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**Schonbachler named nurse of the year**



Donna Schonbachler

Donna Schonbachler of Heppner was recently honored by the Oregon Association for Home Care as the 2005 Nurse of the Year at a presentation in Bend.

Schonbachler graduated from Good Samaritan School of Nursing in 1976. She has worked in several hospital settings and started working as a registered nurse in home health in 1983 for Wallowa Memorial Home Health in Enterprise. She has worked for Pioneer Memorial Home Health since 1991.

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**Justice Court**

The Heppner Morrow County Justice Court has released the following report:

Rita Jean Britt, 55, Heppner, failure to use seatbelt, \$76 fine;

Rodney Scott Wilson, 41, Heppner, disobeying traffic control device, \$185;

Wallace Gary Smith, 35, Hermiston, violation of the basic rule, 85 mph in a 55 mph zone; driving while suspended infraction, \$474 fine; failure to appear, \$640 fine, 180 days in jail, \$200 and jail sentence suspended with three years' probation;

Jon D. Hanna, 29, Heppner, failure to use seatbelt, \$76 fine;

Kirk Alan Looslie, 31, Lexington, driving while suspended, no vehicle license, \$846 fine;

Theresa C. Rushing, 49, Lexington, VBR, 67/45, \$185 fine;

Teresa Michelle Gaines, 41, Heppner, VBR 75/55;

Marlene Andrea Spaulding, 27, Heppner, VBR, 81/55, \$214;

Michael F. Doherty, 52, Heppner, maintaining a dog as a public nuisance, \$76 fine;

Deanne K. Kasten, 41, Heppner, failure to use seatbelt, \$76 fine;

Christan D. Kennedy, 29, Heppner, failure to register vehicle, \$84 fine;

Richard K. McDaniel, 50, failure to sue seatbelt, \$76;

Heath Lynn Stillman, 22, Lexington, VBR 75/55, \$131;

James Dustin Page, 27, Rathdrum, ID, truck speeding 65/55, \$76 fine;

Rory P. Kilkenny, 18, Heppner, disobeying traffic control device, \$185 fine;

Gary Lee Chance, Jr., 41, Appleton, WA, disobeying traffic control device, \$267 fine.

**Morrow County Gun Club news**

Twelve competitors came to the club to shoot on Sunday, March 12. Results are as follows:

Singles: Dennis Peck, 23 of 25, Mark Schlichting and Rob Ashbeck, 22 of 25, Jeff Cutsforth and Jimmy Walton, 21 of 25.

Handicap: Mark Schlichting, 21 of 25, Roger Mortimer, 20 of 25, Rob Ashbeck, 19 of 25.

Annies were shot with Schlichting and Ashbeck each winning one, and Cutsforth winning two.

The next Morrow County Gun Club hoot will be held Sunday, March 19, at 12 noon.

**Obituaries**

**Randall M. Martin**

Randall M. Martin, 90, died at his home on North McKay Creek on Tuesday, March 7, 2006.



Randall Martin

A funeral service will be held Friday, March 17, 2006, at 11 a.m. at Bishop Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Skyview Memorial Park.

Mr. Martin was born June 28, 1915, at home in DeMoss Canyon, near Moro, Oregon, to Myles and Hortense Clarinda (Deatsman) Martin. He grew up on the Martin family farm seven miles out of Lexington, Oregon. He rode his horse for several miles each day to go to school out at the Divine School House near the Lindsey Ranch.

After the eighth grade Mr. Martin work on the family farm for a few years. He then moved to Moro, Oregon, and worked for Clarence (Pop) Morrison where he met his future wife, Marie L. McLeod.

They eloped to Kelso, WA, and were married on June 8, 1938, at the home of his aunt Lola. They resided in Moro about two years where their son John was born in 1939.

Mr. Martin had a restaurant/tavern/bus stop in Moro.

In the early 1940's he and his family moved back to the Lexington farm. Their daughter Janice was born in 1940. He farmed in Lexington until 1950 when they moved to Butter Creek (at Lena) to a wheat and cattle ranch he'd purchased.

He acquired additional summer range at N. McKay Creek in 1964 and until 1973 worked both ranches. He continued to work up until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one son, three brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his daughter, Jan Wheelhouse, one grandson, one granddaughter, one great grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Umatilla County Cattleman's Scholarship Fund through Bishop Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 325, Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Bishop Funeral Chapel is in care of arrangements.

**Marriage Licenses**

The Morrow County Clerk's Office in Heppner has released the following report:

March 13: Mitchell Jess Tipton, 57, Irrigon, and Glenda Myree Cadek, 52, Irrigon;

March 7: Steven Theodore Evans, 29, Echo, and Kimberly Kaye Johansen, 29, Echo.

**~ Letters to the Editor ~**

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT 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 \$10.

**Man's best friend?**

To the Editor:

I have been a resident of Heppner for three years now. I love this town and plan to spend the rest of my life here. However, I have watched in horror to an all too familiar sight - an accident waiting to happen and am now disappointed in myself that I have not spoken up sooner. Why is it that many of this town's residents who are dog owners leave their dogs loose or even tied to leashes/straps in the back of their pickups while they drive? As you drive behind these people you see the dogs straining to keep their balance and sliding back and forth, nearly falling off tool boxes or flat beds. What happened to dogs being "man's best friend?"

Today, I had to be the witness to a horrifying situation. While driving down Main Street and getting ready to turn east toward the courthouse, a pickup truck coming from the courthouse direction was turning onto Main. In the back of the pickup-two dogs strapped to the truck. Today, the straining for balance wasn't enough. As the pickup took the turn onto Main, one of the dogs slid off the tool box she was desperately trying to balance on and she hit the cement. Because she was tied to the truck, she couldn't escape further agony. Instead, her strap had become a noose which was holding her just far enough for her legs to be repeatedly run over by the back tires of the truck. I could only watch in horror as her legs were run over 2-3 times before she broke loose from her strap. As I jumped out of my car frantically running to the aid of this poor creature of God, she lay in the street crying out in great pain. As I ran toward her, her face seemed to cry out for help from someone whom she could trust to care for her as she drug herself toward me. Once I got to her, I could only hold her head in my hands and to my chest, being covered with blood, as she cried out in pain. How could

someone be so heartless to place a "friend" in such danger. As the driver of the truck came to get her, his only comment was "thanks". My frustration of his ignorance, the horrific scene I had just experienced and the heartfelt sorrow for the dog just left me to say "you are supposed to take care of them".

Now, hours later as this horrifying vision replays in my mind, the sorrow is deep and the frustration is deeper still. One day forgiveness of this heartless act will come but the memory will never go away. My daughter was a witness to this as well. What a horrible display this has been to her of animal neglect and abuse.

What can our community do now? I realize ranchers/farmers/dog owners do this all over the country, but it doesn't make it right. Our dogs are live beings. They have been known for hundreds of years as "man's best friend". Is this how we treat our friends, by placing them in obvious danger? Pass a law, start a new trend, treat our "friends" like we want to be treated, sound familiar?

To all the "friend" owners out there and for those who also say "it's just a dog", think before you place a noose around your "friend's"/dog's neck and then place them on a slick footing and take corners. Instead, put the dog in the cab of your truck, in a kennel that is securely anchored in the bed of your truck or leave them at home. Prevent another dog from the suffering, prevent endangering your "friend's" life and prevent the memories that will plague the minds of the witnesses for years to come.

I don't know her name or if she had puppies or a warm place to sleep each night but we formed a bond in the few moments on Main Street in Heppner today. And tonight, I pray for ease to her suffering.

(s)Jodi Chapa Heppner

**Morrow County Health Department**

The Morrow County Health Department has announced its clinic schedule for the month of March:

- Thursday, March 16 - Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed 12-1 p.m.);
- Monday, March 20 - Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed 12:30-1 p.m.);
- Tuesday, March 21 - Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed 12:30-1 p.m.);
- Thursday, March 23 - Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed 12-1 p.m.);
- Monday, March 27 - Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed 12:30-1 p.m.);
- Tuesday, March 28 - Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed 12:30-1 p.m.);
- Thursday, March 30 - Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed 12-1 p.m.)

*It's Time For The Wearin' Of The Green!*

**St. Patrick's Day Weekend Schedule**

~ Friday, March 17th ~  
Open until 7:00 p.m.  
From 5:00-7:00 p.m.:  
Wine Tasting from Wheatridge Winery (Winery located in Arlington)  
Book Signing: Author Cheryle Rietmann "Finding Myself, Finding My Daughter"

~ Saturday, March 18th ~  
Open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

~ Sunday, March 19th ~  
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