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Senior Center Menu

St. Patrick's Parish members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, December 16. The menu will include baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, fruit juice, hot rolls, and cake.

REGARDING BOMBING RANGE ROAD TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Morrow County Public Works Department would like to announce Due to reconstruction on the south end of the Bombing Range / Hwy 207 Intersection project. It is necessary to close the South end section of Bombing Range road for a period beginning on January 4, 2010 and continuing through January 29, 2010 weather permitting. The primary north detour route will be Grieb Ln. The South detour route will be Juniper Canyon to Baseline Rd. All traffic of any kind with the exception of those local residents will be restricted and the closure will be strictly enforced during this period. Local residents will be allowed access subject to following traffic control measures necessary at the time.

This project is an Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Any questions or concerns may contact the Public Works office 365 W. Hwy 74, P.O. Box 428, Lexington, OR. 97839. 541-989-9500

~ 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.

Outrage at propaganda sent to wounded military personnel

Letter to the Editor and to all livestock producers and others:

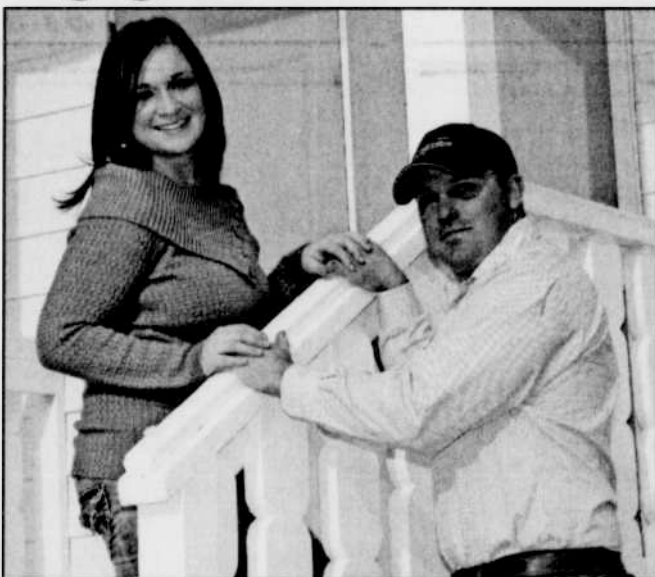
I hope you too will be outraged at the propaganda sent to our wounded military personnel by the Department of Veterans Affairs to Champa beneficiaries. These brave soldiers who have endured tremendous pain and trauma are being fed a wacko environmental agenda. In the latest magazine sent to these ex-soldiers is an article entitled "A Convergence of Health and Energy." It reads as follows:

"Raising beef instead of broccoli results in a huge environmental cost. It produces more pollution (animal waste and methane gas, for example): it requires more land space (pastures) which is one of the reasons that the rain forests are disappearing; and it uses a huge amount of vegetable matter for animal feed. It is estimated that it takes 4.8 pounds of grain fed to cattle to produce one pound of beef for human consumption. This would seem to be a poor use of resources in a world already plagued by hunger and malnutrition. It has also been noted that beef production alone uses more water than is consumed in growing the nation's entire fruit and vegetable crops. One author points out that you would save more water by not eating a pound of beef than you would if you didn't shower for a year!"

Oh yes, there is more. Further on in this article it advises veterans to eat less beef, poultry or fish. Then it says, "Even if you do not want to consider eating a lot less meat, even small changes count. We kill 10 billion animals per year for food, and if everyone substituted one or two meals a week with vegetarian menus instead of meat, we could reduce that number by about 10% (1 billion fewer animals!) By eating smarter, we would not only be doing something good for ourselves and our families, we would be helping the world, too."

Join me in a letter writing campaign to the VA Health Administration Center Attn: Communications Division, Linda Carlson PO Box 469060 Denver, CO 80246-9060.
Merlyn Robinson
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Proctor, Baker announce engagement



Julie Brown Proctor and Mathew Howard Baker

Julie Brown Proctor and Mathew Howard Baker of Lexington announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Julie is the daughter of Mike and Kay Proctor of Heppner. Mathew is the son of Pat Baker of Ione and Nick and Teresa Parret of Heppner.

Julie is a 2002 graduate of Heppner High School. She earned an AAOT from Blue Mountain Community College in 2004 and a bachelor's degree in child and family studies from Portland State University in 2008. She works at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner.

Mathew graduated from Heppner High School in 2001. He is employed at Les Schwab Tire Center in Heppner.

The couple will be married June 26, 2010 at Opal Butte in Heppner.

Willow Creek Children's Choir to perform Dec. 16

The Willow Creek Children's Choir will be performing "God With Us,"

The Gospel Through African American Spirituals. The performance will be held on Wednesday, December 16, at 7 p.m. at Ione Community Church. Refreshments will follow.

Obituaries

Dorothy Lucille Kostechka

Dorothy Lucille Kostechka passed away November 28, 2009, at The Hampton Care Center in Olympia, Washington from complications of stroke and heart disease.



Dorothy Lucille Kostechka

Lucille was born August 21, 1921 in Boardman, Oregon to Glenn and Daisy (Villars) Brown on the family homestead. At age 3, her family moved by horse-pulled farm wagons to the family ranch on Coppei Creek outside of Waitsburg, WA.

After 8th grade in a one-room schoolhouse, she worked for room and board in Waitsburg to complete high school there.

At the start of WWII, Lucille moved to Pendleton and enrolled in the National Youth Association and worked at the PX at the Air Base. Her customers included Army pilots who later flew as Doolittle's Raiders. Good scores on civilian service tests brought notice from the National Selective Service to report immediately to Washington DC. In 1942, she traveled by bus by herself for five days over Christmas to DC. She took her exams and her oath to join the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps at the Pentagon, which was still under construction.

At the Texas Army Air bases where she was stationed at to do office work, she volunteered every chance she could to ride as ballast while pilots practiced aerial maneuvers.

After honorable discharge in November, 1945, Lucille returned to Pendleton where she was bookkeeper for Milan Smith at Smith's Frozen Foods.

On May 18, 1947, she and Walter Kostechka were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church. They later renewed their vows during a Caribbean cruise and on the 50th wedding anniversary.

Walter's job as an engineer with UPRR moved them to Hermiston in 1951 where they built two homes. Lucille was the contractor for both and moved her family into the unfinished houses early to save money.

She was active with 4-H, Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church and babysat kids in her home for income. She later worked at the OSU Extension office for 10 years.

Moving to Portland after her husband's retirement in 1976, she continued as a hospital worker, office temp, property manager, and as a bank proofreader. She was an active member of the Rose City Volkswalkers.

After Walter's death, she moved to Heppner where she volunteered at the Morrow County Museums. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Heppner and of the VFW in Waitsburg.

Preceding her in death were: her parents; husband, Walter; and siblings, Jim Brown, Bob Brown, and Doris Wagoner.

Lucille is survived by: siblings, Frank Brown, Bill Brown and Elena Perry; and children, Carla Day, Andrew Walter, Kay Ellen Proctor of Heppner, and Paul Carl of Olympia, WA.

Rosary and Mass will be held December 12 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph the Workers Catholic Church in Portland. A second Mass will be December 18 in Heppner at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Graveside services at the Waitsburg Cemetery will be May 18, 2010.

For those who would like to make a donation in Lucille's Memory, the family suggests St. Patrick's Senior Center, P.O. Box 266, Heppner OR 97836.

BEO in Ione to hold annual Christmas open house

Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione will hold their annual Christmas Open House on December 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The open house will include food and door prizes from local businesses. Weather permitting there will be pony cart rides provided by Kristy Crowell.

Many of the local businesses and organizations have donated wreaths for a silent auction. Proceeds will be donated to various causes. These wreaths are currently on display at Taylor's Restaurant in Ione and bids will be open until closing on December 19.

Birth Announcement

Carson James Hand was born on November 9, 2009, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla, WA. He is the son of Jodi and Mike Hand of Walla Walla.

At birth he weighed eight pounds, nine ounces, and was 20½ inches in length.

He joins a 1½ year old brother, Owen.

He is the grandson of Debby and Paul Sumner of Heppner, Jan and Kay Wessel of Walla Walla, and James Hand of Walla Walla.

He is the great-grandson of Don and Jean Bennett of Heppner, LaVonne Frazier of Walla Walla, and the late Bob Frazier.

Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:
- Patricia R. Pennington, 77, Ione, Failure to Renew Registration and Driving Uninsured, \$215 fine.
- Ruth Ellen Payne, 43, Yamhill, Transported in Motor Vehicle in Violation of Cooperative Travel Management Area, \$113 fine.
- Marlinda Pearl Flynn, 50, Heppner, DUI Diversion.
- Zachary James Kurtz, 20, Lexington, DUI Diversion.
- Kenneth Earl Payne, 56, Yamhill, Transported in Motor Vehicle in Violation of Cooperative Travel Management Area, \$113 fine.

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