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Birth Announcement

Natalie Marie Parish - A daughter, Natalie Marie was born March 9, 2009 at St. Lukes Hospital in Meridan, ID to Travis and Toni Parish of Ontario.

At birth Natalie weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

She joins a 2 1/2 year old sister, Madison.

Grandparents are Gary and Marcia Kemp of Lexington. Great-grandparents are Billie and Darrell Coppock of Lonerock.

Computer basics class offered

Computer basics will be offered in Heppner beginning April 9. The class is set for Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. at Heppner High School.

The course is best for beginning users with little or no experience and covers basic Windows operations, Microsoft Word, the Internet and more. Class is four weeks in length and the fee is \$46 (\$26 for those ages 62 and over).

Pre-registration is required. Students may register online at www.bluecc.edu or by contacting Anne Morter, Morrow County coordinator, at 422-7040.

Oregon Wheat Growers League to hold workshop

An Oregon Wheat Growers League workshop will be held in Pendleton on April 7 on Biobased Products for Rural Economic Development.

The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. at Blue Mountain Community College in Umatilla Hall, room 100.

Marriages

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:

-March 27: Ivan De La Lima Claustro, 29, Boardman and Lucila Navarro Garcia, 30, Boardman.

~ 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.

In response to E.O. editorial

To the editor:

This is a response to the E.O. editorial implying the extravagance of obtaining expensive China dinnerware for the White House by Laura Bush during the present economic climate. What the editorial didn't say is that these dishes were commissioned several years ago before this economic downturn. Secondly these China settings, a tangible asset, was purchased through a privately funded trust of the White House Historical Association, not taxpayer money. Too, these dishes were all obtained through U.S. companies, not foreign manufacturers

Interesting that there was little criticism of the millions of campaign dollars spent by democratic presidential candidates while at the same time banks and other financial institutions were crashing and people were losing their savings and/or homes.

Laura Bush stated that additional White House china was needed because of breakage and the need for more place settings for larger gatherings. It's told that some china sets have been diminished by former presidents who took dishes when leaving the White House. Compared to the cost of these dishes at \$485,999 (commissioned by Laura Bush) I don't recall people criticizing Hilary Clinton when she spent \$600,000 for White House dishes that must not have included the needed number of place settings. (Or maybe her staff was a little careless when it came to dish handling?)

What I find indefensible in these stressful times are the automatic pay raises for Congress, those very people who are supposedly elected to enact legislation that is for the betterment of the majority of people. Instead of trimming the pork and streamlining the budgets of all agencies, they spend more time looking for more revenue, it seems.

Closer to home is another taxpayer expense. At a cost of \$3.4 million, the office wing of the state capitol building was renovated and refurbished during this past year. Some taxpayers would probably settle for that used furniture or maybe use the cast off desks for a roof over their heads.

Merlyn Robinson
Heppner

Valby Lutheran Church announces Easter schedule

Valby Lutheran Church will observe Good Friday on April 10, with a service of darkness, lessons, and hymns at 7 p.m. Celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 12, will begin with breakfast, which will be served beginning at 8:30 am. Easter festival worship with communion will begin at 10 a.m. (one hour later than usual). The regular Sunday schedule resumes on April 19, with worship at 9 a.m.

All are invited to join in worship at this historic church in the middle of wheat field roughly midway between Ione, Heppner, and Condon, where spectacular views of distant mountains blend with a rich tradition of singing God's praise. For directions or for more information, call Pastor Katy Anderson at 989-8174.

"From Cenacle to Calvary" video to be shown at St. Patrick Parish Hall

The video of the drama "From Cenacle to Calvary" will be shown at St. Patrick Parish Hall on Palm Sunday at 7 p.m., an appropriate beginning of the observance of Holy Week.

The drama was originally performed during the St. Patrick Celebrations of 2008. The public is welcome to attend.

Obituaries

Donald V. Kinzer

Donald V. "Don" Kinzer, 71, of Arlington died Thursday, March 26, 2009 at Mid Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles.

He was born November 9, 1937 in Lebanon, the son of Vilas and Ruby Kennedy Kinzer. He attended school in Condon. On March 2, 1959 along with his brothers Richard and Ken he joined the United States Army, they served three years together in Germany.

In June of 1966 he married Peggy Hunt; the couple had two children, daughter Leah and a son Wayne. Mr. Kinzer worked as a ranch hand for Bud Phillippi for many years before retiring in Arlington. He enjoyed fishing and camping.

Survivors include: his daughter, Leah Atkinson of Spokane Valley, WA; brother, Richard Kinzer and his wife Klara of Heppner; and sister, Peggy Parks and her husband Frank of Beaverton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ken; and son, Wayne.

A graveside service with military honors for Mr. Kinzer will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at the Condon Cemetery in Condon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.

Helen M. Pettyjohn

Helen M. Pettyjohn, 87, of Ione died Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Ione Community Church with burial to follow at High View Cemetery in Ione.

A full obituary will appear in next week's paper. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Handgun class set for April 18

Handgun proficiency, a class that will satisfy the proficiency requirements needed to obtain a concealed weapons permit is set for Saturday, April 18, at the Morrow County School District Office.

The class puts a strong emphasis on safety and consists of a classroom

session in the morning followed by a shooting session in the afternoon. The class is set to begin at 9 a.m.

Pre-registration is required. Cost of the class is \$46. For more information or registration assistance, contact Anne Morter, BMCC Coordinator, at 422-7040.

Three-on-three basketball tournament to be held in Ione

A three-on-three basketball tournament will be held on Saturday, April 4, beginning at 8 a.m. in the Ione High School gym.

Sign-ups will begin at 8 a.m. and will set up brackets. Participants must be 18 years of age and out of high school. There is a limit of 30 teams.

Concessions will be available.

Senior Center Menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, April 8. The menu will include leg of lamb, au-gratin potatoes, peas, rolls, Jell-O with fruit, and cake.

Columbia River Community Health Services receives grant

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new building that will be located one block from the present clinic. Stop by the clinic and take a look at the new building plans. While you are there, purchase a

brick with your name on it that will be placed in the entry of the new clinic. If you have any questions, contact Mindy Binder, executive director, at (541) 481-7212.

Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:

-Judy Lynn Peck, 29, Heppner, failure to perform duties of a driver, \$1,145 fine plus restitution and court appointed attorney fees.

-Destiny J. George, 27, Heppner, violation of the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$131 fine.

April 12th is Easter!



Baskets
Candy
Party Items
Easter Lilies

Wedding Tables

Riley Brett Wight & Amanda Dawn Miles
Saturday, May 2nd

Jared Dean Eckman & Trisha Kay Adams
Saturday, May 9th

Megan Kae Bailey & Kyle Richard Snow
Wednesday, May 13th

Shelley Kathryn Rietmann & Adam Ashley McCabe
Sunday, June 7th



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