

The Official Newspaper  
of the City of Heppner and the County of Morrow

**Heppner**  
**GAZETTE-TIMES**  
U.S.P.S. 240-420

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper  
Published weekly by Sykes Publishing, LLC and entered as periodical matter at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon under the Act of March 3, 1879. Periodical postage paid at Heppner, Oregon. Office at 188 W. Willow Street. Telephone (541) 676-9228. Fax (541) 676-9211. E-mail: editor@rapidsolve.net or david@rapidsolve.net. Web site: www.heppner.net. Postmaster send address changes to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Subscriptions: \$27 in Morrow County; \$21 senior rate (in Morrow County only; 62 years or older); \$33 elsewhere; \$27 student subscriptions.

David Sykes ..... Publisher  
Autumn Morgan ..... Editor  
All News and Advertising Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.  
For Advertising: advertising deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Cost for a display ad is \$5 per column inch. Cost for classified ad is 50¢ per word. Cost for Card of Thanks is \$10 up to 100 words. Cost for a classified display ad is \$5.75 per column inch.  
For Public/Legal Notices: public/legal notices deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Dates for publication must be specified. Affidavits must be required at the time of submission. Affidavits require three weeks to process after last date of publication (a sooner return date must be specified if required).  
For Obituaries: Obituaries are published in the Heppner GT at no charge and are edited to meet news guidelines. Families wishing to include information not included in the guidelines or who wish to have the obituary written in a certain way must purchase advertising space for the obituary.  
For Letters to the Editor: Letters to the Editor MUST be signed by the author. The Heppner GT will not publish unsigned letters. All letters MUST include the author's address and phone number for use by the GT office. The GT reserves the right to edit letters. 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.

## Peck, Morlan wedding announced



Alan Morlan and Sara Peck

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Peck of Lexington announce the engagement of their daughter Sara Peck to Alan Morlan Jr., son of Mr. Alan Morlan, and Ms. Diana Morlan.

Sara is 2005 graduate of Ione High School and received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture business management from Oregon State University. She is currently employed as an assistant manager of accounting at Slayden Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in North Pole, AK.

Alan is a 2002 graduate of Colony High School and is presently working on a degree in business management from Eastern Oregon University. He is currently employed as a licensed journeyman plumber at Slayden Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in North Pole, AK.

The happy couple will be celebrating their wedding on May 30, 2010 at Canyon Lakes Golf Course in Kennewick, WA.

## Creative Care Preschool to hold visitation

The Ione Creative Care Preschool will have a visitation from 10-11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28, for students who will be attending preschool next fall.

There will be a short meeting for parents to fill in registration information at that time or they may take forms home to complete later. Children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2010. Students must have proof of birth date and immunization records to enroll.

Classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. starting in September and continuing through the school year.

For more information call Betty Rietmann at 541-422-7120.

## Blauer appointed as examiner for national quality award

Michael Blauer, Administrator/CEO for the Morrow County Health District, has been appointed by Dr. Patrick Gallagher, Director of the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), to the 2010 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The award, created by public law in 1987, is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can receive.

As an examiner, Blauer is responsible for reviewing and evaluating applications submitted for the Award. The board is composed of approximately 500 leading experts selected from industry, professional and trade organizations, education and health care organizations and government. Those selected meet the highest standards of qualification and peer recognition. All members of the board must take part in a preparation course based on the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence and the scoring and evaluation processes for the Baldrige Award. Awards may be given annually in each of six categories: Manufacturing, Service, Small Business, Education, Health Care, and Non-profit.



Michael Blauer

Information about the Baldrige National Quality Program and the application process is available from the Baldrige National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Bldg., Room A600, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1020, telephone: 301/975-2036, fax: 301/948-3716. Information also can be found on the Baldrige National Quality Program's website at <http://www.nist.gov/baldrige>.

The Award Program is managed by NIST in close cooperation with the private sector. The American Society for Quality (ASQ) in Milwaukee, WI, administers the program.

## Combined Strategic Plan meeting to be held April 27

The South Willow Creek Valley Combined Strategic Plan meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at Heppner City Hall. It is important that representatives from Heppner, Lexington and Ione are present as a combined strategic plan from the previously identified common community threads is developed.

For more information, contact Sheryll Bates/WCVEDG at 541-676-5536 or Karen Kendall/GEODC at 541-276-6745. RSVPs are appreciated prior to Monday, April 26.

## Birth Announcement

James Anthony McNamee - Kristi and Abe McNamee of Irrigon announce the birth of a son, James Anthony McNamee on February 16, 2010 at 8:12 a.m. at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

At birth he weighed seven pounds, one ounce, and was 20 inches in length.

He joins a two-year-old sister, Klynn McNamee.

Grandparents are Bob and Pam Worden of Heppner and Pat and Vickie McNamee of Irrigon.

Great-grandparents are Richard and Grace Morin of Portland and Josephine McNamee of Madras.

## Stokes Landing Senior Center to host spring events

Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon announces the following upcoming events:

-Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers will perform Saturday, April 24, beginning at 6 p.m.

-A Spring Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

and Sunday, May 2, from 1-4 p.m.

## Senior Center Menu

Nazarene/7th Day Adventist members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, April 28. The menu will include tuna casserole, spiced pears, hot rolls, and mocha squares.



## Obituaries

### Geneva J. Palmer

Geneva J. Palmer, longtime Ione resident, died on April 15, 2010 in Hermiston at the age of 97 years. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the Ione Community Church in Ione. Burial will follow at the High View Cemetery in Ione.



Geneva J. Palmer

She was born on May 9, 1912 in Ava, Missouri to parents, Noah and Ella Jackson Pettyjohn. She was raised in Cecil, Morgan, and later in Ione where she attended and graduated high school.

Geneva was united in marriage to Marion A. Palmer on September 25, 1932 in Heppner. They lived on Sand Hallow and McNabb before moving to the Petty's Place on Rhea Creek in 1963 where she has lived since. Geneva was a member of the Ione Community Church, the Willows Grange #672, and the Ione Education Foundation. She enjoyed her yard, gardening, cooking, canning, and most of all spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by: her son, Marion Lee Palmer of Ione; four granddaughters; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Geneva was preceded in death by: her husband Marion Palmer; her parents; three brothers, Paul, Roy, and Lee; and a sister, Beulah Sherer.

Those who wish may make contributions in Geneva's memory to the Ione Community Church Memorial Fund or the Ione Education Foundation.

Education Foundation.

The condolence book can be signed online at [www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com).

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of the arrangements.

### Thomas Allen Hamman

Thomas A. Hamman, 43, of Albany passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at his home. A Celebration of Life potluck was held Friday, April 16, at 1 p.m. at Grand Prairie Park in Albany.

He was born in Hermiston the son of Tom and Marion (Poorman) Hamman. Tom was raised in Heppner and graduated from high school in 1984. He loved the outdoors, hunting, and fishing. Tom was enjoying a life of sobriety after many years of addiction.

Tom is survived by: sons Skylar Hager and Daric Crus; daughter Harley Hamman; mother Marion L. Robinson of Heppner; father Tom R. Hamman and wife Jeannie of Otis; brothers, Mark Hammon of Tangent, Robbie Poorman of Lebanon, Chadd Robinson of Hawaii, Zac Brown of Heppner, and Matt Hamman of Bend; sisters Amy Robinson of Albany and Sharon Robinson-Miller of Heppner; grandmother Arlene McCall of Hermiston; uncles Scott Poorman, John Poorman, both of Albany, John Hamman of Umatilla and Mike Hamman of Hermiston; and friend Kate Rebillet-Cruse of Albany.

He was preceded in death by: step-father Francis Robinson; uncles Robert Poorman and Allen Hamman; and grandfather Harry Hamman.

A Asum-Dufour Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## Griffith-Turner wedding to be held



Jennifer Griffith and Ricky Turner

Glen and Kelly Griffith of Ione and Barry and Cindy Turner of Irrigon are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Jennifer Kanda Griffith and Ricky Joseph Turner.

Jennifer is a 2006 graduate of Ione High School.

Ricky graduated from Riverside High School in 2003 and attended Blue Mountain Community College.

They are presently ranching in Nevada.

The couple will be married on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wildhorse Event Center in Pendleton.

## Chamber lunch meeting to be held

The weekly chamber lunch meeting will begin at noon on Thursday, April 22, at City Hall.

Betty Gray with Morrow County Parks will give an update on OHV Park activity. An update of activities will be given on plans for the Ione 4th of July Festival. Also, a few of Mrs. Dickenson's Plant Science Club students will talk about their upcoming plant sale.

Lunch cost is \$9. Sweet Productions will be catering the meal.

## SELL YOUR GOLD FOR CASH!

"Gold is at a record high"

Sell your unwanted gold, silver, platinum jewelry for cash!

Buying: 10 karat, 14 karat, 18 karat, 22 karat, and dental gold in any condition.

See Store For Details

We will give you a FREE evaluation!

Buying hours every Friday 10am-5pm

541-567-3975  
239 E. Main Street  
Downtown Hermiston



1-800-900-3975

**I.J. GEMS**  
A Family Tradition of Trust Since 1949

WWW.IJGEMS.COM

Morrow County Health District Welcomes

### Darryl Denison, PA-C To Irrigon Medical Clinic



Our Staff of Caring Professionals is here for you. Some of our services include:

Well Baby/Child Exams \* Women's & Men's Health Exams \* Acute & Chronic Disease Management \* Smoking/Tobacco Cessation \* Diabetes Management \* CDL Physicals \* Allergy Shots \* Sports Physicals  
We accept most major insurance plans including Tri-Care

Hours: Mondays 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Fridays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

220 Main St., Irrigon, OR 97844, 541-922-5880