

~ 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.

Who is Supporting Obama?

To the Editor:

Here are five groups that Obama has pledged support to:

-Environmentalists -- who will not be satisfied until every manufacturing plant and oil well is closed down and all of America is turned into a state park.

-"Peace Nics" -- who would rather give our country to our enemies than fight and sacrifice for what has been handed to them on a silver platter.

-Homosexuals -- who will not be satisfied until there is mandatory curriculum in our schools and youth organizations promoting the homosexual lifestyle as being healthy and normal.

-Illegal Aliens -- who have been promised free health care on top of everything else they are being given.

-People who support the killing of unborn babies without conditions or consequence.

So, if you want the voices of these groups running our country, Obama is your man.

John Russell
Salem

BMCC fall term begins Monday

Fall Term for Blue Mountain Community College gets underway Monday, September 29. It is not too late to get registered for classes both on campus or online.

Residents who are interested in going to college or returning to college after a hiatus are encouraged to give Anne Morter a call. She offers academic advising and can instruct students in the step necessary to working towards their goal. With many classes now offered online, there isn't a better time than now to get started.

Locally, a couple of classes are scheduled. Joy Bittinger will be offering her popular aerobics class in Ione again, starting September 29. The class meets Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8 p.m. at the Cardinal Fitness Club on Main Street in Ione.

Janet Holland has scheduled another Sand Cast BirdBath class where students will create a unique piece of yard art in just two Monday evening sessions. Pre-registration is required so that supplies will be on hand. The class is set for Monday, September 29, and Monday, October 6, at the Ione High School greenhouse.

Computer Basics is on tap for Thursday evenings, October 2-23 from 4-6 p.m. at Ione High School.

Handgun Proficiency, the class required to fulfill requirements for obtaining a concealed weapons permit, was a late addition to the schedule. It is set for this Saturday, September 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Boardman Center of BMCC. The cost of the class is \$41. Anyone interested in joining this class must get registered prior to Saturday morning.

Scheduling for Winter Term will begin soon. Anyone interested in teaching a class or for more information, call Anne Morter at 422-7040.

Heppner High School will hold Open House Night on Tuesday, October 7, from 6-7 p.m.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers, enjoy a tour of the facility, and view projects their child has been working on. Students may pick up and have their 2007/08 HHS yearbooks signed in the gym during this time.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to have coffee and cookies with HHS staff.

Real Estate Wanted
I have qualified buyers looking for the following properties:

Home near downtown Heppner. Good condition with garden space.

A minimum 1.5 acre piece in the Urban Growth Boundry that is zoned R-2 and is already partitioned or is small enough (below 10 or 15 acres) that would not have to be partition and has city services relatively accessible. Will look at anything reasonable close to this.

If you have property like this to sell please contact me.

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Drake, Gunderson wedding held



Derek and Amy Gunderson

Amy Nicole Drake and Derek James Gunderson were married in a double-ring ceremony on July 5, 2008 at the bride's family home near Heppner.

Attending the bride were Kristin Marshall of Heppner as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Brooke Sweeney of Heppner, Stephanie Clough, Trisha Adams, and Josie Keyes, all of Portland, and Amy Papineau of Bend, all friends of the bride.

The parents of the bride are Doug and Carley Drake of Heppner.

Attending the groom were Brent Gunderson of La Grande, his brother and best man. Groomsmen Casey Evans and Chris Sykes of Pendleton, Jared Eckman of Prineville, Shane Matheny of Heppner, and Jeff Waterland of Portland, all friends of the groom.

Parents of the groom are David and Tricia Gunderson of Heppner.

The flower girl was Eva Martin of Ione. The couple was married by the bride's aunt, Reverend Gwen Drake of Hillsboro. Ushers were Corey Miller and Jake Roy of Heppner. Kevin Drake, brother of the bride, and Jeff Currin, both of Eugene, were in charge of the sound system and music. Taking care of the guest book were Marcy Miller and Jill Sorey, both of Heppner.

The bride wore a one-piece, A-line, strapless gown with a corseted back. It featured a silver lace overlay that created an asymmetrical lowered waist. A satin empire band sprinkled with crystals decorated the bodice. The satin skirt was upswept at the side to reveal the lace hem. Lace appliqué adorned the chapel train. She carried a flowing bouquet of white orchids.

The maid of honor wore a silver halter style dress. The bridesmaids wore knee length, graphite gray halter style dresses and carried bouquets of assorted orange flowers.

The groom and groomsmen wore dark gray pinstriped suits accented with an orange tie and handkerchief.

The reception following the wedding featured the live band, "Taste," from Eugene.

The bride is a graduate of Oregon State University and Mt. Hood Community College. She is working at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Baker City as a surgical technician.

The groom was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force in December of 2007. He will study range management at Eastern Oregon University. The couple lives in Baker City.

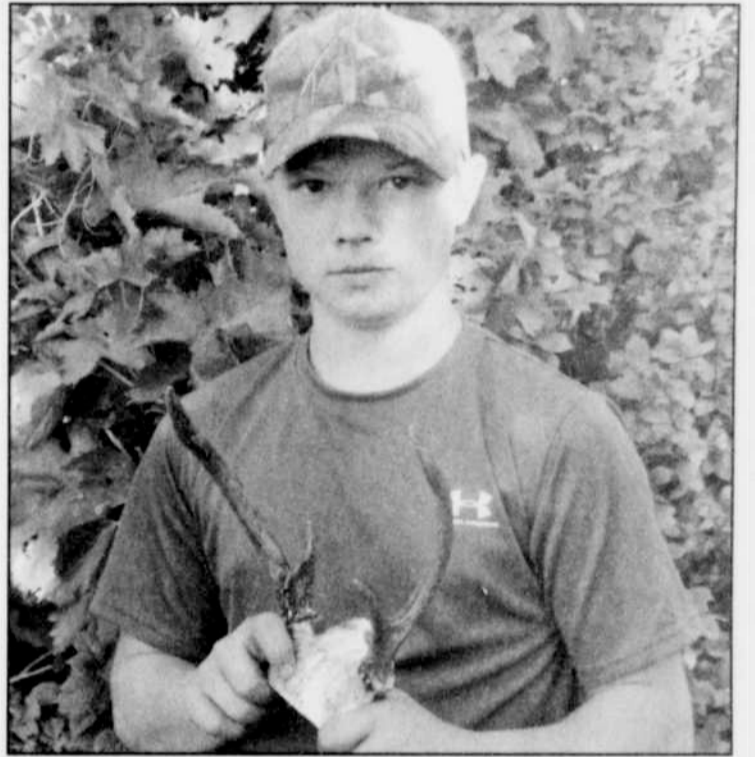
Young Voices of Eastern Oregon Youth Choir to begin rehearsals

The Young Voices of Eastern Oregon Youth Choir will hold rehearsals on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. at McKay Creek Elementary School in Pendleton.

The dates for the rehearsals are October 2, 9, 16, and 30, November 13 and 20, and December 4.

All singers aged 8-13 are invited to join the Young Voices of Eastern Oregon youth choir, under the direction of Shauna Altman. The choir meets weekly at McKay Creek Elementary School and performs twice during the year.

Bennett takes four animals with bow this year



Along with his elk (Page ONE), 15 year old Ryan Bennett shot a turkey (spring), deer and antelope with his bow this year. -Contributed Photos

DA's Report

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

-Ryan Payne, 30, was convicted of criminal mischief in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days incarceration with 175 days suspended, 24 months bench probation, other numerous conditions, and pay \$863 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Jason Alen Bothwell, 23, was convicted of theft in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 172 days suspended, 18 months bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$3,383 in fines, fees and assessments.

Senior Center Menu

St. Patrick's Parish members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, October 1. The menu will include chicken and dumplings with vegetables, sliced peaches, biscuits, and cobbler.

Dutch Oven Cookoff winners named

The annual Chuckwagon Café Dutch Oven Cookoff was held this past Saturday in Hermiston.

Main Dish first place winner was Richard Patrick of Stanfield with ranch beans. Main Dish second place winner was Tom Imus of Boardman with chili. Cook's Choice first place winner was Brianne Nichols of Hermiston with cornbread. Cook's Choice second place winner was Debbie Imus of Boardman with cornbread.

Morrow County Road Committee meeting to be held

The Morrow County Road Committee meeting will be held Monday, September 29, at 6 p.m. in the Columbia Basin conference.

It is important for members and public to attend these important meetings to help maintain our county road system.

It's The Tic Tac Man's Birthday Again!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ELLIS!

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