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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.

Becoming actively involved in making a difference

To the editor:
The following letter was sent out to our elected representatives:

We, the people of Morrow County, Oregon, have now formed a group called "Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots." This group was created by citizens who are genuinely concerned with our congressional representation for the citizens of the State of Oregon and the United States of America.

This concern runs so deep that it has sparked a determination by this group to become actively involved in making a difference. By going to our Blog site, willowcreekpatriots.blogspot.com you will be advised of our mission statement and our beliefs.

We believe in: "Fiscal Responsibility - Preserving Free Enterprise - Limited Government." Freedom of Opportunity -

Our rallying call is "Enough is Enough." We welcome and encourage all people who support us in our endeavors to join us in reclaiming "We the people" foundation of our government.

We would like to invite you to stop in and address our group on the issues whenever you are in the area.

Dick Sargent
Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots
Heppner

Christmas program beautifully done

To the editor:
If you were not there, you missed a wonderful evening. The Christmas program Sunday and Monday was beautifully done. The coming together of churches, schools, and citizens made the event more special.

The talent was very impressive. Hats off to the performers and those behind the scenes.

Willow Creek Valley has been blessed to have so many gifted and talented people in our area.

Joanne Burleson
Heppner

Vials celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Vernon and Dora Sue Viall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 27, 2009, as part of their family's Thanksgiving holiday.

The couple was married October 31, 1959, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Vern, then a carpenter from Grandview, WA, met Dora Sue (Davidson) soon after she graduated from Lexington High School. The couple started their fam-

ily in Lexington, and lived in Milton-Freewater and Pendleton, before moving to Boardman in 1978, where they currently reside.

The couple celebrated at the home of their oldest daughter, Margie Viall and her partner, Andrew Marks, in Federal Way, WA. Vern and Dora's son, Curtis (and his wife, Carol Ann of Mountain Home, ID), and their youngest daughter, Lesli Brassfield (and her hus-

HES students join Hampstead Players in "Oliver"



The Hampstead Players from New Hampshire came to Heppner Elementary School and performed "Oliver" on December 3. Students enjoyed the interactive performance with three of their own. Hayden Qualls, Gibson McCurry, and Cara Arbogast (in the picture with the performers) joining in the play. Each play is performed by only two actors playing each part. -Contributed Photo

Chamber annual luncheon to be held Jan. 7

The Heppner Chamber's annual luncheon will be held at the Ail Saints Episcopal Church parish hall on Thursday, January 7, at 11:30 a.m. Catering will be provided by "Dino's Delectable Catering Services". Lunch cost will be \$10.

Cardinal Booster Club holding benefit raffle

The Cardinal Booster Club currently has two items being raffled off. Both are on display at Taylor's Restaurant, along with the Christmas Wreaths for silent auction.

The two items for raffle are a lighted Cardinal lamp and a black and red handcrafted afghan. Raffle tickets are six for \$5 or \$1 each.

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Haskell family and the Trahan family. Proceeds for the Christmas wreath silent auction will benefit community and school projects and programs.

Senior Center Menu

United Methodist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, December 23. The menu will include roast beef, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, and Boston cream pie.

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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 con-

Real Estate Silent Auction
The Elks Scholarship Committee will auction the Clarence Buchanan Home by Silent Auction.

1 Bedroom, 1 bath house with a large 1500 sq. ft shop ½ concrete floor enclosed and ½ open bay gravel located at 270 East St. in Lexington, OR. Approx 800 sq ft with partial basement. Minimum reserve bid is \$8,000 with option to accept any bid. Property being sold "AS IS"

All inquiries and bids can be mailed or dropped off to:
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