

Farming tradition continues



And the tradition continues with another generation of farmers in training. Loren Heideman gets some farming advice from his youngest grandson, Gage Heideman, this past week while seeding at Sand Hollow. Local farmers are excited about the opportunity to seed into moisture. —Contributed Photo

Oregon East Symphony's youth ensembles start fall season

The Oregon East Symphony's preparatory orchestras and youth choir are beginning their fall season. Musicians of any age and singers in grades 3-8 are invited to join one of these ensembles for a great time making beautiful music.

The A-Sharp Players Symphony Orchestra is open to intermediate to advanced musicians of any age. The Preludes String Orchestra is open to beginner to intermediate string players of any age who can read music. Both groups meet at the Pendleton High School on Sunday afternoons (Preludes - 2-3 p.m., A-Sharps - 3:15 to 5:15 p.m.) starting Sunday, October 3. Both groups are led by cellist, conductor, and educator Bruce Walker

and will take part in retreats and concerts in the community.

The Young Voices of Eastern Oregon is a youth choir open to singers in grades 3-8. YVEO meets on Thursday afternoons from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. at The Little Vert Theatre, 345 SW 4th Street in Pendleton and started on Thursday, September 23. The group will take part retreats, concerts and performances at public events. YVEO is led by singer and educator Shauna Altman and accompanied by Shari Dallas.

For registration forms, schedules, and further information, contact Ronda Beers at 541-276-0320 or print forms from the website at www.oregoneastsymphony.org.

Ione cheerleaders raffling Seahawks game tickets

The Ione cheerleaders are selling raffle tickets for two Seahawks vs. Falcons tickets for the game on December 19, with a roundtrip flight between Pendleton and Seattle. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and \$25 for six tickets. Tickets will be on sale through the first week of December. The winner will be announced at the basketball bonanza.

For more information contact Misti Stefani at 541-422-7142.

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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.

"We Piddle Around" sounds a lot like some of today's government employees

Letter to Editor:

Hooray for the Tea Party activists speaking out for people who are fed up with an out-of-touch spendthrift government leading us down the wrong path. Hopefully November will see a big turn around of elected officials.

I've been asked several times why I haven't written columns. I'm more of a tea partier, a trifle on the used side trying to stay out of hot water. Meanwhile I've been busy working on my bucket list. There are a few things I'd still like to accomplish. Yet somehow it's easier to imagine an accomplishment than to activate the "get 'er done" process. Another list features things that bug me or are confusing.

Number one concern is government leadership and political issues. It's so obvious what is wrong in this great country. Many elected representatives with socialist type minds continue go against the will of the majority of the people they were elected to represent when all it takes is common sense.

On minor issues, I'm also offended by the idiot-type commercials on television aimed at moron-type mentality. Some don't even make sense perhaps due to slowed-down thoughts processes or else I'm just not up to speed on trends. I don't have to watch commercials, but that happens when the remote control takes a hike and hides. Sometimes those funny commercials exceed the quality of the program they sponsor. If one doesn't care for murder, mayhem or sexual content then there's not a lot of choices. Some of the reality shows seem like elaborate hoaxes.

The English language continues to evolve. New words are being coined and added. Some defy explanation especially when working crossword puzzles. But why desecrate established words with solid meanings? The dictionary definition of troops means "a group of people or soldiers." When did the word 'troops' become singular, as often said in the news, reporting the loss of a 'troop' meaning one soldier.

We aren't supposed to favor different lifestyles or genders. I guess that's why there's such a liberal usage of the word 'guys.' Even when a group of people is all female they are still referred to as 'guys.' What's wrong with gals, folks or "Hi Everybody" when talking to a mixed crowd? Please can't we come up with something else besides 'awesome'? I'd settle for a few archaic 'golly gee whiligers.'

A few high school shorthand symbols still help when taking notes. The current texting craze makes some words barely recognizable. How are young students going to learn how to spell or do they rely on a computer's spell checker when doing homework? It's also confusing to read a printed story with only the initials or acronym of a body or organization, especially if you don't know what that refers to. It does take more time and ink to spell out things in our hurry-up world.

Take for example, WWII for the last world war, though it seems we continued to duke it out in some part of the world. With a little stretch of imagination it could also stand for "Weird Wackos in Congress." Or would that be WWC?

If the country wasn't so far in debt perhaps there could be another WPA (Works Progress Administration). In 1938 that program was part of the new deal under Roosevelt that paid 3.3 million workers a salary that varied from \$19 to \$94 dollars for a 30 hour week to work on public entities such as roads, parks, bridges, etc. Some criticized the program and called it "We Piddle Around" because at times men leaned on their shovels. That sounds an awful lot like some of today's government employees minus any shovels.

Merlyn Robinson
Heppner

Demand accountability and journalistic integrity

To the editor:

The liberal left and media surrogates have put America at risk by inciting worship of a new god of tolerance. All who fail to bow to this false god are labeled 'ophobic' (hateful, bigoted, intolerant i.e. terrorist). In reality the opposite is true. The liberal left has further endangered America by exercising zero tolerance in removing the Bible, prayer, the Ten Commandments from America's historical Christian heritage. The media, the government press and the liberal left have redefined the meaning of tolerance to advance a cunningly crafted revision of America selectively tolerant of everything except patriots that love America (tea party supporters) and Christians that honor Jesus Christ and the Bible. Islamophobia and homophobia represent the biased liberal media's cunningly deceitful thrust to portray patriots holding conservative and traditional biblical Christian values as bigoted, hateful, and intolerant.

The current controversy of a mosque at ground zero removes the mask covering the false god of tolerance and the deceit of the left. The liberal media and its pundits cry out to the god of tolerance railing against the Islamophobia of angry, bigoted, intolerant Americans opposed to a mosque at ground zero. The liberal press and the Obama administration have endangered the liberty of Americans by advancing the Cordoba House mosque of Islamic Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf as a new foundation for America based on tolerance, religious harmony and liberty under multi-religious cultures exhorting the peaceful virtues of Islam. Historical truth that the liberal media deliberately delete and chillingly revise tells a different story. Throughout Islam's history of conquest by the sword whenever a region was conquered the first sign was the erection of a mosque atop the sacred site of the vanquished. In Mecca the pagan Ka'ba temple was converted to a mosque, the holiest site of Islam. When Islam conquered Jerusalem the Dome of the Rock, the al-Aqsa Mosque, was built atop of Solomon's Temple. When Islam invaded and conquered Damascus the Umayyad Mosque was built atop the Church of St. John. When Constantinople was conquered the Hagia Sophia temple was converted into a mosque.

It is no accident that Imam Rauf has chosen 'Cordoba House' as the name of the victory mosque atop of the ruins of 9/11. Cordoba, Spain was the site of Islam's greatest victory over the Christian Spanish infidels in the 12th Century. Cordoba, Spain was the first western power conquered by the sword of Islam and became a base to launch further attacks into the heart of Europe. All Islam understands the conquest of the Cordoba House over the West. The liberal press and the Obama administration function covertly as the lying mouthpiece for the Cordoba House intrusion of America under the guise of the god of tolerance. Flight 93 has already been enshrined with a giant crescent pointing to Mecca to commemorate Islam's great victory of 9/11. Wake up Americans. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6) There is no tolerance for liberty under Islam or the false peace of a multicultural utopia the left is striving to create. Demand accountability and journalistic integrity from newspapers that promote the false god of tolerance with slanted news articles and biased liberal pundits. Stop tolerating the desecration and mocking of God's grace and blessing on America. There is only one God and Christ is the only savior and redeemer for mankind, not Mohammed.

Stuart Dick
Pendleton
P.S. The East Oregonian censored this editorial and as yet has refused to print this letter.

Community Lunch Menu

Heppner Christian Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, October 6, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu will include pork chops with sauerkraut and gravy, potatoes, green beans, applesauce, hot rolls, and German chocolate cake. Menu is subject to change.

Garden Club to meet Oct. 5

Members of the Heppner Garden Club will be sharing stories about things that have frightened them in their gardens during their next meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center Lounge.



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