Massage therapist open for business

Tammy Smith, licensed massage therapist, is now open for business. Her office is located at 133 May Street in Heppner, inside the Dickenson Chiropractic office.

After six years of living in Portland, Smith returned to Heppner to open her massage office. She offers Swedish, deep tissue, pregnancy and hot stone massages.

Born and raised in Lexington, Smith is a 2002 graduate of Heppner High School. She graduated in June 2005 from the Oregon School of Massage in Portland. She is nationally certified in massage therapy and is licensed by the state of Oregon.

She has been working in Portland for the past three years but returned to Heppner to attend classes at Blue Mountain Community College and to be closer to her family.

"I am excited to be back in such a supportive community and I am pleased that Tim's (Dickenson) and my professions compliment each other so well," said Smith. "Many clients schedule a massage first and then call Tim for an adjustment right after. It is a great service to offer our community and I am proud to be a part of it."

Smith is currently offering homecoming specials to high school students. Gift certificates are available for purchase also.

Smith is available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Early, late and weekend sessions are by appointment only. To make an appointment call (503) 704-4473 or emailed at tammysmith_lmt@hotmail.com.

Tammy Smith offers a variety of massages at her office in Heppner. *-Photo by Autumn Morgan*

Child Care class schedule

Umatilla-Morrow Head Start, Inc. announces that the following Child Care Resource and Referral classes will be held during the month of October.

-Medic First Aide and CPR will be held October 8 and 9 from 6-10 p.m. each night in Hermiston. The cost for this class is $40. This is a two year certification course. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required, only 12 slots available. Students must attend both nights.

-Family Child Care Overview will be held October 13, from 6-9 p.m. in Pendleton. This is a free class. This class is required by the Child Care Division for anyone wishing to become a Registered Family Child Care Provider, and for individuals that want to learn more about Oregon's laws governing child care.

-Children with Disabilities will be held October 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Pendleton. The cost for this class is $5.

-How to Become a Certified Family Child Care Home (per request) will be held October 27 from 6:30-8:30 in Pendleton. There is no cost for this class. Heidi Johnson, Licensing Specialist, CCD will be teaching the class.

-Making Your Environment the Best It Can Be for Infants and Toddlers will be held October 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Hermiston. The cost is $5 for this class. Mary Ann McCune will be the instructor.

For more information or to pre-register for classes, call Child Care Resource and Referral at 1-800-559-5878 or 541-564-6878.

Garden Club News

The Heppner Garden Club will meet Monday, October 6, at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. The program will be honoring the Yard of the Month recipients.

Hostesses will be Neva DeMayo and Jeanette Padberg.

Justice Court

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

-Jimmy L. Bowles, 59, Heppner, false application for disabled hunting permit, $655 fine.

-Marty B. Britt, 19, Heppner, open container (passenger) $185 fine. Britt was also cited for MIP, $166 fine.

-Rhonda Kaye Loongy, 54, Heppner, no operator's license, $244 fine.

-Dennis R. Farwell, 63, Halfway, failure to use seatbelt, $76 fine.

-Taomi D. Matthew, 36, Heppner, failure to use seatbelt, $99 fine.

-Miff J. Devin, 27, Ione, failure to use seatbelt, $99 fine.

~ 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.

AFP protecting your double-majority law

Once again, Oregonians must wonder if our legislature has a hearing problem. Voters have twice backed a law saying that any property tax hike proposed in special elections pass by a majority of those voting in an election where a majority of eligible voters cast ballots. This requirement is commonly called the "Double-Majority Law," and AFP wants to protect it.

In defiance of the voters' will, our legislature placed Measure 56 on November's ballot. The measure would severely undermine the Double-Majority Law, lifting the law's impact on all but a handful of elections.

The Double-Majority Law is based on the idea that government should not be able to slide tax hikes under the radar of voters during special elections. The belief is that if government wants to use force to extract tax money, it has a minimal obligation to make its case in a way that is compelling enough to inspire a majority of voters to cast ballots.

Those supporting Measure 56 complain that the Double-Majority Law forces tax requests to be clustered on primary and general election ballots where a double majority is not required. Measure supporters believe that if tax requests are spread out, people will be more inclined to pass them. They cite special districts where tax proposals needed to be placed on the ballot two or three times before they ultimately passed.

Opponents of Measure 56 reply that, since the requirement took effect, only twelve percent of hundreds of local tax requests failed because of the Double Majority Law. They believe that clustering tax proposals serves an educational function by helping people see the cumulative costs of government. Removing the requirement, they say, takes unfair advantage of people who may forget what taxes they previously voted on in a flurry of special elections. And if tax proposals fail, they say, it can be said that tax proponents simply didn't make their case well enough.

Americans for Prosperity stands firmly behind Oregon's Double Majority Law and the voters who passed it - twice. If you do not want to find yourself caught in a hail of tax hike proposals in obscure special elections, help AFP fight it by getting involved in your local AFP chapter.

Richard Burke

DA's Report

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

-Leanna Mae Kent, 24, was convicted of unlawful possession of methamphetamine, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 18 months formal probation, 90/30 sanction units, complete 80 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay $478 in fines, fees and assessments.

Divorces

The Circuit Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner has released the following information:

Divorces filed Sept. 10-Kim Elizabeth Lee and Shannon David Lee.

Morrow/Grant County
OHV Park
Special Youth Hunt

Second Season, Spike Only
November 8 – November 16th, 2008

Applications are now being taken at the Morrow County Public Works office, 365 W. Hwy 74, P.O. Box 428, Lexington, OR. 97839. Applicants MUST be a Morrow or Grant County resident. A Hunter Education Certificate is also required. Applicants should be 12 to 17 years old. All applications must be returned to the Morrow County Public Works office by October 21, 2008 by 4:30 p.m. Applications will be drawn at County Court on October 22, 2008 at 10 a.m. at County Court session being held at 100 Court St. Heppner, OR. For information please contact the public works office at 541-989-9500.

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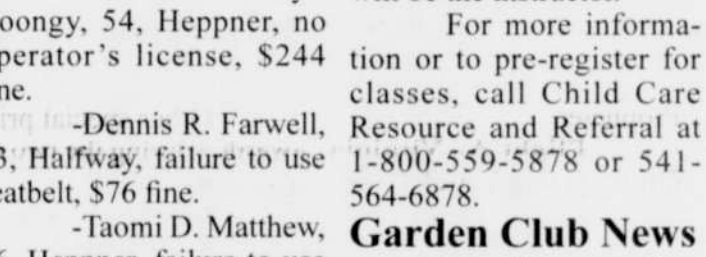

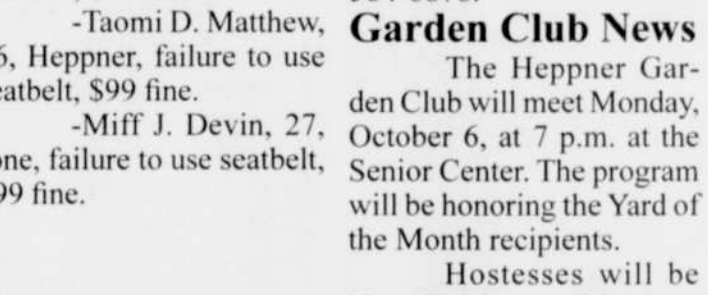

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