, 2004.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2004, from 2-5 p.m. at The Raccoon Lodge and Brew Pub, 7427 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy., Portland, OR 97225.

Morrison was born Sept. 2, 1946, in The Dalles and was raised near Ione where she attended school. She graduated from Ione High School in 1964. She attended Oregon State University for two years and graduated from Portland State University. She worked as an advocate in the Victim's Assistance Program for the Multnomah County District Attorney's office for over 20 years, retiring in 2003.

Survivors include her sons, Mark and Justin Vertner; daughter in law, Patty Vertner; grandchildren, Gabriela, Maya and Skyler Vertner, all of Portland; sisters, Michaela DeBisschop of Tigard and Tass Morrison of Sublimity. Her parents, Jodie K. and Irma L. Morrison, and a daughter, Megan, preceded her in death. Cremation services have been held.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Oregon Humane Society, the Oregon Food Bank, or Grandchildren's Education Fund at any Washington Mutual Bank, account number 180689322-7.

**DA's Report**

Martin Raymond Smith pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance- Methamphetamine, a Class-C felony. He was sentenced to 18 months formal probation, 80 hours of community service, completion of a drug treatment package and payment of \$921 in fines and fees.

Terrance Alcott Wilson admitted to violation of probation allegations for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree. Wilson's original probation was revoked and he was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 36 months probation.

Karina Chavez pled no contest to Menacing, a Class-A misdemeanor. Chavez was sentenced to 365 suspended days in jail, 40 hours community service, 24 months bench probation, a psychological assessment in which she will follow and complete all recommendations of Morrow County Behavioral Health and payment of \$626 in fines and fees.

**St. Patrick's Senior Center**

Willow Creek Baptist Church members are volunteer hosts for the April 14 noon meal at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Last week the new kitchen staff consulted with some regulars in preparation for next month's menus. The dining room is alive with new Easter decorations.

Judy Buschke, volunteer coordinator is back at her desk, Wednesday mornings, after shoulder surgery.

Folks are reminded that bingo takes place Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. The Center library has a variety of books donated; its use is free and its hours are 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is no charge to borrow the books.

The regular Board of Directors meeting is April 21, 12 noon, in the Center office.



**ELECTION ON MAY 18, 2004**

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**

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676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

**Thursday, April 8th**

**LADIES NIGHT:** Ginger O'Brien and Nicki Clement will serve a Ham Dinner with all the fixings. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. Lodge starts at 8 p.m.