

The Official Newspaper  
of the City of Heppner and the County of Morrow

**Heppner**  
**GAZETTE-TIMES**

U.S.P.S. 240-420

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper

Published weekly and entered as periodical matter at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon under the Act of March 3, 1879. Periodical postage paid at Heppner, Oregon. Office at 188 W. Willow Street. Telephone (541) 676-9228. Fax (541) 676-9211. E-mail: editor@rapidserv.net or david@rapidserv.net. Web site: www.heppner.net. Postmaster send address changes to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Subscriptions: \$27 in Morrow County; \$21 senior rate (in Morrow County only; 62 years or older); \$33 elsewhere; \$27 student subscriptions. David Sykes, Publisher Autumn Morgan, Editor

All News and Advertising Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.  
For Advertising: advertising deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Cost for a display ad is \$4.90 per column inch. Cost for classified ad is 50¢ per word. Cost for Card of Thanks is \$10 up to 100 words. Cost for a classified display ad is \$5.50 per column inch.  
For Public/Legal Notices: public/legal notices deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Dates for publication must be specified. Affidavits must be required at the time of submission. Affidavits require three weeks to process after last date of publication (a sooner return date must be specified if required).  
For Obituaries: Obituaries are published in the Heppner GT at no charge and are edited to meet news guidelines. Families wishing to include information not included in the guidelines or who wish to have the obituary written in a certain way must purchase advertising space for the obituary.  
For Letters to the Editor: Letters to the Editor MUST be signed by the author. The Heppner GT will not publish unsigned letters. All letters MUST include the author's address and phone number for use by the GT office. The GT reserves the right to edit letters. 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.

On the HEPPNER WEBSITE: [www.heppner.net](http://www.heppner.net)

- Start or Change a Subscription
- Place a Classified Ad • Submit a News Story
- View Real Estate for Sale • City Council & Planning Minutes
- Local Businesses • County Park • Willow Creek Park Reservations
- Free Digital Postcards • Senior Housing • and more!

~ 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.

**A topnotch facility**

To the editor:

What a wonderful area and community we live in. Most of us take it all for granted. We are new comers (six years) and know how much you have to be thankful for. Crime, drugs, it is here but is minimum. Friendly and caring seem to be the adjectives found everywhere in this community.

Wake up people. You have a facility here that is topnotch. Yes we take it for granted, until we need it. I had to use it. Pioneer Hospital and like most of us we know it is there but have no idea how great it is. You are not a number there, you are a friend that they care about.

We must support it and we need it. High fives, hugs off, hugs and kisses all go to this wonderful facility. If you need help, or a need for pampering, just check in.

Jo Anne Burleson  
Heppner

**HHS Spanish students selling tamales, raffling dinner and golf**

Heppner High School Spanish students are selling homemade chicken tamales and raffling an Italian dinner for eight and a golf package to raise money for their immersion trip to Mexico this summer.

You may pre order the tamales for \$15 per dozen or two dozen for \$25. Pick up date will be March 15 in front of the Heritage Land Company on Main Street. If you don't get a chance to pre order there will be tamales for sale on March 15 as well.

The raffle will also be taking place on March 15th in front of the Heritage Land Company.

For more information or to place an order, contact Petra Payne at 676-9138 or 676-5466.

**EASTER BUFFET**  
at  
**JOHN'S PLACE**

**Sunday, March 23rd**  
from noon - 6 p.m.

*Enjoy Baked Ham, Lamb & Turkey,  
plus salads galore and dessert!*

**Price: \$14.95**  
**(Kids 6 and under eat for free)**

**John's Place**  
**Main Street, Heppner**

**NAPA FILTER SALE**  
**March 3rd - 8th**

**Lexington, Boardman and Umatilla stores**

**Morrow County Grain Growers**  
Lexington 989-8221 • 1-800-452-7396 For farm equipment, visit our web site at [www.mcgg.net](http://www.mcgg.net)

**Win A Nintendo Wii!**  
**HES Parent Teacher Club RAFFLE**  
Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

**Winner will be drawn on Friday, March 7th**  
**during "Steppin Out With The Family"**  
(The winner will be notified by phone if they are not there.)

**Tickets available at HES office & Hair Expressions**

**Irish entertainment, it's tradition**

The 2008 Wee Bit O' Ireland Celebration will see the return of some of the favorite Irish entertainers featuring songs of Ireland and some rollicking foot tapping music. Music will be heard all about town, but especially during the KUMA Coffee Hour, 10 a.m. Saturday, March 15, which honors Larry Lindsay and family and includes the ever famous Irish Brogue Contest.

The famous Irish Singers from Counties Morrow and Umatilla will be fiddling, strumming and singing for both KUMA Coffee hour and during the Ceili upstairs at the Heppner Elks. The group has performed at local spots such as The Rainbow, Kelly's, The Great Pacific, Friday Night Alive, weddings and Irish wakes, and for over 20 years at Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland Celebration.

Get your seat early for the parade and be prepared to take in the Weston-McEwen Pipes & Drums group who will be kicking off our parade at noon. Bring on those pipes and drums.

Ceili entertainers from 2 - 4 p.m. will include: Mulligan Stew, fiddling under the tutelage of Peg Willis; Joe Lindsay and Company; Dan Schaffler on the sax and flute; and new this year will be the famous guitar/fiddling Wambeke Family from Hermiston, all coming together in a great Irish Jam session finale. One

never knows in Heppner, what musician will show up on what stage to keep the Irish jumping, tapping, and singing.

Local singing artist, Lindy Gravelle, will be coming back home to entertain us one more time with her special blend of several different styles and a little Irish mixed in. Her performance will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. downstairs at the Heppner Elks.

The Blue Mountain Fiddlers will also be "fiddlin' til the cows come home" starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Dance Hall.

Top off the weekend with a performance of Tarish at Heppner Elementary School on Saturday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Tarish features three virtuosic melody players, Hanz Araki on the Irish flute and whistles, Eddie Parente on the fiddle, viola, and bass, and button accordionist Johnny B. Connolly. 'Tis sure the weekend will please all those with a love of Irish music".

All entertainment is being funded thanks to a generous contribution by Morrow County Unified Recreation District; all entertainment is free to the public.

For a full schedule of events visit: [www.heppnerchamber.net/events/featured](http://www.heppnerchamber.net/events/featured) events or call Heppner Chamber at 541/676-5536.

Now would ye be Irish? Everyone is Irish dur-

ing a Wee Bit O' Ireland in Heppner Oregon, March 13 to 16, 2008. There's something for everyone on the great green weekend be it foot stomping music, food, Father Condon's original play, sheepdog trials, the great green parade, cruz-in parade, our KUMA coffee and Ceili hour, plenty of entertainment and Irish shenanigans.

Two new events for this year on Friday night are Texas Hold 'EM sponsored by Heppner Daycare and Preschool Center and an Amateur Boxing Smoker Event sponsored by Heppner Chamber and UROCK Radio.

Heppner invites all from far and wide and especially their next-door neighbors to join them and participate in the festivities.

Northwestern Motel in Heppner is at full capacity, but Hermiston Comfort Inn and Suites is offering discounts to our Heppner St. Patrick guests. Call for reservations at 541-564-5911. Make sure you tell them Heppner sent you. There will be a shuttle service provided free of charge from Hermiston to Heppner on Saturday, March 15. Call now and reserve your room.

Visit [www.heppnerchamber.com/events/featured](http://www.heppnerchamber.com/events/featured) to view the entire schedule of events or call the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at 541-676-5536.

**Heppner PTC to host family event**

The Parent-Teacher Club in Heppner will be hosting "Step Out With the Family" for K-6 graders and their families on March 7 from 6-9 p.m.

The cost is \$35 for families and includes a pasta dinner, dancing, family photograph and a door prize ticket for each family member. There will be many door prize items up for grabs as well as a couple of larger raffle items tickets may be purchased for on that evening.

Pre-registration is necessary to plan for food and space. Registration forms can be picked up at Heppner Elementary School. Checks should be made payable to Heppner PTC and, along with the registration form, should be returned to the school.

For more information contact Carri Grieb at 989-8353, Kay Fowler at 676-9109, Nikki Coe at 676-5073, Darcee Mitchell at 676-5717, or Rose McLaren at 240-1883.

**Benefit spaghetti supper to be held**

A benefit spaghetti supper will be held Thursday, March 6, at 5 p.m. at the Ione School cafeteria. Donations will be accepted for the meal.

The supper is sponsored by the Creative Care Preschool and the Ione track team but donations of desserts are requested.

Proceeds from the supper will go to help the Burke Family with funeral expenses. The family is currently in need of a home in the Ione area. If anyone knows of a place, contact Glenda Taylor.

**Heppner going "green" for St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

Have you been seeing "green" when you're driving up Main Street at night?

Debbie Young collected donations and Lott's Electric purchased the lights at a discount and donated 14 strands so the lights could extend all the way up Main Street. Beth Dickenson and some of her high school students put the lights on the trees last week. This will add some color to our beautiful city for the St. Patrick's Celebration.

**Birth Announcement**

KyLee Mae Clark-Henderson - Miranda Henderson and Mike Clark announce the birth of a daughter, KyLee Mae Clark-Henderson on Monday, February 18, 2008 at 10:24 p.m. She joins her parents and sister, Savannah Marie, at the family home in Ridgefield, WA.

At birth she weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Grandparents are Annlyneete Cline and James W. Henderson, and honorary grandfather Lindsay Kincaid.

Great-grandparents are James and Dora Starr and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lee Cline.

**Rummage for Russia**

Willow Creek Baptist Church is currently accepting donations of items for a rummage sale to be held on March 15 at the fairgrounds hall beginning at 8 a.m. Furniture, toys, tools, sporting goods, appliances, hardware and clothes are all being accepted.

A soup luncheon will be held around noon at the same location. The cost for the luncheon is \$5 and includes soup and all the fixings.

Proceeds from the sale and luncheon will be used to help offset costs incurred as the church prepares for a mission's trip to Russia.

For more information or to donate items contact Sharon at 676-9166 or 676-9157.

**Senior Center Menu**

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, March 12. The menu will include corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots and onions, black bread, apple juice, and cinnamon streusel cake.

**Obituaries**

**Noah M. Burke**

Noah Matthew Burke, 4, was found Monday, following an accidental drowning near his home north of Ione. A private family graveside service will be held at High View Cemetery at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2008, in Ione. A memorial Service for family and friends will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Ione Community Church.

There will be a community benefit dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Ione School cafeteria. Memorial donations may be made to any branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, or to Bank of Eastern Oregon, P.O. Box 106, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Joyce C. Wilson**

Joyce C. Wilson, wife of Wayne Wilson, passed away on Monday, February 10, 2008.

She was born in London, England on November 4, 1929. She lived in Golden Valley, AZ. She had previously lived in Heppner.

**Billy Joe Eubanks**

Billy Joe Eubanks, a resident of Aurora passed away Saturday, February 9, 2008. He was 85 years old. A memorial service was held in Oregon City.

Bill was born August 25, 1922 in Ione and completed his school years there. He enlisted in the Navy during WWII for the duration of the war. He spent time working as a logger in the Oregon City area until he was severely injured in an accident that left his back broken, and his heart injured. For many years he ground lens for glasses.

Bill loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing with friends and family. He will be remembered for his happy, caring disposition and wonderful story telling.

He lived most of his life in the Oregon City area but came back to Eastern Oregon in the late 90's and lived for a time at Olex. His health required a move back to Aurora so he could be close to the hospital.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Walter and Vela Eubanks; his siblings, Johnnie Eubanks of Morrow County, Howard Eubanks of Gilliam County, Eleanor Eubanks who died at age 12 in Ione, and Veda Eubanks of Madras.

He is survived by: his wife, Francis of Aurora; daughter, Judy Herzberg of Vancouver; sons, Leonard of Vancouver, Dennis, Billy, and Kevin, all living near Oregon City; and many grandchildren.

**Mrs. O'Leary's Irish Beef Stew Feed to be held**

Mrs. O'Leary's Irish Beef Stew Feed will be held on Friday, March 14, at the Saint Patrick's Senior Center between 5 and 7 p.m.

The menu will include stew, coleslaw, rolls, beverage and dessert. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children 6-12, and is free for children five and under.

The meal is being sponsored by the Heppner United Methodist Church.