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~ 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.

**Major milestone reached in chemical weapons destruction**

**To the Editor:**

This month the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency achieved a major milestone under the international treaty that directs the elimination of the world's chemical weapons known as the Chemical Weapons Convention. On June 18, the United States reached the 45 percent mark in destroying its declared chemical weapons.

The treaty, which the United States signed in 1993 and which came into effect in 1997, establishes a schedule for reaching four milestones: 1, 20, 45 and 100 percent. We have now reached the first three milestones. More important however, is the fact that we did it while successfully protecting the workers, communities and the environment. We owe this to the strict safety procedures followed by a highly-trained work force.

With each container of agent, or munition destroyed at the five currently operating chemical demilitarization facilities around the nation, storage risk is further reduced. As these facilities continue to operate, and as two new facilities prepare to go on-line, they all benefit from an active lessons-learned program that seeks to improve safety even further and increase operating efficiency so that the risk can be removed that much sooner.

As Americans we can take pride in the fact that our nation has established itself as a world leader in chemical demilitarization technology. The Chemical Materials Agency has developed a true brain trust of scientist and engineers who specialize in this area, and we have a highly dedicated work force of men and women who work with the chemical agent every day.

When we reach the 100 percent milestone, the United States will have played a key role in the unique historical initiative of removing an entire class of weapons from the face of the earth. I encourage citizens to learn more about the role of the United States in this effort, as well as the history of chemical weapons and the commitment of their fellow Americans to their safe destruction. More information is available online at www.cma.army.mil or by contacting the Umatilla Chemical Depot Public Affairs Office at 541-564-5312.

We are dedicated to making the world a safer place.

(s) Dale Ormond,  
Acting Director  
U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency

**Divorces**

The Circuit Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner has released the following report of divorces filed:

- June 6, Leona M. Winters vs. Simon B. Winters;
- June 8, Theresa Lynn Jessen vs. Stacey Lee Jessen.

**Annual Fourth of July celebration set in lone**

The Red, White and Blues-Cruising to the Blues annual Fourth of July celebration will get underway Thursday, July 3, with a golf tournament to be held at the China Creek Golf Course in Arlington. Cost is \$50 per golfer. Contact Stacie Miller, 422-7410, or Craig Holland, 422-7455, for more information. Busing for the tournament will not be provided this year. Awards will be given out at the Lone City Park following the tournament. Proceeds will benefit Lone High School scholarships.

**Musical entertainment** will begin that evening at Lone City Park amphitheater and stage, starting with Victor Johnson at 6:30 p.m. A Blues musician from Hood River, Johnson has released a children's Blues CD. The talent show will follow at 7:30 p.m. Contact Lynn Dee Ramos, 422-7559, for more information on the talent show. More musical entertainment by "All Eyes Fixed," featuring Ben McCarl, Zach McCarl, Eddie Collins and Kyle Vanderwalker from Heppner, will start at 8:30 p.m. Food and drink that evening will be available from Taylor's Restaurant and Lounge.

**July 4 activities** in the park will start at 9 a.m. with the fish pond, Topic Club book sale and T-shirt and button sales. The book sale will be held at the fire hall. Buttons, designed by Betty Burns, will be sold for \$10 each at the park by Topic Club members. Proceeds from the button sale will go to the Lone Library. Five \$25 button sale prizes will be drawn later in the day. **Ione Booster Club T-shirts**, featuring red and blue firecrackers, will also be sold at the park for \$10 each. T-shirts are also available at Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione branch, and at Collier's Market in Ione.

The **Parade** lineup will be at 10 a.m. at the Morrow County Grain Growers elevator. Katie Garret will sing the National Anthem at the start of the parade,



Victor Johnson (Children's Blues musician from Hood River)

which will begin at 11 a.m. **Wayne Hams** has been selected as the grand marshal this year (see additional story). For more information about the parade, call Dave Heagy, 422-7066. Parade entry forms are available at Lone City Hall, the Lone Post Office, Collier's Market, Office Pub & Grill, Taylor's Restaurant and Morrow County Grain Growers. **Horse shoes**, with Kenny Turner in charge, will begin at 10 a.m. at the pit. For more information on the **Blues Cruise Classic Car Parade and Show** or a car show application, call Chuck Nelson, 989-8148.

At noon the **St. William's Church pie and coffee** sale will begin, along with many park events. All **kids' games**, including the fish pond, straw money pile, frog jumping, chalk drawing, volleyball and others, are free of charge. The **ducky races** and the **dunk tank** are planned to begin at noon. Proceeds from the dunk tank will benefit the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court. A **free swim** at the Ione Pool will also begin at noon. Food vendors, featuring a variety of goodie, will be available in the park. **Ione businesses**, Taylor's Restaurant and Lounge,



Fiona Boyes

Sunflower Junction, Collier's Market and the Office Pub & Grill, also plan to be open on the Fourth.

This year's stage entertainment, which includes "World Class Blues musicians" starts at 3 p.m. Groups this year include Sassparilla, Hillstomp and Big Monte Amundson. The

Ione All Stars, including Randy Lilya, Doug Rowell and Jimmy Lloyd Rea, and featuring Fiona Boyes, have come together to form a band just for the lone Fourth of July celebration.

A "magnificent" fireworks display will get underway at dusk.

Everyone is invited to attend all the festivities.

**Local college student named to UO ad team**

Former Heppner High School graduate Courtney Nelson, currently a journalism student in advertising and public relations at the University of Oregon in Eugene, has been selected to participate in a student advertising competition.

Starting this fall Nelson, with other members of the UO ad team, will create an ad for AOL (America On Line), pitch the ad to the online service provider AOL and see if AOL buys the ad. If her team wins the regional contest, the National Student Advertising Competition through the American Advertising Federation, in early spring, then they will go on to national competition in June.



Courtney Nelson

The ad team is comprised of a select group of students. Only around 20 students at UO are selected. They must apply and then submit their portfolios. Nelson was asked to apply for the honor.

Nelson, Lexington, will be a senior at UO this fall. She started out at UO in 2004 as a journalism major wanting to become a music

reviewer, but then said she felt it was more creative to get into advertising and public relations. She plans on seeking a job in advertising after she graduates from college next spring.

Nelson said that during high school she had been active planning different youth activities for the United Methodist Church in Heppner. "All my journalism started here," said Nelson. "It started at high school and didn't really stop," said Nelson. "I never forget to have fun though," she added.

Nelson says that she believes the UO program is one of the best programs in the U.S.

Nelson, 21, the daughter of Chuck and Lisa Nelson of Lexington, was scheduled to start summer school at UO this past Monday. For more information on the program or to contact Nelson, call Chuck Nelson at 989-8148.

**Jim Fichter named Lion of the Year**



Jim Fichter

Jim Fichter, named Heppner Lion's Club Lion of the Year, received a plaque at the Heppner Lions Club annual meeting and picnic, held June 20, at the home of Steve and Molly Rhea.

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**Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary, Mom & Dad!**  
Love, Trevor & Macy