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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 in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Admiration expressed for Heppner's support of athletes and students

Too much time may have passed, but I can't let go of wanting to express my admiration for Heppner's display of support for their athletes and students. While at the state championship football game in Hillsboro, my Heppner pride was bursting at the seams, not only for the football team but also for the great tunes being performed by a talented team of band members. I was also impressed with the increased number of students involved in band—bravo to the great leadership. All is a tribute to the dedicated parents, teachers and coaches that encourage and support these outstanding students. My heart will always be split between Heppner and the big city.

Helen Riehl

Birth Announcement

Michael Greg and Thomas Brent Wright—Brent and Nadia Wright of Bend announce the birth of twin boys, Michael Greg and Thomas Brent, on Thursday, December 27, 2007, at Bend Memorial Hospital.

At birth Michael weighed five pounds, two ounces, and Thomas weighed four pounds, eight ounces.

Grandparents are Jarda and Nadia Plzen of Rohlik, Czech Republic, Kenny Wright of Bakersfield, CA, and Judy and Gordon Knight of Bend. Great-grandparents are Mary Wright of Newberg and Glenn and Lenna Smith of Heppner.

The twins join a brother, Matthew Glenn, 20 months, at home in Bend.

Marriages

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:

-December 21: Carlos E. Hernandez-Jimenez, 32, Boardman and Maria Delcarmen Medina Perez, 41, Boardman.

-December 26: Clint William Bellamy, 26, Lexington and Misty Dawn McCullough, 32, Boardman.

-January 2: Tyler Austin Brown, 20, Stanfield and Alyssa Marie Rietmann, 21, Ione.

Town and Country Banquet to be held January 17

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual Town and Country Banquet on Thursday, January 17, at 6 p.m. at the Elks Club. This year's theme is "Celebrating Small Time Life" and is sponsored by CenturyTel.

Prime rib will be served for dinner and tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets can be purchased at BEO, Murray's, Heppner City Hall, and Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Award categories for this year are Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Citizen-Educator of the Year, Youth Recognition, Business of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement.

Dinner will be prepared by the Elks Club and served by the Heppner High School Senior Class. The Heppner Garden Club will be providing the decorations. Jewelry has been donated by Peterson's Jewelers.

Obituaries

George F. Stillman

A graveside service for George F. Stillman was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 5, 2008, at the Elgin Cemetery in Elgin.



George F. Stillman

Mr. Stillman, 77, of Heppner died Monday, December 31, 2007, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

He was born March 12, 1930 in LaGrande, the son of Solomon and Lola Bibler Stillman. He was raised and attended school in Elgin and graduated from Elgin High School.

On May 30, 1949 he married Virginia Rae Barton in Walla Walla, WA. The couple lived in Ione for a time, and then moved to Condon and Klamath Falls before settling in Heppner in 1952. He worked for Morrow County Grain Growers for 22 years, then went to work for Kinzua Corporation from 1973 until 1979. He then worked for the City of Heppner until retiring in 1992. Mr. Stillman enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by: his wife, Virginia of Heppner; sons, Randy of Boring and Beryl of Lexington; daughter, Rebecca Harshman of Hermiston; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Rory Stillman.

Contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Annual Chamber Luncheon to be held

The annual Chamber Luncheon will be held on Thursday, January 10, at the All Saints Parish Hall, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The lunch cost will be \$10 per person.

Rietmann, Brown announce upcoming wedding

Brian and Sharon Rietmann of Ione and Steve and Laurie Brown of Stanfield announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their children, Alyssa Marie Rietmann and Tyler Austin Brown.

Alyssa is a graduate of Ione High School. She attended OSU for two years and is currently living in Ione.

Tyler attended Linn-Benton Community College for a year and is joining the Air Force. He currently lives in Stanfield.

The wedding will be held Sunday, January 27, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the Ione Legion Hall. A reception will follow. Family and friends are welcome.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Paul T. Breeding

A memorial service for long time Heppner resident Paul T. Breeding was held at 1 p.m. Friday, January 4, 2008 at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Mr. Breeding, 70, of Westport, died Saturday, December 29, 2007 at St. John Medical Center in Longview, WA.

He was born November 25, 1937 in Heppner to Oscar and Lola Belle Steagall Breeding. He attended school in Lexington.

On February 27, 1982 he married Joyce Isabella Casebeer Townsend in Elgin. He was employed by Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner in the maintenance department.

He was a member of Heppner Elks Lodge. Mr. Breeding enjoyed camping and also loved going to the mountains.

Mr. Breeding is survived by: his wife, Joyce Breeding of Westport; sons, Klinton Breeding of Callwell, ID and Cory Breeding of Westport; daughter, Debra Knapp of Bend; stepchildren, Randy and Linda Townsend of LaGrande, Sandi and Mat Swearingea of Westport, and Donald and Jeanette Townsend of Portland; sisters, Wanda Taylor of Hood River, and Joan Smith of Irrigon; brother, Henry Breeding of Monument, eight grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Freda Dennis, and an infant son Billy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Heppner Elks Lodge #358 Foundation, P.O. Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Cyrus D. Heckathorne, 47, was convicted of possession of a controlled substance 2, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 18 months supervised probations, six months driver's license suspension, is subject to 90 sanction units with 30 jail units, complete 80 hours of community service, and pay \$1,778 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Carley Martinez was found guilty of unlawful possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony and was sentenced to 18 months probation, 90/30 sanction units with five units used for 80 hours of community service and complete a drug package. Martinez was also found guilty of endangering the welfare of a minor, a Class A misdemeanor and was sentenced to 180 days with 180 days suspended, 12 month bench probation, comply with DHS directives, and pay \$1,636 in fines, fees, and assessments for both counts.

-Marvin Lewis Strickland, 28, was convicted of unauthorized use of a vehicle, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to two years supervised probation, six months driver's license suspension, subject to 120 sanction units with 60 jail units, complete 80 hours of community service, and pay \$2,278 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Joshua Scott Herberger, 19, was convicted of harassment, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 24 months bench probation, complete 80 hours of community service, and pay \$913 in fines, fees and assessments.

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court Judge Charlotte Gray has released the following report:

-Fermin Sanchez Campos, 45, Heppner, failure to maintain lane, \$76 fine.

-William B. Bergstrom, 20, Ione, violation of the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$113 fine.

-Angela M. Currin, 35, Heppner, violation of the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$148 fine.

-Angela M. Currin, 35, Heppner, violation of the basic rule by going 85 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$214 fine.

Autry convicted on two burglary counts

On January 7, 2008, Aaron Wesley Autry was convicted of two counts of burglary in the first degree and one count of felon in possession of a firearm. The charges stemmed from a November 28, 2007 incident where Autry burglarized two Irrigon residences.

The state was represented by Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard. Autry qualified for a "Repeat Property Offender" sentence, meaning that because Autry had a

previous burglary conviction, Oregon law prescribes a presumptive prison sentence of 19 months.

Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey M. Wallace sentenced Autry to 19 months for each burglary count. The time will run consecutively for a total of 38 months. Additional terms of the sentence include restitution, three years of post-prison supervision and that the firearm be forfeited to the State.

Senior Center Menu

Christian Life Center church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, January 16. The menu will include tuna casserole, carrot salad with raisins and pineapple, green beans, hot rolls, and cookies.

OWGL offering scholarship

The Oregon Wheat Foundation offers a \$500 scholarship for graduating seniors to recognize graduates from each of the Oregon Wheat Growers League county associations.

To be eligible to apply for this award, the student's family must be a member of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) or an employee of an OWGL grower member. All applicants must be planning to enroll in a University or two-year Community College with the intent of completing a bachelor's degree.

Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2008 to qualify.

Full details and the scholarship application are available online at www.owgl.org (click on the Oregon Wheat Foundation tab) or students may request an application by calling the OWGL office at 541-276-7330. Questions can be directed to the OWF Scholarship Coordinator at cindy.osterlund@oregonstate.edu.



Alyssa Rietmann and Tyler Brown

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Red Hat Society to meet

The Red Hat Society will meet Thursday, January 17, at noon for a no-host luncheon at Sweet Productions. This meeting is open to all ladies 50 years plus. You do not have to be a member to attend.