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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.

An enjoyable trip to Ione TV Shoot

On April 26th, we made our first trip to Ione as a destination. The reason for the trip was the TV Shoot. Our understanding is that this is an annual affair with the proceeds going to benefit the City of Ione celebration on July 4th.

We met the nicest people in Ione. The store proprietor allowed us to use his phone, directed us to the city park, and made us feel at home. Over coffee at the deli the next morning, we enjoyed talking to local residents about the events going on around Ione and Morrow County.

At the TV Shoot, we enjoyed watching the activities, ate heartily at the BBQ and met several nice people, both participants and spectators. We were impressed that the participants seemed to just have fun. There were no expressions of delight when a competitor missed the target. There were no negative comments about shooting ability. Everyone cheered the eventual winner. Even he seemed surprised to win.

After the shoot, we had the opportunity to walk around Ione. Ione is quite the eclectic community, a mix of the old and the new. The City Park is very nice - the restrooms are first rate and the grass is lush and green.

I apologize to Wayne for not getting around to his house to sit on the porch and play cribbage. However, we are planning a return trip next year, with actual participation in the TV Shoot. Maybe he will give us another chance.

Until then, we remain button #103 in the July 4th drawing. May it rain on your wheat, but not on your parade.

Jay & Billie Bacon
Boring

Willow Creek Water Park to open for summer season

Opening day for Willow Creek Water Park will be Saturday, June 7, from 1-5 p.m.

Regular pool hours are Monday through Friday from 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Adult swim only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. starting June 17 and 19.

Individual passes are \$75 and family passes are \$140 for the season. Swim lessons are \$35 for a two week session (\$5 discount with a pass).

For payments towards pool passes call Merry Chandler at 676-5752.

Baccalaureate services scheduled for May 28

The South Morrow County Ministerial Association invites the public to attend baccalaureate services at either the Ione Community Church or in Heppner at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Both services will take place on Wednesday, May 28, at 7 p.m.

What is baccalaureate? It all started back in 1432 (A.D.) at Oxford University. Graduating students were required to deliver a sermon in Latin! The word baccalaureate comes from "bacca," or bachelor, and "lauri," which translates "with laurels." In France it is the name for the college graduation ceremony. In the United States it refers to a service of worship in celebration of and thanksgiving for lives dedicated to learning and wisdom.

These baccalaureate services are sponsored by the South Morrow County Ministerial Association. For those in South Morrow County baccalaureate is a time for the religious community to gather in worship and give a farewell message to the high school graduating classes.

Morrow County FFA chapter news

At the FFA State Convention, Patrick Barron, Casey McClure, and Jasmine Wagner of the Morrow County FFA chapter, walked across the stage receiving their state FFA degrees.

Patrick Barron entered the proficiency contest. He won at the district level and went to state to compete against others to win state Diversified Livestock Proficiency Award, winning it. Last year Barron competed for Sheep Proficiency Award and won at the state level.

On April 25, the Morrow County FFA chapter had their third annual FFA banquet.

FFA Greenhand degree winners were: Jonathan Creason, Molly Creason, Tyler Elliott, Joey Foster, Andrew Hubbard, Will LaPierre, and Ariel Poppaw.

FFA chapter degree winners were: Ashley Anderson, Makayla Anderson, Samantha Egge, Angel Rodelo, Rafael Ramos, and

Breena Tolar. FFA state degree winners were: Pat Barron, Casey McClure, and Jasmine Wagner.

The FFA State degree is a big achievement. These individuals have completed all the requirements in order to receive their state degrees.

This year's Morrow County FFA Chapter Officers are: President Breena Tolar, Vice President Patrick Barron, Secretary Samantha Egge, Treasurer Angel Rodelo, Reporter Ashley Anderson, and Sentinel Rafael Ramos.

BEO names chairman and vice chairman of board

Bank of Eastern Oregon and its parent company, BEO Bancorp, have elected Linda LaRue as chairman of the Board of Directors and Brad Anderson as vice chairman of the Board of Directors.



Linda LaRue



Brad Anderson

Linda LaRue joined the board of directors in 2005. She retired as executive vice president and chief operations officer of Bank of Eastern Oregon in 2006 after 32 years with the bank. She and her husband, retired educator Del LaRue, live in Ione.

Anderson joined the board in 2004 and is serving his second stint as vice chairman of the board. He operates a family farm with

his sister and brother-in-law called Triangle Ranches, a diversified wheat and cattle operation in Morrow and Gilliam counties. Anderson and his wife, Sally, a fourth grade teacher, and their 13-year old daughter, Tatiana, split their time between Arlington and Hood River.

"We are excited to have Linda and Brad leading the board for the next year," said President and CEO, E. George Koffler. "Both of these capable individuals have shown impressive leadership skills in local, regional, state, and national organizations. They are committed to the values the bank holds firm and will do an excellent job leading the company," concluded Koffler.

Ione students work on senior project



Members of the senior class created a memorial garden inspired by Stormy Kendrick, an Ione student who passed away last year. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned to dedicate the garden to the school and induct six honorees. -Contributed Photo

Crystal Apple Award recipients announced

The 2007-2008 Crystal Apple Awards were presented this past weekend in Pendleton. Morrow County recipients were: Karen Holland, 4th-5th grade teacher (Ione); Susie Stillman, special education instructional aide (Ione); Tom Coffelt, custodian (Riverside High); John Flaherty, social studies teacher (Heppner High); Gary Hunt, science teacher (Irrigon High); and Janet Wilson, special education assistant (Heppner Elementary).

The Crystal Apple "Excellence in Education" Awards are sponsored by the UMESD, Mid Columbia Bus Company, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Oregon First Community Credit Union, Rotary Club of Pendleton, Gordon's Electric, Red Lion, East Oregonian and Hermiston Herald.

Obituaries

Delores F. Wilson Caroline D. Keck

Delores F. Wilson was born on April 1, 1932 in Burns to parents, Oral and Alda Kennedy Baker. She died on May 10, 2008 at Regency Hermiston Rehabilitation and Nursing Home in Hermiston at the age of 76 years.

Delores was united in marriage to Laurel "Bud" Wilson on September 9, 1952 in Lewiston, ID. They lived in Lexington for many years before moving to Hermiston in 1988. Delores had worked at Lamb Weston for several years before retiring. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Delores enjoyed shopping for clothes, fishing, and walking.

She is survived by: her husband, Bud Wilson of Heppner; sons, Danny Wilson of Heppner and Donny Wilson and wife, April, of Heppner; daughter, Carmen Wilson of Lexington; brothers, Edward Baker and Dale Baker, both of Lexington; sisters, Beverly Steagall of Lexington and Darlene Padberg of Walla Walla, WA; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Delores was preceded in death by her parents.

A family graveside service will be held at the Lexington Cemetery in Lexington.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of the arrangements.

Correction

A city council story in last week's Gazette reported that Bud Richards had requested a permit to keep five bantam roosters at his home. Richards had asked to keep five bantam chickens. Also the address was incorrect. Richards lives at 360 SE Gilmore instead of 365 SE Gilmore in Heppner.

Hale to attend Merrill Lynch training program

Hannah Kilkenny Hale is the daughter of Kelly and Bob Hale of Portland, granddaughter of Bob and Eva Kilkenny, Heppner and Vesta Kilkenny Portland.



Hannah graduated May 16th from the University of Southern California she has earned a bachelors of science degree in business administration majoring in finance.

She concentrated in corporate finance and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Hannah will spend part of the summer in New York attending the Merrill Lynch training program after which she will return to Los Angeles, CA and begin her career at Merrill Lynch as an investment banking analyst.

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The Family of Irene Swanson
cordially invites you to attend an **OPEN HOUSE** honoring Irene on her **98th Birthday** Saturday, May 24th 2-4 p.m. **Ione Legion Hall Ione, Oregon** No gifts, please



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