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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.

Heppner - you stole my heart

Six years ago, at this time of year, I came to Heppner to become the pastor of the Heppner United Methodist Church. Over the years I have found that this community has become much more than a place to live and work: it has become a true home to me. I would run out of space if I tried to name all the wonderful folks who have embraced me as their friend.

As June closes I will be moving, and you will be welcoming a new pastor and his wife to town. May you warm their hearts as you have warmed mine. And may my future roads have a few turns in them that point my car back to Heppner, if only for a friendly visit! God bless us all.
Pastor Keith Brudevold

Commute vanpooling coming to South Morrow County

Have you been over-hearing the talk about vanpooling opportunities in South Morrow County? It is true and about to become a reality.

Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group has been working on this project and with the help of funding from Morrow County, it is now at the stage of implementation. The goal is to initially start vanpools to transport those employees who live in the South Morrow County to their jobs in North Morrow County, Hermiston, Pendleton or Tri-Cities.

What better time with gas prices so high and the cost of maintenance and insurance to commuters on

personal vehicles than now to bring vanpooling to the South Morrow County.

There will be a community meeting on Wednesday, June 25, at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Victor Spencer, a representative from VPSI, Inc., the company who will be providing service, will be here to go over the program and answer any questions.

If you currently are commuting, come and find

out if vanpooling might work for you. The goal would be to have at least one vanpool on the road, July 1, 2008. Mr. Spencer will also be the speaker at the Chamber Lunch meeting next Thursday, June 26.

Mark your calendars and plan on attending. For more information contact Sheryll Bates at the Chamber office at 676-5536.

Heppner First Christian Church to hold Vacation Bible School

Heppner First Christian Church will be holding a Vacation Bible School June 23-27 for children ages three years through sixth grade from 6-8 p.m.

There will be games, stories, snacks, crafts and prizes for everyone. Rick Thompson and his puppet, Sidney, will be presenting a show on Thursday and Friday evening. They will present the evidence concerning creation and evolution. Friday night will be for children and adults.

This event is free of charge. For more information or to register you child/children, please call CJ Johnson at 676-8729 or Carla Murphy at 676-5087.

Obituaries

Mildred Carolyn Hope

Mildred Carolyn Hope died June 3, 2008 in Florence.

Millie was born July 16, 1928 in Ione to Leonard and Julia Carlson. She was active in 4-H and the Ione community.



Mildred Carolyn Hope

Millie met Bob Hope on a blind date and they were married six months later on February 2, 1952. Together they had three wonderful daughters. Millie's life is a testament to the strength of family and her steadfast Christian faith and love.

She was a pianist, chef extraordinaire, Campfire Girl leader, U of O foreign exchange host, traveler, event planner, loyal friend, a faithful member of Emerald Baptist Church, "super mom" and grandmother, a true matriarch of the family. Millie is remembered as a "mover and shaker" and the "go to" person. She was a kind, loving woman, always cheerful and very hard working. She showed great courage, strength and grace throughout her life.

Millie is survived by: Bob, her husband of 56 years; their three daughters, Sabrina Daniel (husband Bob) of Florence, Cynthia Hope (husband Kent) of Seattle, WA, and Christy Hope (husband Bruce) of Medford; grandchildren Brent, Kirsten, and Eric Daniel, Anders and Toby Hope-Young, and James

Hope-Meek; a great-grandson, Seth Holden; and her brother Louis Carlson (wife Betty).

A celebration of life will be held at Emerald Baptist Church at 19th and Patterson in Eugene on June 28 at 2 p.m. Burial will be at Valby Lutheran Church by the wheat fields of her childhood home.

Kenneth Merlin Keeling

Ken was born in Snoqualmie Falls, WA on January 14th 1943, to Kenneth Homer Keeling and Beatrice Evans. His parents raised him and his brother Donald Evan Keeling in the woods near Opal Workstation in Eastern Oregon.

He attended high school in Heppner, where he lettered in baseball. He was drafted into the US Army where he worked as a supply clerk. He received a math degree from Oregon State University. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and playing cribbage.

Ken joined the Santiam Pass Ski Patrol in 1969 (#4333), and he was associated with the Ski Patrol for most of the succeeding years, either as an active member, or by providing technical assistance with projects undertaken by that organization. In his many years as an active member of the Ski Patrol, he served as patrol director, and in other capacities including instructor in ski mountaineering and avalanche safety. He loved rock climbing and mountaineering, hang gliding, caving, birding, and competitive shooting.

He is survived by: sons, Daniel Kenneth and Robert Evans; grandson, Avery Zappa Keeling; and grandsons Tucker Shane, Evan James, and Hayden Sage Keeling.

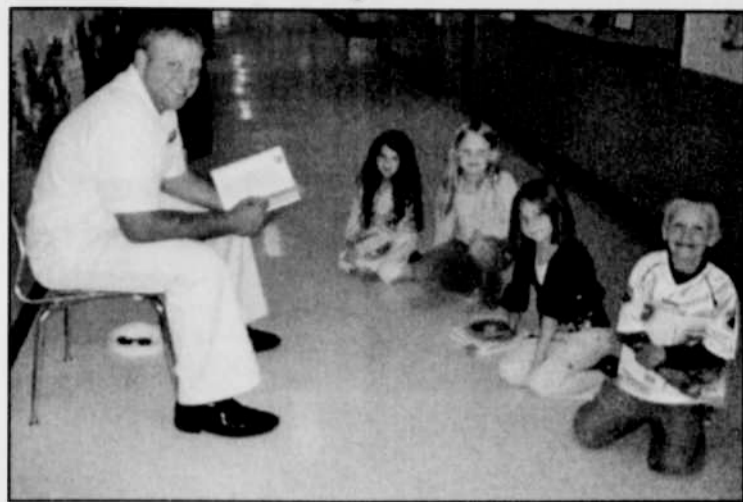
Sorely missed by family and friends, he died with dignity on May 27, 2008.

Lexington man not silent about political beliefs

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wants to close the border between US and Mexico," Nelson says of Paul. Concerning the border he says if we can shut down the border between two countries like North and South Korea then we can certainly secure our own borders. "If they don't want to speak English let them leave," he adds.
Nelson, 69, served five years in the Army as an Army Ranger and a member of the 101st Airborne. As part of his service he was in Korea for two years, where he met and married his wife Yung before leaving the army in 1964 and spending three years in the active reserves.

"Democrats want to open the border so they can get Hispanics to vote for them," Nelson says. "Republicans want it open so they can have cheap labor and break the back of

Navy visits Heppner Elementary School



Derek Campbell reads with first graders (left to right) Susie Teeman, Kaitlyn Martin, Cheyenne Smith, and Leo Waite.

-Contributed Photo



Will Wiley assists with a reading class. Pictured clockwise are first graders Hayden Qualls, Tanner Holmquist, Gibson McCurry, Cason Mitchell, Zach Bredfield, and Nicole Prophet.

-Contributed Photo

By Mary Haguewood

Heppner Elementary School was delighted when the Navy "shipped" two volunteers to help out at school for a day on May 20th. Derek Campbell, Gunners Mate, 2nd Class, is the son of Kelly and Deb Campbell of Ione. Also volunteering was Will Wiley, Interior Communications Electrician, 2nd Class, of Douglasville, Georgia.

Both men helped with reading class, served

lunch, helped in the library, and answered questions about military life and their jobs aboard the USS Stephen W. Groves, based out of Mayport, FL.

Campbell and Wiley have both been in the service for almost six years. Their suggestions for students are: "Be flexible" and "The only person keeping you from achieving goals is yourself."

Birth Announcement

Reese Kathleen Weygandt - Annie and Evan Weygandt of Oregon City announce the birth of their daughter Reese Kathleen Weygandt on Friday, May 30, 2008 at Portland Providence Medical Center.

At birth she weighed six pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches in length.

Grandparents are Paul and Susan Hisler of Heppner, Brenda Young of Salem, and John and Becky Weygandt of Summerville.

Great-grandparents are Kathleen Hisler of Heppner and Kathryn Healy-Thorne of Heppner.

America and make us into a third world country."

"Our government has also let the industry of our own country go to other countries where they have cheap slave labor, and then they send their products back to us at a cheap price, and the workers that are left in America can't compete with that," he adds.

Nelson has no use for most politicians. "When we have politicians that stand up and call our troops murderers and other derogatory names, I would like to meet with them," he says, "so they would know what the real America is all about."

He says the education system has been subliminally teaching our children to hate America. "College professors teach our children to think that this country has been a bad country. They are not taught pride in

their country in most of the schools. Much of the history of the founding fathers has disappeared along with the history of the First and Second World Wars. More and more they are taught to hate America."

He says most Americans feel they are "owed" by the government. "The majority of Americans believe they have entitlements from the government. All kinds of money is spent on entitlements," he points out, "while a good many of the people are so ignorant they don't realize the money is coming out of the pockets of hard working Americans. That is the part that is socialism," he says referring to his sign. "The part that is Fascist is that we have private businesses and corporations being told what they can build, how they can build it and if they can build it." The communism part, he says, is the ability of the government to send representative of its agencies into our homes and businesses without our permission.

"I have a lot of Republican friends and Democrat friends and the sign is not meant to denigrate them," Nelson says. "It's just what I believe." But he does admit the sign gets a lot of attention. And, after all, says Nelson, "That's freedom of speech."

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