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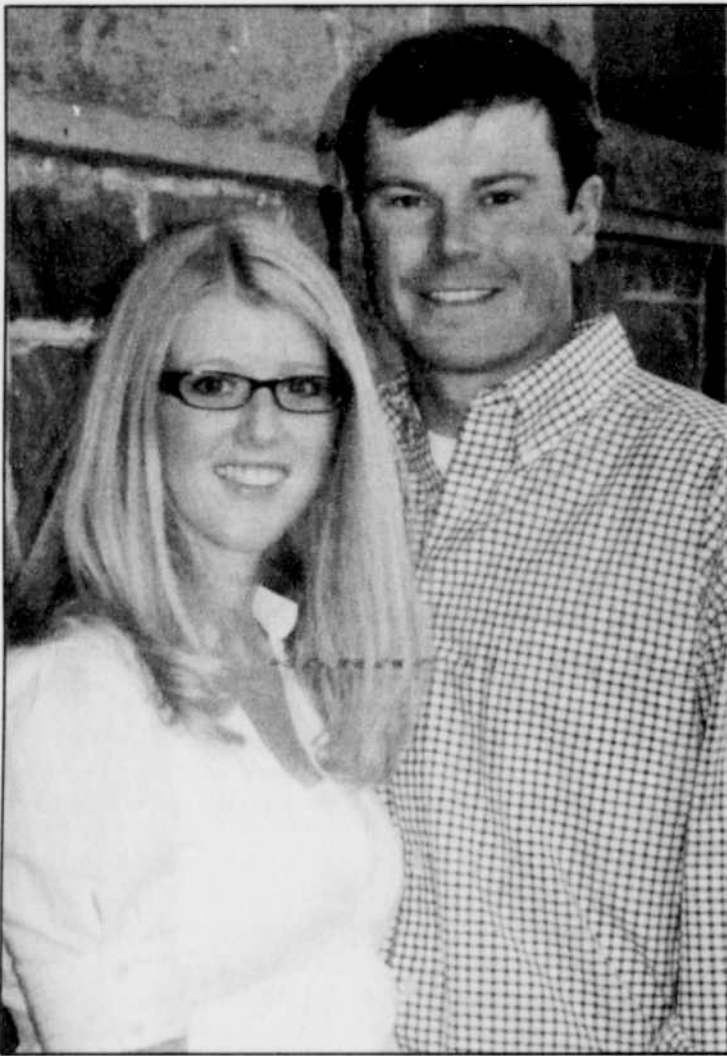
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Eckman, Matheny to exchange vows



Sarah Eckman and Shane Matheny

Sarah Eckman and Shane Matheny of Heppner announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Sarah is the daughter of Kenny Eckman and Judy Eckman of Heppner. A 2001 graduate of Heppner High School, she earned her bachelor degree in education from Eastern Oregon University. Sarah is currently employed at Sam Boardman Elementary School as a kindergarten teacher.

Shane is the son of David and Patty Matheny of Heppner. He is a 1999 graduate of Heppner High School. He attended Oregon State University majoring in agriculture. Shane is currently employed at the family farm.

The couple will exchange vows December 20, 2008 in Heppner.

Nominations open for Town and Country awards

Nominations form. Town & Country are open for the Town and Country community awards. Completed forms are due to Chamber Office or Kuhn & Spicer by December 15.

Contact the Heppner Chamber office or Barb Hayes at Kuhn & Spicer for the dinner will be \$20 per person.

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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.

Support for Time Out for Reading

Dear Editor and GT readers:

If you attended fifth or sixth grade at Heppner Elementary School within the last 20 years or so, you know all about Time Out for Reading. This reading incentive program for grades five and six has been going strong for over two decades, and hundreds of thousands of minutes have been read and tallied by those young people participating.

Time Out for Reading is funded entirely on its own. Over the years we have been ticket takers at the St. Patrick's Day Motocross Races, collected cans, held bake sales, made crafts for Artifactory, held a penny drive, and much more. The program has also been very fortunate to have local citizens (including my own students) and community organizations who have generously donated to the cause.

This year we will once again sell raffle tickets for a pan of Babe Ruth bars. If you don't know about these treats, ask any student at Heppner High, or a fifth or sixth grade student at HES. Trust me when I say they are yummy. The winner receives a full pan (about four dozen) of the chocolaty peanut buttery delights.

The winning ticket is to be pulled after Heppner Light Parade on December 18. Tickets are on sale at the Heppner Elementary and Heppner High School's offices and Heppner TV. Supporters, and treat lovers, will also be able to purchase tickets December 9 at the Heppner High Mustang basketball game.

In the season of giving, it doesn't get much easier than this... support a program that encourages, and rewards, our students for reading, and have the chance to win your own pan of Babe Ruth bars. When faced with a whole pan of the treats, whether or not you remember it is a season of sharing is completely up to you.

Merry Christmas, and we appreciate your support.

Mrs. Allen
Heppner Elementary School

Elks accepting donations for Oregon Veterans' Home

The Heppner Elks club is once again taking donations for the Oregon Veterans' Home in the The Dalles. Chairman of the local Elks National Veterans Service Commission Ed Baker has been collecting, buying and donating items to the Veterans' home for years and has garnered several awards for the Heppner Elks Lodge because of his efforts.

"Many of the patients in the Veterans' home have no family and spend the holidays alone," said Baker. "This is a great way to spread a little Christmas cheer to those who have honorably served our country."

Some of the items requested for the Veterans' home include: new or used DVDs, CDs (oldies, big band, easy listening), cookies, snacks, coffee, new electric razors, toiletries (lotion, Polygrip), cigarettes and diet or regular root beer. All donations need to be dropped off at the lodge or with Ed no later than Thursday, December 4. Ed will be taking the items to The Dalles on December 6. Cash donations will also be accepted and will be used to purchase some of the above mentioned items.

Boardman City Council meeting cancelled

The Boardman City Council has cancelled their Tuesday, December 16, council meeting. The next meeting of the Boardman City Council will be Tuesday, December 2, at 7 p.m.

WCVEDG Dec. meeting to be held at hospital

The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group will hold their December 3 meeting in the Home Health Conference Room downstairs at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m.

Following the meeting the group will be given a tour of the new nursing home facilities that have recently been remodeled and are now ready for occupancy at the hospital.

Senior Center Menu

Nazarene/Seventh-day Adventist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, December 3. The menu will include Swiss steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, apple salad, hot rolls, and chocolate cake.

Obituaries

Donald Glen Bergo

Donald G. Bergo, 62, of Irrigon died Thursday, November 20, 2008 at his son's home in Hermiston.

He was born August 15, 1946 in Seattle, WA, the son of Orlandus and Phyllis Filer Bergo. He was raised and attended school in Renton, WA. Mr. Bergo worked in the transportation business as an RV hauler. He also operated the Last Chance Produce Stand in Irrigon for several years. Mr. Bergo also lived in Heppner for a time.

He enjoyed fishing, traveling, hunting and spending time with his family. He was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous for many years, helping others with their recovery.

Survivors include: son, Brian Bergo and his wife Suzanne; daughters,

Shona Bergo, Karen Stewart and her husband Ron; brother, Gary Bergo; sisters, Jackie Harrow and her husband Dick, Jo DeHart and her husband Bob, and Jan Grasso and her husband Dave; and four grandchildren.

A celebration of life and potluck will be held for Mr. Bergo at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 29, 2008 at Stokes Landing in Irrigon.

Memorial contributions for those who wish may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836 or to St. Anthony Hospice Foundation, 1601 SE Court Ave., Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Chamber of Commerce schedule of upcoming events

-Downtown Christmas tree lights: On Tuesday, November 25, we are asking the community to come out and help the high school students decorate the trees on Main Street for the Christmas season. This will start at 3:30 p.m. and volunteers will meet at the chamber office. Lights can be purchased for \$3 a strand or bring your own and come and help.

-Farewell Open House for Steve Bogart: There will be a farewell open house for Steve Bogart, interim city manager next Tuesday, November 25, from 3-5 p.m. at city hall.

-ICABO Meeting (Dec. 11): ODOT will be in lone for the ICABO Meeting to discuss Horseshoe Bend at 7:30 a.m. at Colliers.

-Chamber Board positions: Nominations for open and renewing board positions will be discussed at the December 4 and 11 chamber meetings.

-Town and Country: Nominations are open for Town and Country community awards. Completed forms are due to Chamber Office or Kuhn & Spicer by December 15. Contact the chamber office or Barb Hayes at Kuhn & Spicer if you need a nomination form. Town and Country will be held on Thursday, January 15, starting at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the fairgrounds this year to accommodate more seating. The caterer will be "Puddin on the Ritz". Cost for the dinner will be \$20 per person.

-Celebrate Heppner Christmas: Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 18. This event will begin with the Parade of Lights at 6 p.m. with all other activities being held immediately following at the Elks Lodge. Santa Claus will be there for pictures, there will be a beef stroganoff dinner available for the whole family, winners of the local "rewards cards" will be drawn, along with the winners of the four Chamber Raffle Baskets. The raffle baskets are on display at Heppner TV and the raffle tickets can be purchased at Wheatland Insurance, Heppner TV or Heppner Chamber. You must be present to participate in the "Rewards Cards" drawing, but you don't need to be present to be eligible to win one of the four Chamber Raffle Baskets. The Chamber will contact the winners if they aren't present.

-Chamber Annual Luncheon: This year the annual luncheon will be held on Thursday, January 8, at the All Saints Episcopal Parish Hall, starting at 11:30 a.m. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP seating and meals can be planned. Hold this date and plan on attending. John and Nancy Gochner will be catering the event.

Next Week (November 27): No meeting - take time to be thankful for all the blessings of life and love of family and friends, Happy Thanksgiving.

-Meetings in December: December 4 (All Entities Meeting) and December 11.

Council approves land partition

The Heppner City Council last week gave its okay to a major land partition for Heppner.

Both Morrow County and City of Heppner's Planning Commissions approved plans earlier this month for the partition to be located in Heppner above Rock Street. The partition was incorrectly reported in last week's Gazette to be a subdivision and it is not at this time.

The Heppner city council must approve all city planning commission decisions, so it held a special meeting November 20 to take action.

WANTED
Your Household Hazardous Waste
look for label marked "Warning" and "Danger"
Turn Them In!
Saturday May 09, 2009 Located at the Northend Transfer Station, Boardman
1:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Reward for turning in Mercury Thermometers
- a safe, digital thermometer!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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