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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.

Accepted changes that ruffle feathers

Letter to the Editor:

The word 'change' is currently used as a type of mantra. Change can be good if it benefits the majority and doesn't hurt anyone. However there are some presently accepted changes that ruffle my feathers. One instance is when someone addresses a group of men and women as "Hey, Guys!" Since when did women become guys? Wouldn't it be just as easy to say, 'Hello folks' or 'Hi people?' Then there's the current use of the word "troops." Webster defines troops as a group of people organized as a unit, such as soldiers or actors, who are working together. So when did troop become singular - as is often stated in the news when referring to one individual military person? My former English teacher must be twisting in her shroud.

No we have the presidential hopefuls chanting the word "change." These individuals propose that, if elected, they have enough influence to instigate immediate changes including socialized medicine or subsidized higher education. Then why haven't they used this power to bring about changes while serving as senators?

The word change definitely needs to be applied to Congress. This country elects representatives who are supposed to act in the best interest of the majority of people. Yet some of these officials seem to be more concerned with getting re-elected or using that position as a stepping-stone to a higher office. How can senators be representing their constituents while spending many months on the campaign trail? It's about time that we had senators and representatives willing to work towards a consensus on major issues. Representatives from both political parties are guilty of not diligently working to resolve major issues like illegal immigration and funding for social security, things that could have and should have been dealt with years ago by Congress.

Merlyn Robinson
Heppner

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- Bill Wyatt (541) 468-2017
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Obituaries

Cindy Breidenbach

Cindy Breidenbach, 55, of Heppner, died Friday at O.H.S.U. Hospital in Portland. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, at the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Gazette-Times.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Upcoming events announced for Greenfield Grange

The annual Flea Market is planned for April 4-5 at Greenfield Grange in Boardman. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be hourly door prize drawings and you need not be present to win. The Grange will also be conducting an Open House, so there will be free cake and coffee, or juice. Sales tables will have new and slightly used items from tools, bedding, mirrors, garden items, appliances, furniture, electrical equipment and numerous household items. Table space rents for \$5 a day if anyone wanted to rent for vending. The kitchen will have a salad buffet, all you can eat, for \$4. This includes soup, sandwiches, salads, desserts and beverages.

On April 19, Wheatland Pomona will host a 5th Degree Initiation at Greenfield Grange in Boardman at 11 a.m. All Northeast Granges are invited to bring their candidates and get their degree work done. The Oregon State Grange 5th Degree Initiation team will be doing the work. This is a very special privilege to have them drive so far to help with this. A noon luncheon will be provided. Following lunch, Wheatland Pomona will hold their quarterly meeting. Guests are invited to stay.

For more information on these events, contact Jane Dean at 481-5223.

St. Pat's recap meeting to be held

A recap meeting will be held Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the St. Patrick's weekend festivities and to begin setting plans for 2009. Dessert will be provided.

Birth Announcement

Ryder Lee Wilson - Jeff and Mandi Wilson announce the birth of their son, Ryder Lee Wilson, on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, WA.

At birth, Ryder weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Grandparents are Carment Wilson of Lexington, Danny Wilson of Heppner, Norm and Barb Zeller of Ione, and Kevin and Peggy Gutierrez of Walla Walla, WA.

Great-grandparents are Lee and Mary Ann Palmer of Ione, Bud and Deloris Wilson of Heppner, George Gutierrez and the late Helen Drake of Heppner, and Ray and Gae Papineau of Lexington.

Great-great-grandmother is Geneva Palmer of Ione.

Holly Rebekah Lodge to host card party

This Saturday, April 5, Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting their monthly card party in Lexington at the Odd Fellow Hall. Play will start at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person for an evening of fun, relaxation and refreshments. The public is invited to come and play.

Forest Service recruits youth for YCC

Four young people between the ages of 15 and 18 are being recruited by the Forest Service, Heppner Ranger District, for summer employment in the Youth Conservation Corps. The work may include noxious weed removal, fisheries and wildlife habitat improvement, slash piling, and trail and campground maintenance.

The duration of the program will be eight weeks from June 23 through August 15. The will be the Oregon minimum wage of \$7.95 per hour. Applications will be accepted through April 15 until 2 p.m. Participants will be selected on a random basis on April 15 at 4 p.m.

No previous experience is required. Applicants must be 15 years old and not reach age 19 during the term of employment in the program, and have a social security number or have made application to obtain one. Applicants must also obtain parental or legal guardian consent to enroll in the program.

Applications may be obtained from the Forest Service in Heppner and local high schools. For more information, call the Forest Service at 676-9187.

Justice Court

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

-Don Dewayne Fennell, 33, Heppner, No Operator's License, \$244 fines.

-John D. Hanna, 31, Heppner, Open Container, \$185 fine.

-Leslie K. Trahan, 55, Lexington, Violation of the Basic Rule by going 83 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$185 fine.

Wrangler's Riding Club Playdays to begin this Sunday

The Wrangler's Riding Club Playdays will begin this Sunday, April 6, at the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Arena.

The Playdays will

Heppner Garden Club participates in flower show



Joanne Bursleson displays the project entered by the Heppner Garden Club into the flower show.

The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs' Flower Show was held on February 22-26 in Portland at the Expo Center.

The theme was "On the Street Where You Live." Heppner entered the "Pressed for Time" category and won second place.

Fun Run to be held at Morrow/Grant OHV Park

In order for the Morrow/Grant OHV Park to have the proper Emergency Services, Greg Close will be having a Fun Run to offset the costs of equipment and supplies. The Fun Run will be held Saturday, June 21.

Anyone wishing to join in the Fun Run or simply donate, call 989-9500.

Women's salad supper to be held

Bring along a salad and a friend to the women's salad supper on Monday, April 7, at 6:15 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall hosted by the Catholic Church Altar Society. The program will include Kay Proctor speaking about churches in Europe and Nathan and Kristen Van Cleave speaking about their mission's trip to Rwanda.

Club Playdays to begin this Sunday

must attend three out of the four Playdays for awards. Awards will be given after the last Playday on April 27. Everyone is invited to join in on the fun.

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April Fair Board meeting to be held

The April Fair Board meeting will be held Monday, April 7 at 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Heppner (Fair Office). Dorm funds and Fair clean up will be discussed.

Divorces

The Morrow County Circuit Court at the M.C. Courthouse in Heppner has released the following report:

- March 20: Michael E. Brosnan and Cindy L. Brosnan.
- March 25: Scott Ross and Nedra Ross.

HHS to hold parent/teacher conferences

Heppner High School will be holding parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, April 3 from 4-8 p.m., Friday, April 4 by appointment 7:30-11:30 a.m. and Tuesday, April 8 from 4-8 p.m. Parents are invited to enjoy refreshments, pick up report cards and visit with teachers.

Senior Center Menu

Hope Valby/All Saints Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, April 9. The menu will include chicken fettuccini, Brussels sprouts, mandarin oranges, hot rolls, and cake.

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