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**Birth Announcements**

**Cassie Bell Hamilton Curtsinger** – Jessica Hamilton and Tommy Curtsinger announce the birth of their daughter, Cassie Bell Hamilton Curtsinger, on Thursday, April 16. She was born at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

At birth she weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was 21 inches in length.

**Micah Jakob David Ramsey** – Amber Flaiz of Heppner and Karl Ramsey of Leigh-On-Sea, England announce the birth of a son, Micah Jakob David Ramsey, on April 10, 2009.

He was born at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston at 12:51 a.m. At birth he weighed seven pounds, six ounces and was 19.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Teresa Flaiz of Heppner and William and Nina Ramsey of Leigh-On-Sea, England. Great-grandmother is Ruby Smith of Springfield, MO.

**St. Patrick's Celebration collector's buttons still on sale**



Missed out on purchasing your collector's button for this year's St. Patrick's Celebration? No problem, buttons are now available for purchase at Heppner City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce offices. For \$3, you can add to your collection and support the St. Patrick's Celebration Committee at the same time. Faith Ann Healy Fetter is shown with the St. Patrick Celebration button collection of her great-grandmother, Gwen Healy. -Contributed Photo

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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.

**A public apology**

To Mr. Wolff, the City Council of Heppner and to the citizens of Heppner:

I am sorry for the long hours of work I caused Mr. Wolff and any embarrassment he may have endured for the recent work he did on trying to avoid raising utility rates.

Due to my ignorance of how the Beginning Fund balance is calculated for the Debt Service fund of the city's budget, Mr. Wolff was misinformed by me and proceeded to present a possible course of action to head off the necessity of raising utility rates. The Utility Commission and the City Council were pleased with his work.

Afterwards I learned, to my chagrin, that this Beginning Fund balance could be divided into separate amounts for the various debt payments out of the fund. This fact would cause us, illegally, to apply money set aside for a specific purpose to another purpose, had we pursued his suggested course of action.

The fault is mine for being ignorant of some facts. Mr. Wolff did his best for the citizens of Heppner. I regret that things turned out as they did. If it becomes necessary to raise rates I can assure you that the Utility Commission and City Council will not do so without a good fight.

Dave DeMayo  
Heppner City Manager.

**"A Day of Hope"**

To the editor:

Again I am reminded of the wonderful community and area that I live in. Last Saturday, walkers from Fossil, Condon, Ione, Lexington, Heppner, Hermiston, and Portland walked for a common goal "A world free of Multiple Sclerosis". And if I forgot anyone please forgive me.

Throughout the month I asked local businesses for their support and with a smile they donated items and thanked me. I asked individuals to help before, during and after the walk and they showed up with enthusiasm. As the day unfolded I watched people with MS beam with gratitude for their families and those they have never met who walked to honor them. This last year we have been hit with so much negativity, it was awesome to experience abundant giving, helping hands, and smiles of hope.

From the bottom of my heart I appreciate all of those who participated in "A Day of Hope".

Merilee McDowell, in her name, before, during and after the walk, Heppner

**Morrow County Arts and Crafts club to hold watercolor workshop**

Mary Corp is the featured artist in the Lorenzen Board Room Gallery at the Pendleton Center for the arts. She is the workshop watercolor instructor that will be brought to Heppner by the Morrow County Arts and Crafts club.

The Watercolor Workshop will be held May 29<sup>th</sup> (Friday) and May 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

The cost for the two days is \$70 and space is limited to 10. For more information call Sharon Harrison at 541-989-8496.

**Ashley Wolff places 8<sup>th</sup> at state FBLA competition in Portland**

Impromptu speaking competition doesn't sound so intimidating-until one is put into that competition and expected to compete at the state level where other competitors have been "practicing" for a full year. However, Heppner High School's very own, Ashley Wolff, was faced with that very same problem.

In order to fully appreciate this overwhelming dilemma we need to rewind to February 5 where Wolff managed to place first in Business Management at the regional FBLA competition in La Grande. By doing this, Wolff cemented a spot at the state competition in Portland.

After arriving in Portland, Wolff found out that since her partner was

unable to compete with her, she was disqualified because her Business Management Team needed to have at least two members. Wolff did not know this because there was a miscommunication.

The FBLA staff was very helpful and offered to let Wolff try Impromptu Speaking since there was a cancellation in that category. The speaking event, however, was in just a few hours but Wolff decided to go for it.

Thus, on Wednesday night, she participated in the preliminary Speaking Competition placing in the top 10. On Thursday she competed for finals and during the awards ceremony found out that she had won 8<sup>th</sup> place.

**Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers to perform**

The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers will be performing on Saturday, April 25, at 6 p.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon. Admission is \$5 per person.

**Senior Center Menu**

Nazarene/Seventh Day Adventist church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, April 29. The menu will include lasagna, green salad with tomatoes, sliced peaches, garlic bread, and tiramisu.

**Obituaries**

**Max Burrows**

Max Burrows, 87, of Heppner died Friday, April 17, 2009 at his home.

He was born March 20, 1922 in Joseph, the son of Oakley and Lora Tuck Burrows. He graduated from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay in 1941. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. On February 10, 1941 he married Phyllis Elizabeth Middleton.

Mr. Burrows spent most of his working life as a timber faller in Southern Oregon and Northern California, cutting large Douglas fir and Redwoods with a power saw equipped with a

72" bar. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He took several trophy size Roosevelt elk bulls and a few 40 pound Chinook salmon.

He is survived by: his wife, Phyllis Burrows, at home; son, Mark Burrows and his wife Anita of Heppner; daughter-in-law, Janice Burrows of Arkansas; brother, Keith Burrows of Pasadena, CA; six granddaughters and several great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Curtis Burrows.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Pledge tulips in bloom at HES**



This past October, students at Heppner Elementary School planted 200 red tulips during National Alcohol Awareness Month. Those tulips have recently begun to bloom. The planting in October was done during the National Plant the Promise week which coincided with the National Red Ribbon Week. Each tulip stands for a student's pledge to be drug free. Pictured are: Back row (L-R) - Sue Gibbs, Maddie Lindsay, Makenzi Hughes, Kelly Wilson, Macy Gibbs, and Paige Grieb; bottom row (L-R) - Logan Grieb and Rian Wizner. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

**Nature walk offered**

On Sunday, May 3, a 90 minute nature walk and talk into the Sheep Rock unit of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will be held.

Those attending are asked to dress warmly for the weather. The hike offered rain or shine. No advanced reservations are needed for this free walk.

Hikers will meet at 2 p.m. at the Thomas Condon Visitor Center at the intersection of Route 26 and Route 19.

For more information call 541-987-2333.

**DA's Report**

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

-Daniel Vernon Quast, 19, was convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Destructive Device, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 180 sanction units with 90 jail units, three years supervised probation, complete 80 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$173 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Daniel Vernon Quast, 19, was convicted of Unlawful Manufacture of a Destructive Device, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 180 sanction units with 90 jail units, three years supervised probation, complete 80 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$923 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Ross Carlisle Vanetta, 28, was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony and was sentenced to six months driver's license suspension, five months in the custody of the local supervisory authority, and pay \$133 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Jackson reade Graham, 62, was convicted of Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days incarceration with 150 days suspended, 24 months bench probation, complete 40 hours community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$1,133 in fines, fees and assessments.

**Heppner/Ione bowlers win it all**

Heppner and Ione bowlers won first place in the annual Hermiston/Pendleton Tournament.

The bowling team, which participates in league bowling at The Stable of Youth, consists of J. Collins, D. Neiffer, K. Turner, and B. Zinter.

S. Rollis won first place in singles and all events. J. Collins was second in singles and all events. R. Rollis and S. Rollis won first place in doubles.

At The Stable of Youth, bowling enthusiasts can look forward to newer pin setters and new automatic score machines for this fall, along with other improvements.

**Justice Court Report**

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

-Linsey Marlene Mitchell, 21, Heppner, violation of the basic rule by going 79 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$185 fine.