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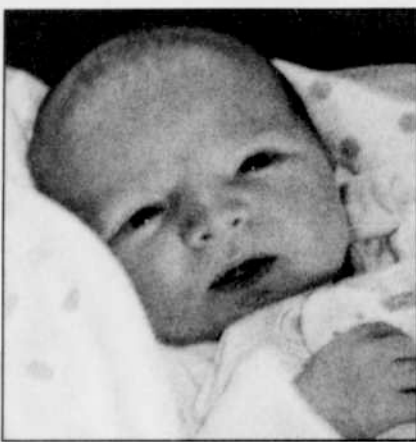
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Birth Announcement

Keaton Joseph Coiner - A son, Keaton Joseph, was born to Josh and Melissa Coiner of Heppner on Friday, August 7, 2009, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton.

The baby weighed nine pounds, nine ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches in length.



Keaton Joseph Coiner

Keaton joins an older brother, Jackson.

Grandparents are Joe and Jeri McElligott of Ione, Barb Coiner of Heppner, and Dan Coiner of Sacramento, CA.

Great-grandparents are Loa McElligott of Ione, Betty Snow of Salem, and Morris and Shirley McCarl of Lexington.

DA's Report

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

-Judy Lynn Peck, 30, was convicted of Failure to Perform Duties of Driver, Property Damage, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days driver's license suspension, 90 days incarceration with 90 days suspended, three years bench probation, other conditions, and pay \$2,577.01 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Kyle Lee Getsinger, 24, was convicted of Assault in the Fourth Degree, a Class A misdemeanor and was sentenced to 180 days incarceration with 180 days suspended, 12 months bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$1,133 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Wayne Bradley Schwabrow, 33, was convicted of Possession of Forged Instrument in the First Degree, a Class C felony and was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, subject to 90 sanction units with 30 jail units, other conditions, and pay \$1,773 in fines, fees and assessments.

Obituaries

Elmer L. Meligan

Elmer L. Meligan, 95, died Friday, August 21, 2009 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

He was born April 5, 1913 at Marathon, IA the son of George and Cordia Smith Meligan. He was raised and attended school in Minnesota, leaving there as a young man to work on a mink and fox ranch in Iowa.

On March 18, 1933 he married Estella Viola Nyberg in Peterson, IA. The couple raised three sons and two daughters.

He worked as an underground miner and eventually managed his own fur ranching operation in Minnesota where he remained until the early 1950s. Following a decline in the fur ranching business he became a heavy construction worker. He followed hydroelectric projects throughout the west, eventually settling in Portland.

In 2001 his wife, Viola, preceded him in death. In 2002 he suffered a stroke but managed to lead a somewhat full life. He moved to Heppner in 2003.

Elmer enjoyed hunting and ballroom dancing and really loved Penny

and Fritzie, two different dash-hounds who loved him in return. He also enjoyed remodeling projects of his own as well as those of his children.

He is survived by: sons, Gerald Meligan of The Dalles, Jack Meligan of Heppner, and Daniel Meligan of Sedona, AZ; daughters, Kaye Good of Portland, and Kathleen Turner of Heppner. He is also survived by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mr. Meligan will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at the Willow Creek Terrace in Heppner. A funeral service and mausoleum entombment will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at Portland Memorial, 6705 S.E. 14th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97202.

Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to Willow Creek Terrace Building Fund, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, Oregon 97836 or to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.



Elmer L. Meligan

Christian Life Center to host Discovery Club for kids

Christian Life Center will be hosting Discovery Club for all kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. The first club meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. The club will meet at the church's locating at 535 W. Morgan Street.

For more information or to arrange rides for kids call 676-5581.

Kinzua lunch group meets

The Kinzua lunch group recently met in Prineville. Those attending were: Cenone Benson, Becky, Boeman, Harold and Peggy Reed, Gael (Windy) Liptak, Pete and Jackie Hester and her mother Marge Heiller, John Nelson, John and Midge Geer, Mark and Lavell Jellick, Bonnie Campbell, Rollene Allen, Annabelle Gubser, Ernie and Ada Schell, Bob and Peggy Nelson, Bobby and Lavonia Slinkard, and Marilyn Garcia.

The next lunch will be at Service Creek on September 18 at 11:30 a.m.

Justice Court Report

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

-Casey Oneal, 20, Heppner, MIP Alcohol by Consumption, \$185 fine.

-Briann I. Smith, 19, Irrigon, Passing in a No Passing Zone, \$185 fine.

Willow Creek Water Park to close for season

The Willow Creek Water Park will be closing for the season at the end of the day on Thursday, August 27.

~ 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.

To the editor and Lexington residents:

Freedom of speech is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, but not in Lexington, OR. The Mayor (appointed, not elected by the people, and herself not a registered voter) recently read a protocol which she wants the city council to adopt. The protocol is as follows:

Town Council Meeting and Public Comment Protocol Policy

Visiting or talking, in the gallery during the meetings will not be tolerated from anyone.

The Town government will not tolerate disrespect, profanity, racial slurs, or harassment at any time. No comments regarding personnel or job performance will be allowed.

Any complaints regarding personnel, or Town employee's job performance, must be submitted in writing. These complaints will be taken under advisement by the Mayor and Council Members and dealt with accordingly, at a future time. Also, personal comments regarding Town employees or Town Government members will not be allowed.

Those people that do not respect, and do not follow the above mentioned protocol will be considered out of order. They will receive one warning. A second time out of order and they will be asked to leave the meeting. If they do not leave voluntarily the meeting will put into recess and the County Sheriff's Office will be called to have the person removed.

Public Comment: This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the council on items which are of concern to the community. This will be done in one of the following ways:

If you wish for your comment to be given consideration of the Council on the night of the meeting the comment must be submitted in writing on a public comment form which is available free of charge at Town Hall at least 48 hours prior to Town Council Meeting to allow for distribution. The Public Comment form contains the policy for public comment (see attached). At this time the comment may be placed on the agenda. If on the agenda the comment may be acknowledged, or answered. It may also be referred to appropriate staff members or set over to a future meeting. You will be allowed three minutes to make your presentation unless extended by the Mayor.

There will also be a place set on the agenda for "Other Public Comment." This time is set aside for persons wishing to address the Council on matters not on the agenda. Speakers will be limited to three minutes, unless extended by the Mayor. Action will NOT be taken at the current meeting on these comments. These comments will pertain to relevant Town concerns only. No personal comments will be tolerated. The Council, however, after hearing from interested citizens, may place items under new business on a future agenda so proper notice may be given to all interested parties.

Those people that do not respect, and do not follow the above mentioned protocol concerning public comment will be considered out of order.

The way she has it set up, is that no community members will be allowed to speak or contest any phone, credit card or any other bills or voice their concerns about city matters. If they do, the will be declared out of order.

Per the current financial statements, they are spending approximately twice as much as they are taking in each month. The primary source of income for the city is the water receipts, with a few small incidental items. Some of the residents are not paying their water bills on time and the recorder is making other arrangements with them.

Anytime any community member asks why or when the city manager is going to do something in the town, they are told that he will "when he gets time." Currently and for a long time he has spent a lot of time at city hall, doing nothing.

The town is a mess and a disgrace, to the residents who do try to keep up their property. There are pot holes in all of the streets (some as old as two years), while at the same time there is over \$2,000 worth of patching material "purchased two years ago" now deteriorating in the storage shed. The streets and right-of-ways are almost overcome with puncture vine. The council spent a wasted \$900 for a bunch of weevils to get rid of them, with no results. Some residents have taken it upon themselves to spray around their property. These are just two of the things, among others that he "does not have time for." Many people passing through town have commented on the bad condition of the town and even indicated that they would not even considered moving here.

Evidently, the council is not interested in what happens to the town, but only their personal agenda. There have been two meetings in the past year, set up by ECODC. Both time, not even one of the council members felt they were important to attend. Recently the council sent out a survey to residents, asking them why they did not attend council meetings. They will probably not even reveal the results of the survey, if it makes them bad or is something they disagree with. Why would any one want to go to a meeting where they are ignored, ridiculed, or not allowed to voice their concerns, and where their rights as an American citizen are taken away?

At the current rate, how long will it be before Lexington becomes another Rajahneespurin or taken over by the communists?

Bob Taylor
Lexington

Senior Center Menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, September 2. The menu will include chicken enchiladas, rice and beans, green salad with tomatoes, fresh salsa, corn chips, and flan.

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Announces the Arrival of

Francesco D'Alessandro, M.D., Ph.D.

Dermatologist

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Francesco D'Alessandro will be joining Dr. Jeffrey Stiles and Kenneth Busby, P.A., in the Dermatology Department. His office will be located at 55 West Tietan.



Dr. D'Alessandro's background includes:

- Board Certified: American Board of Dermatology.
- Residency: Washington Hospital Center/Georgetown University; Washington, D.C.
- Medical School: Medical University of South Carolina; Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. D'Alessandro is a welcome addition to the Walla Walla Clinic. He comes to Walla Walla with his wife.

Appointments may be made by calling 525-3720

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