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## First annual Oktoberfest means fun for community

Mark your calendars for a special event coming on Saturday, Oct. 9. It's Heppner's first annual Oktoberfest, happening in the heart of town. The whole town is helping to make this a fun day for everyone, townspeople and tourists alike. There will be live entertainment by home-grown talents like Joe and Leanne Lindsay, the Shamrockettes and Shenanigans throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., as well as contests for the talented, the silly, the daring and the brave-at-heart.

Can you crow like a rooster or spit a pumpkin seed farther than anyone you know? Do you have the ugliest dog in town or have you grown a stupendous pumpkin this year? Do you bake the world's most delicious cake or is your husband, brother, son, dad or uncle downright ugly in the morning—or even for the rest of the day? Have we got contests for you. You can enter any or all contests and there's no age limit—except for Ugly Man, we think you should be at least 18 for that one.

There will also be street vendors showing off and selling their crafts and goodies between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. with a mini kids' carnival as well as a wine-tasting booth with some of the finest wines Murray's Country Rose has to offer from 2-6 p.m. Bucknum's and John's Place are also presenting a beer garden with some special micro brews and tasty German food from 12-9 p.m. After the cake contest is judged at 1 p.m. at John's Place, the cakes will be auctioned off between 5-6 p.m. right on Main Street. From the sound of some recipes rumored for entry, there will be quite a few mouth-watering delights to bid on, so come join the fun for that. The award for first place is \$100, sponsored by Sherrell Insurance. Second place is a mighty sweet \$75, sponsored by Wheatland Insurance and Third Place is worth trying for at \$50, sponsored by Morrow County Grain Growers. Bragging rights: priceless.

Between 6-10 p.m., Main Street will be closed to traffic for a street dance to the music of Hired Gun, a multi-talented musical group from Hermiston, sponsored by Bank of Eastern Oregon, CenturyTel, Les Schwab and a generous contribution from an anonymous donor. This band has been known to get loud and kick up a ruckus for the pure fun of it and they will be a great finish to a wonderful day.

Sponsors have donated cash prizes for other contests, in addition to the cake baking contest. Contests and sponsors are:

- Pumpkin seed-spitting/sponsored by Northwestern Motel and Pettyjohn's;
- Ugly Dog/sponsored by Peterson's Jewelers and Heppner Heating and AC;
- Biggest Pumpkin/sponsored by Central Red Apple and Lott's Electric;
- Ugly Man/sponsored by Gardner's Men's Wear and Heppner Hardware;
- Rooster crow/sponsored by Kuhn and Spicer, Attorneys and Willow Creek Realty.

This could be the start of something you and your families can enjoy and participate in for years to come, so come spend the day and smile a while. Anyone wanting to enter a contest, be a judge, a vendor or just help out in general, call Nancy Gochner at 676-5481.

**Ione Education Foundation  
2nd Annual Fund Raising Dinner**  
The Ione Education Foundation would like to thank the following businesses and organizations who helped to sponsor the dinner on Saturday, Sept. 25:

Bank of Eastern Oregon  
Morrow County Grain Growers  
Wheatland Insurance Company  
I.C.A.B.O.

We also thank everyone who purchased dinner tickets; those who attended the dinner, those who donated auction items, and those who purchased auction items. We appreciate the support of our community and surrounding communities.  
Sincerely, Ione Education Foundation

## 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.)

### Pioneer Memorial provides vital, caring resource

To the Editor:

This forum was chosen to express a few of the reasons to protect a valuable commodity that the community is in danger of losing. Many residents are aware of the very real possibility of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital and subsequent services being eliminated due to lack of monies required to keep these services operational.

As a private patient and an employee of the Morrow County Health District, there is definitely a vested interest on my part as to the future of available programs to our town. While at St. Anthony's Hospital, the care provided was sufficient; at Pioneer Memorial, it exceeded medical standards, plus the TLC received from the staff due to personal history and connections from other areas of daily living alleviated and initiated a worry-free environment to speed up recovery time.

It is much easier having a primary care provider and the hospital team possessing all medical history than relying on staff unfamiliar with you and your

current status. As a patient it has been necessary to access almost all of the departments, beginning with Emergency Room, Lab Department, Business Office, X-Ray Department, Acute Hospital Care, Ambulance Services, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Swing Bed Program, and ending with Home Health Services.

At my age, I hadn't given much thought to the necessity of using the Swing Bed Program. Fortunately, for recuperative time it was available. This afforded my husband daily visits without disrupting family and/or friends schedules. The staff arranged transportation to any and all out of the area physicians' appointments. After being discharged from the Hospital, the staff contacted Home Health, and again experiencing capable personnel, it assuredly sped up the recovery time.

Please, remember, you never know when you or a loved one will need the services the Hospital can and does provide.

(s) Teresa Flaiz  
Heppner

### Booster Club auction items pouring in

If you haven't already marked your calendars for Saturday, October 16, do so immediately, said a Heppner High School Booster Club spokesperson. "Heppner High supporters need to put off any other plans so they can be present at the popular annual HHS Booster Club Auction and Steak Feed."

"Whether auction-goers are interested in OSU football or Bushnell binoculars, 30 pounds of ground beef or a night's stay at the Columbia Gorge Hotel...there's something for everyone. The blue and gold Mustangs quilt and pillows would grace any bed or couch in style after a bird hunt on a fall morning."

For anyone who's a bit hesitant to raise your hand to bid on an item, there's always the raffle with a long list of items to win. A rifle, a Weber-Genesis barbecue and a 32" Tobisha TV are among the prizes to be won for a single ticket in the evening's raffle. In addition to these large items, there are dozens of other prizes to be awarded throughout the night.

Many of the things to be auctioned and raffled are on display in the Heppner TV Office in anticipation for the October 16 event. "This autumn tradition is a great deal of fun for everyone and a grand way to support extra-curricular programs at Heppner High School," said the spokesperson.

### Royal court to rule over Homecoming week at HHS

Heppner High School homecoming events will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 29, with a powder puff football game. The game will be held at 7 p.m. A bonfire will follow the game.

A noise parade will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 2:30 p.m.

The homecoming varsity football game vs. the Umatilla Vikings will be held on Friday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. A soup feed, sponsored by Colt Football will be held starting at 5:30 p.m., through half-time. The

homecoming court queen and king will be announced during half-time of the game.

The court consists of: junior prince Mikel Britt escorting junior princess Brittany Herbison; junior prince Matthew Kenny escorting junior princess Katie Britt; senior prince Josh Lankford escorting senior princess Blair Keithley; senior prince Brandon Seitz escorting senior princess Madison Bailey; and senior prince Tyler Boyer escorting senior princess Cara Kennedy.

## Obituaries

### Ernest E. Lovgren

Ernest Eugene Lovgren, 86, of Scholls, Oregon, formerly of Ione, died Monday, September 6, 2004.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 11, 2004 at Scholls Community Church in Hillsboro. Interment followed at Mountainside Cemetery in Scholls.

Mr. Lovgren was born January 17, 1918, in Ione, one of three children of Ernest Eugene and Bertha Mae Stretcher Lovgren. He lived in Eastern Oregon before moving to Scholls in 1931 with his family. He attended Hillsboro High School.

During World War II, he worked in the Portland Shipyards. He then worked for Saxton Crushing doing road construction.

On Valentine's Day, 1950, he married Joyce J. Holliday in Coquille. They observed their 54th wedding anniversary earlier this year.

The family moved to Scholls in 1952.

Mr. Lovgren had worked as a heavy machinery mechanic and did warranty work for Balzer Machinery and Cal-Or Machinery before retiring in 1983 from Copenhagen Construction.

He was a long-time member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701. He also was a member of Scholls Community Church and Eagles Lodge No. 379.

At age 80, he learned to play the fiddle and joined the Northwest Old Time Fiddlers.

Mr. Lovgren was a wood carver and made his own fiddle and had recently begun carving a second one. He also enjoyed volunteering and welding.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Lovgren, Scholls; a son and daughter-in-law, Derald and Gayle Lovgren, Hillsboro; six grandchildren, Jeffrey Lovgren, Hillsboro, Tiffany Lovgren, Springfield, Adam and Tyler Lovgren, both of Forest Grove, Jennifer Conaway, Beaverton, and Katie Roberts, Hillsboro; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Albert Lovgren, and one sister, Mary Christopherson of Sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association.

Fir Lawn Mortuary of Hillsboro was in charge of arrangements.

### Death Notice

#### Margaret E. Ball

Margaret E. Ball, 69, of Lexington, died Saturday, September 25, 2004, at her home. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

### Senior news

The senior bus will pick up passengers at the St Patrick's Senior Center at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, Oct 3, for the trip to at Stokes Landing in Irrigon. They will also pick up passengers at the Lexington School at 12 noon and in Ione at Dot Halvorson's home at 12:15 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the St Patrick's meal site Wednesday, Sept. 29, for those who wish to go.

The program will be by Howard Mullins on the Lewis and Clark Trail.

## Local teacher to go to Afghanistan

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wouldn't have the luxuries and freedoms that we have."

Melville, a second lieutenant who reenlisted in the National Guard to attend officer's candidate school, is a CH helicopter (big double-rotor helicopter) pilot and platoon leader who will be reporting for duty early to train soldiers and get his unit ready for deployment. Initially he will be training out of Pendleton. He expects to be in Afghanistan for one year, probably in the Kandahar or Bagram areas, flying helicopters and transporting personnel and cargo. He says that while the big CH 47 that he flies is large enough to transport as many as 33 personnel, it is surprisingly very fast and also ideal for the high altitude region of Afghanistan.

An Eastern Oregon native, Melville grew up and graduated from high school in Enterprise. He joined the National Guard while he was only 17 and still in high school. After high school he earned a degree in multidisciplinary studies (elementary/middle school education) from Eastern Oregon University at LaGrande. He and his wife, Amanda, live in Hermiston, where she works as a nurse. She also has family in the Hermiston area.

Melville says that Melissa McElligott of Ione has been hired as a permanent substitute and will take Melville's place at Heppner Junior High School.

### DMV warns against online driver-record sellers

If a website — even an official-looking one — claims you can order your Oregon driving record online, it is definitely not a government site, and you might not get what you pay for, DMV officials warn Oregon customers. Such websites are not affiliated with Oregon DMV. Yet DMV has received a few calls from customers complaining that they had not received their Oregon driving record after ordering it from one of these online companies. Customers believed that they had ordered the record from DMV, when in fact the Web sites were operated by private companies.

In addition, these private Web sites are charging anywhere from \$29.95 up to \$89.95 for driving record information. Oregonians can get their own record directly from DMV for \$1.50. To get your driving record, stop by any DMV office to order it. The record will be mailed to you the next business day. Or visit [www.OregonDMV.com](http://www.OregonDMV.com) to find out how to get your record by mail. If Oregonians come across a site that offers Oregon driving records, report the site by sending an email to [OregonDMV@odot.state.or.us](mailto:OregonDMV@odot.state.or.us).

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**Thursday, September 30th**

**HUNTERS' NIGHT:** Barbecue Ribs Dinner!  
Drawings for 22-250 Howa Rifle with scope, Gun Cabinet, plus many more prizes. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., Lodge at 8 p.m. For current Elks members and out-of-town guests.

