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**Obituaries**

**Richard (Rick) L. Curtis**

Richard (Rick) L. Curtis died at his home in Milton-Freewater on January 21, 2010, at the age of 73. A memorial service was held Tuesday, January 26, at 2 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Milton-Freewater.

Rick was born August 3, 1936 in Prairie City to Ernest M. and Elda (Stewart) Curtis. He grew up in Canyon City and graduated from Grant Union H.S. in John Day in 1954. He served four years in the US Air Force.

In 1960, he began his career with the US Forest Service on the Burns Ranger District. He and his wife Elizabeth (Liz) McEntire were married in 1963 in Astoria. Rick was transferred to the Prairie City Ranger District in 1965 where their two sons were born. In 1969, he transferred to Heppner as District Engineer where he remained until retirement in 1985. In 1991, the Curtis' moved to North Bend where they continued to live until moving to Umatilla County in 2000 where he resided until his death from cancer.

Rick earned his Real Estate Broker's license following retirement from the Forest Service. He was a quiet man full of surprises who liked the challenge of learning new skills and knowledge. He earned a B.S. degree in general studies from East-

ern Oregon University in 1997. While in Heppner he served on city council, carried out volunteer work as a Pioneer Memorial Hospital Emergency medical technician and earned his private pilot's license.

He had many artistic skills which he explored in creating stained glass artwork, silver jewelry and restoring his cherished 1937 Ford Coupe. He was an active runner most of his adult life and with his wife enjoyed hiking. He and his wife traveled extensively and visited 26 foreign countries by the time of his death. He was a member and a treasurer of Christ the King Lutheran Church, the Walla Walla Historical Auto Club, and participated in the WWCC Quest program. Over the years many enjoyed produce from his garden, especially tomatoes.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents and half-brother Gene Curtis. He is survived by: his wife Liz at their home in Milton-Freewater; son Steve and wife Kim in Athena and son Ken in Tokyo, Japan; grandsons Cody and Travis; and brother Clayton and wife Bev in Prairie City.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Christ the King Lutheran, or Walla Walla Community Hospice through Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater.

**~ 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.

**People of Massachusetts say "No"**

To the Editor:

On January 19, the people of Massachusetts said:

- No to a government take over of health care and spending trillions of dollars to do it.
- No to bringing terrorists into our country and then paying attorneys to defend them.
- No to passing cap and trade and significantly increasing everyone's energy costs.
- No to large government deficit spending which will destroy the economy with high inflation and high interest rates.
- No to closed door legislation and corrupt deals in congress.

Hopefully, the White House and Congress will understand this is the sentiment throughout the country and will alter their course.

John Russell  
Salem

**Family Foods encourages community to "Have a Heart"**



Heppner Family Foods owners, Bert, right, and Kim Houweling, left, along with employee Callene Smith, are asking the community to "Have a Heart" to raise funds for bone marrow and cancer research. Paper hearts are available for a \$1 at each checkout with all donations going to the Fanconi Anemia Research Foundation (FARF) in Eugene. Local fundraiser chairwoman, Kay Proctor, states that this rare, genetic disease is known primarily to cause bone marrow failure in children and cancers of the head and neck as the victim progresses, along with other underlying health challenges. All funding for FARF is done by affected families to support research worldwide. For more information, visit [www.fanconi.org](http://www.fanconi.org) or contact [kayproctor@gmail.com](mailto:kayproctor@gmail.com). -Contributed Photo

**Tickets on sale for Jannie Allen's Babe Ruth bars**

Raffle tickets are currently on sale for Heppner Elementary School teacher Jannie Allen's Babe Ruth bars. Tickets can be purchased at the Heppner Elementary School office. The cost \$1 each or six for \$5.

The winning ticket will be drawn on February 1.

Proceeds will benefit the HES Time Out For Reading Program for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. \$100 of the proceeds will go to help earthquake victims in Haiti. Another \$100 will be donated to Nothing But Nets, a program that provides mosquito nets to people in Africa to help lower the risk of contracting malaria.

**ESD boards approve consolidations**

A consolidation of three eastern Oregon Education Service Districts is one step closer to realization. The boards of directors for the Umatilla-Morrow, Union-Baker and Malheur ESDs all voted this month to approve a consolidation that would merge Union County with Umatilla-Morrow ESD and Baker County with Malheur ESD, effectively dissolving the current Union-Baker ESD.

The Board of Directors for Malheur ESD approved a resolution to consolidate the three ESDs into two during its regular

meeting Jan. 19; Umatilla-Morrow ESD's Board approved the resolution during its meeting Jan. 20; and Union-Baker ESD's Board approved it during its January 21 meeting.

During the February ESD board meetings, the three boards will consider passing a resolution to submit a petition to the state Board of Education requesting the consolidation's approval by the state. This petition is expected to highlight the details of the potential mergers between the three ESDs.

**Farewell luncheon held for Mafera**



A going away luncheon was recently held for Tom Mafera of the Heppner Ranger District. At the luncheon, Daye Stone, principal of Heppner High School, presented Mafera with Heppner Mustang gear. -Contributed Photo

**WCVEDG to hold annual meeting**

Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) will be holding their annual meeting during the Chamber Luncheon on Thursday, February 11. The lunch meeting will begin at noon at the Senior Center dining room.

The featured speaker

will be Matt Bergstrom, administrator of the Secure Residential Treatment Center. Cornerstone will be catering the meal. WCVEDG will be hosting this luncheon so those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Monday, February 8 so a head count can be given to the caterer.

**Irrigon support group for parents of disabled children to meet**

The Irrigon support group for parents of disabled children will meet January 25 at 6 p.m. in the Irrigon Jr/Sr High School library.

The meeting is open to all Morrow and Umatilla County residents. Information will be available and trainings will be scheduled.

To receive the monthly newsletter or for more information contact Amy Sandy at 541-922-2361 or send an e-mail to [aesandy@hotmail.com](mailto:aesandy@hotmail.com).

**Heppner Garden Club to meet February 1**

On Monday, February 1, the Heppner Garden Club will present information learned at the Agape House community F.E.A.S.T. workshop. The meeting will be held at noon

at St. Pat's Senior Center. The meeting will be a no-host brown bag lunch.

F.E.A.S.T. stands for food, education, agriculture, solution, and together.

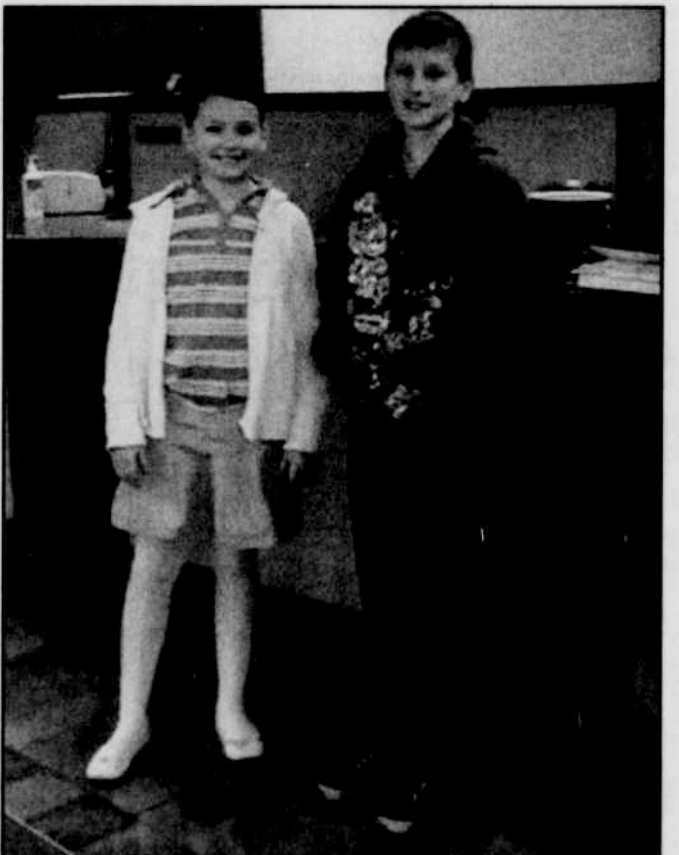
**HHS cheerleaders to hold dessert auction**

The Heppner High School varsity cheerleaders will hold their 10<sup>th</sup> annual dessert auction on Friday, January 29, during half time of both the girls' and boys' varsity basketball games.

Desserts for auction will include: Oreo truffle by Peggy Fishburn, pumpkin spice cake with cream cheese frosting by Kelly Nelson, perfect chocolate cake by Roberta Lutcher,

German sweet chocolate pie by Ann Jones, cinnamon rolls from the Willow Creek Diner, melt-in-your-mouth sugar cookies by Bev Sherman, yummy dessert by Jannie Allen, Ukiah huckleberry cheesecake by Sandy Matthews, Swiss chocolate dessert by Nuria and Elisha, and Give Me Some S'mores cake, lemon rosemary cake, and chocolate strawberry cake by Janet Wilson.

**HES students hold Change for Haiti fundraiser**



Sydney Qualls, vice-president of Heppner Elementary School's student body, and Logan Grieb, treasurer, brought money donated by HES students into Bank of Eastern Oregon to be counted. In one week, students raised \$413.33 for Change for Haiti. The school's donation will go to Mercy Corp in Portland to help buy supplies for Haiti. The school is going to extend their program for one more week. -Contributed Photo

**Senior Center Menu**

Heppner Christian Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, February 3. The menu will include turkey tetrazzini, peas and carrots, fruit cocktail, garlic bread, green salad, and apple crisp.

**Training for foster and adoptive parents to be held**

For anyone interested in helping a child in need, the Foundations Training for Foster and Adoptive Parents is being offered at the Boardman DHS Office on February 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a free class. Those planning to attend are asked to register by calling 541-481-9482, ext. 224.

**Marriages**

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

- January 5: Jesse Wayne Rogers, 27, Yakima, WA, and Amanda Renea Huff, 26, Yakima, WA.
- January 8: Scott James Acock, 49, Irrigon and Donna Jean Acock, 45, Irrigon.

**February 12th**  
**JOHN'S PLACE WILL RE-OPEN**  
Whole New Menu!



Join the Mustangs as they compete at the

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**INVITATIONAL 2010 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**



Also scheduled to compete:

- Adrian - Colton - Crane
- Enterprise/Wallowa - Grant Union
- Heppner - Imbler - Irrigon
- Joseph - McLoughlin High JV
- Riverside - Union

**Saturday, February 6, 2010**  
**@ Heppner High School, Heppner, Oregon**

**Competition begins at 10:00 a.m.**

Tickets can be purchased at the door.  
Concessions available.

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