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Wyden to hold town meeting in Boardman

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden will hold a town meeting on Sunday, February 21, at 1 p.m. at the Port of Morrow's riverfront room in Boardman.

For more information call 541-330-9142.

Chamber lunch meeting to be held

This week's chamber lunch meeting will be held at the City Hall beginning at noon. On the agenda will be a conference call with Representative Greg Smith.

Willow Creek Diner will be catering the lunch. The cost for lunch is \$9.

Upcoming meetings

February 25: Microsoft Windows 7 presentation by Pat Struthers during Chamber Lunch meeting. There will also be a Windows 7 presentation offered to the community at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

March 4: "All Entities" Reports

March 11: County update

113th Elks Annual

Ladies Tea 2:30

Lodge 3:00 p.m.

Prime Rib Dinner 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 20th

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CAPECO strives to deflect some of these costs of high heating bills for eligible households in south Morrow County by delivering the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). Eligible households may receive a one-time payment which is paid to their heating vendor. Eligibility is based on the household total gross income for the last 30 days. For one person the income level would be \$ 1,757 two people \$2,298, three people \$2,839, four people \$3,380; five people \$3,921; six people \$4,461. There is an increase of \$101.42 for each additional household member.

CAPECO personnel will be in Heppner on Wednesday, 2/24/10. If you wish to apply for assistance you may do so by calling 1-800-752-1139, ext 121.

Obituaries

HEPPNER - Jessie Murl "Stubby" Rogers, 98, of Heppner died Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. At her request no public service will be held.

She was born September 27, 1911 at McMinnville, Oregon the daughter of Frank and Cora Kilgore High. She attended Walnut Hill School in McMinnville through the eighth grade.

On July 3, 1926 she married Kenneth Buck Rogers. Shortly after their marriage they built their own home on 20 acres between Yamhill and Newberg where they lived and loved for almost 60 years. It was a loving home where family and friends would stop by and have a meal and visit. Their door was always open and a welcome always ready. She spent her life raising and loving kids, dogs, calves, and chickens; whoever and whatever needed her. They lived there until Buck's death in February of 1996.

After the death of her husband, Stubby moved to Eastern Oregon to live with her great-nephew Thomas L. Camarillo. She settled with Tom and his family in Ione, Oregon. She remained with them until 2004 when she moved to the Willow Creek Assisted Living Facility in Heppner.

Memorial contributions may be made to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Kollman joins Community Bank



An open house was held at Community Bank on Tuesday, February 16, for new branch manager Amy Kollman. Prior to working at Community Bank, Kollman worked for nine years as a bookkeeper for Les Schwab in Heppner. She also worked for seven years at Bank of Eastern Oregon. Amy and her husband Brian have three children: Rylee, Evan, and Irelynn. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

Wolff named to dean's List at Gonzaga University

Kelsey M. Wolff, a sophomore from Heppner, was among the 710 students named to the Gonzaga University Dean's List for fall semester 2009. Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.69 grade-point average to be listed.

Healy delivers quilts to DHS



Gwen Healy displays the quilts she made for the Department of Human Services. DHS gives the blankets to children when they are taken to foster care. Healy delivered eight blankets on Tuesday to DHS. She has been making quilts for the past 30 years. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

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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.

No shortage of food to Heppner

A representative from CAPECO (Community Action Program East Central Oregon), Karen Wagner, spoke recently to the Chamber of Commerce and an article was written in the Gazette-Times regarding her comments on food distribution and supply in our area.

To state some facts and ease some people's minds, we would like to let you know that you have a very secure food supply coming into Heppner. We have a total of seven to nine trucks of food supplies arriving weekly to service our grocery store. At no time has there ever been a shortage of food or beverage. Yes, from time to time we sell out of certain items, but we can assure you that you will continue to have food supplies in Heppner. The distribution center that delivers the majority of our groceries is URM, a wholesale distribution center in Spokane, WA. This distributor supplies groceries to over 350 grocery stores and also services many restaurants and small delis.

There is no shortage of food or trucks to Heppner.

Also to reply to the comment that "we have the first generation of kids who are going to live shorter lives than their parents" is ridiculous. Our children and grandchildren will live longer, healthier lives because of the production of healthy varieties of fresh foods including organics which are widely available.

This recent message from CAPECO seems like another scare tactic from the government to make you, as a small town citizen, feel less secure. This grant of \$350,000 in stimulus funds would be better spent by distributing it to the East Central Oregon communities... better yet, give it back and pay down the deficit.

As you local grocery store we are proud to serve you, our community, and surrounding areas and we always welcome your input and suggestions.

Bert and Kim Houweling
Heppner Family Foods

Let it be a change for the better

The Lexington Town Council wants to get a different city hall, but not provide a fire hall for "our" fire department.

I believe the town council should hold a town hall meeting and see and listen to what the citizens of the town want. Don't you?

I believe the town council should provide a building for at least two of our fire trucks and all of the equipment that goes with the fire department. After all, it is the Town of Lexington Fire Department.

If we are going to change, let it be a change for the better for the whole town and all of the citizens.

John Edwards
Lexington

Irish Road Bowling to be held March 14

Heppner's Irish Road Bowling event will draw the St. Patrick's Day weekend celebration to a close on Sunday, March 14.

Participants in this fifth-year event will gather on Sunday afternoon before the 1:30 activity commences. Participants must be 18 years old or older.

This Irish sport that dates back to the 1600's was played in America by the Irish troops in West Virginia during the Civil War. In recent years, a resurgence of interest in the sport has developed in both Ireland and the United States. Heppner's event has gained popularity since it was first offered in 2006, and entries are limited, so interested persons should pick up entry forms at the Chamber of Commerce office and return them, filled out, soon.

Teams of two to four members compete over a course of approximately one mile by tossing the iron-and-steel "bowls" that weigh 28-ounce and are

slightly smaller in diameter than a tennis ball. The team that completes the course with the fewest tosses wins. In 2006, 2008 and 2009, teams of four won. In 2007, a team of two won the competition. Each participant must pay \$5 to play. The purse is then divided, with half going into the St. Patrick's weekend fund and half being divided among the top three teams. Names of the winning team's members will be added to the trophy that is on display at City Hall.

The starting point of the course will be determined and that information will be available at the Information Booth on Main Street on Saturday, March 13. Details will also be announced at the Saturday-morning Coffee Hour. Spectators are welcome at the event but are cautioned to remain a safe distance from the action because the bowls are heavy and have been known to break bones in unfortunate situations.

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