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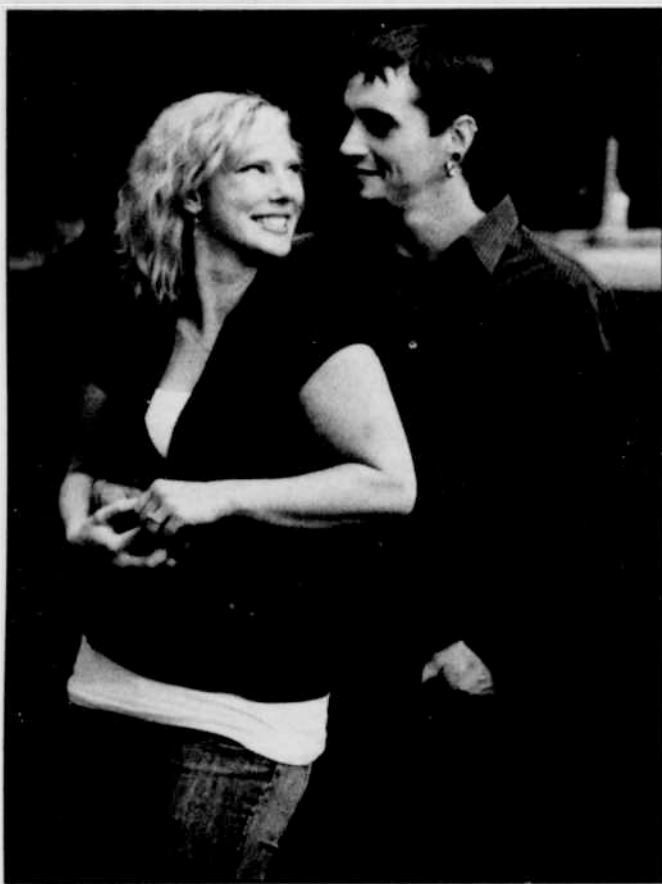
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**Barnett, Cooper to exchange vows**



Maggie Barnett and Jacob Cooper -Photo by Kelly Nissl

Maggie Elizabeth Barnett and Jacob Winn Cooper, both of Eugene, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Maggie is the daughter of John Barnett and Julie Barnett. She graduated from Condon High School in 2003 and received a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Oregon in 2005. She has been working for a year and half as a lab assistant for Northwest Pathology Services in Eugene. Maggie is currently working on her applications to graduate school.

Jacob is the son of Jim and Karen Gavin. He attended Heppner High School from 1997-1998. He moved to Eugene six years ago and has been working for Brigham Construction Company for five years. Jake is looking at getting his contractors license in the near future.

Jake and Maggie met in Eugene in 2007 through mutual friends.

The couple will be married on Saturday, October 30, on their one-year anniversary in Eugene at Sweet Cheeks Winery.

Friends and family are to attend the ceremony and reception. Those planning to attend are asked to please RSVP to Maggie at 541-965-0198.

**Garret graduates with degree in gunsmithing**

Matthew Douglas Garret graduated from The Colorado School of Trades on August 4, 2010 with an associate of occupational studies degree in gunsmithing. He also recieved a special certificate of recognition from Frank and Pete Brownell.

**"Love, From Home" campaign underway**

The lone American Legion Post 95 Ladies Auxiliary is compiling a list of names and addresses of area soldiers deployed overseas for their "Love, From Home" campaign. Items will be gathered and packages will be prepared and shipped to the soldiers.

Once a list has been compiled, the Auxiliary will begin collecting items for

shipping. Items that are welcomed include 100% cotton tube socks, jerky, hard candies, phone cards, stamps, homemade cookies, books, and newspapers.

Names and addresses can be submitted to Arlynda Gates at arlyndagates@hotmail.com or to Irene Holtz at lireneholtz@aol.com.

**Zachry recognized by Beautification Commission**



Heppner Mayor Les Paustian (left) and Kay Proctor (right), member of Heppner's Beautification/Parks Commission, present Dave Zachry with a letter and Certificate of Recognition. -Contributed Photo

The City of Heppner's Beautification/Parks and Land Commission recently presented a Certificate of Recognition to Dave Zachry for his contributions to creating an attractive environment in the community.

Zachry, an Arkansas native, moved to Heppner in 1980 to work for the US Forest Service. He chose to stay after his retirement because he enjoyed the town and its people.

Besides shoveling snow from sidewalks and taking care of neighbor's lawns, he mowed Little League ball fields for sev-

eral years because "that's what neighbors are for."

Recognized by the local garden club for Yard of the Month, a few years ago Dave combined his gardening skills with his past Eastern Oregon teaching/coaching credentials. He teamed up with Mary Ann Elguezabal, teacher at Heppner Elementary, and weekly brings cut flowers from his yard to her classroom. The flowers not only brighten everyone's day, spelling and pronunciation of their names are used for lessons in Mrs. Elguezabal's reading class.

**Inland Northwest Chorale to begin 12<sup>th</sup> season**

Inland Northwest Chorale will open their 12<sup>th</sup> season with The Spirit of Autumn under the direction of R. Lee Friese, Myrna VanCleave, accompanist. Performances will be held on October 30 at 7 p.m. at the North Powder School gymnasium and October 31 at 3 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church in Hermiston.

The Chorale consists of 35 volunteer singers from many locations in the area. They rehearse on Monday evenings at Harris Junior Academy in Pendleton, and always welcome new singers.

For additional information contact Judi Mason at judimasn@eoni.com or 541-314-5407, or Lee Friese at 541-377-1865.

**Oregon Wheat Grower's League retains Dennee as consultant**

The Oregon Wheat Grower's League executive committee, in conjunction with the League's executive director Tammy Dennee, announce that Dennee resigned as the executive director of the OWGL and has been retained by the League as a consultant. She will be responsible for special projects and will assist in the OWGL's transition to a new executive director. After December 31, 2010 she will be free to pursue other career opportunities.

The OWGL Board of Directors ratified this agreement at a full board meeting on September 30, 2010.

The OWGL stated: "Ms. Dennee has been a valued, energetic and highly capable Executive Director of the League for the last 10 years. The OWGL Executive Committee and Board of Directors wish her well in her future endeavors."

**Murray receives Dean's Pharmacy Scholarship**

Laurie Murray recently received a \$1,000 Dean's Pharmacy Scholarship for this school year.

Murray, a 2006 graduate of Heppner High School, is in her fifth year of the seven year pharmacy program at Oregon State University.

The scholarship winners were honored at the Benefactors Reception on October 12 at Willamette Valley Vineyards.

**MAGGIE ELIZABETH BARNETT**  
AND  
**JACOB WINN COOPER**

REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THEIR WEDDING

OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2010  
SWEET CHEEKS WINERY  
EUGENE, OR AT 6:45PM  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

PLEASE RSVP MAGGIE AT 541-965-0198 BY OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2010  
THE COUPLE IS REGISTERED AT TARGET

**FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event**

Morrow County will be hosting another Household Hazardous Waste event FREE of charge to County residents

**Saturday April 23, 2011**  
**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
Lexington Road Dept.  
365 W. Hwy 74, Lexington, OR

Accepted during the event:  
Used oil (containers less than 25 gallons) Oil filters, Spent Antifreeze, Automotive batteries, Alkaline & rechargeable batteries, Propane Tanks (smaller than 25 gal.) Oil based paint, Paint thinners and solvents, Roof and asphalt patch, Adhesives, glues and contact cement, Caulks sealers and joint compounds, Lawn and garden chemicals and fertilizers, Pool chemicals, Household cleaners (including bleach, ammonia, furniture polish, toilet bowl cleaners, carpet shampoos) Sludge (soil contaminated with oil smaller than 25 gal. containers) Mercury thermometers, Fluorescent lamps, All types of aerosol cans, Used cooking oil, Road flares, PCB ballasts, Organic peroxides (hardening agents)

Items not accepted: Empty containers, ammunition, explosives, biological waste, radioactive waste.

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**Obituaries**

**Omar E. "Gene" Rietmann**

Omar E. "Gene" American Legion, Masonic Rietmann died on Monday, October 11, in Newberg. He was 82 years old.



Omar E. "Gene" Rietmann

He was born in Heppner on May 7, 1928 to Omar "Dutch" Rietmann and Elaine Freeland Rietmann. He was raised in Lone graduated from Lone High School (where he became band director in his senior year), attended Oregon State University, and served in the US Army as a Military Policeman.

He married Maxine E. Munford on Aug 6, 1961, in Nampa, ID. He worked as a farmer until the early seventies when he and Maxine took over operating his father's hardware store. He also played piano semi-professionally throughout eastern Oregon for nearly forty years. After selling the hardware business in 1985, he and his family moved to Newberg where he worked for Newberg Hardware.

He was a long-standing member of the

Lodge, and the American Federation of Musicians, as well as being an avid reader and a longtime fan of the Portland Trailblazers and OSU Beavers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his brothers Paul and Larry, and his daughter Elizabeth Jean.

Survivors include: his sons, Chris of Mt. Holly Springs, PA, and Michael and Kevin of Newberg; his grandson Alex of Mt. Holly Springs, PA; and his sister-in-law Dee (Mrs. Sam) Smith of Florence, SC.

The family requests that donations be made to Newberg Faith In Action, 310 Villa Road, Suite 110, Newberg, OR 97132.

His funeral will be held Monday, October 18th, at 11 A.M. at Lone Community Church. Afterward, family and friends will gather at Lone's Highview Cemetery where Mr. and Mrs. Rietmann's ashes will be placed.

**Richard G. "Dick" Metz**

Reverend Richard G. "Dick" Metz died peacefully at home on May 13 after a two year struggle with pancreatic cancer. Pastor Dick was a beloved husband, father, stepfather, grandfather and pastor. He lived life to its fullest, even playing golf with stepson, Greg and friends, 10 days before his death.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, at the Valby Lutheran Church near Ione. A reception will follow at the church hall. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Pastor Dick, as he was affectionately known, was born in Minneapolis, MN. He graduated from Richfield High School in 1964, with a hockey scholarship to Cornell University in New York. In 1971, he attained his BA from Augsburg College, followed by an MBA from the University of St. Thomas and his Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary, all in Minnesota. He served in military service with the US Army Reserve, 5501st US Army Hospital Unit, Ft. Snelling. Dick was a second career pastor. It had always been his desire to become a pastor, and his call came after an illustrious career in business. This included Plant Controller, G.H. Bass Co; Leisure Dynamics, Inc.,

Assistant Treasurer; Stevenson & Associates, Inc., Vice President of Finance; Axia, Inc., Controller, Dave Fischbein Co.; The Toro Company, Controller, H I Div.; American Agco, Inc., Corporate Controller and Secretary; and during seminary, Lutheran Brotherhood, Special Projects Consultant.

Pastor Dick's Ordination in 1997 took him to his first call in Heppner. In 2000, he moved to Zion Lutheran Church in Redmond, where he served until September, 2009 when he went on disability. His community service included St. Charles Hospital, the Oregon Synod-ELCA, Dean of High Desert Cluster. Being a pastor was Dick's passion, and sermon delivery, his gift. Zion Lutheran moved into a beautiful new sanctuary in 2004. The loving relationship he shared with the congregation made for a very successful ministry.

Pastor Dick is survived by: his wife, Jean Martinco; son, Ken Metz; son, Tim Metz and grandson, Drew; stepson, Todd (Laura) Schwartz; stepson, Greg (Ann) Schwartz and grandchildren, Jennifer and Stephen; stepdaughter, Dawn (Quay) Richerson and grandchildren, Jordan Jean, Jacob and Jared; two sisters, Sandy and Wendy, their husbands and children.

**Correction**

In last week's edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times, the story "Heppner Schools losing students" according to Morrow County School Superintendent Mark Burrows should have stated "The school board as required by law voted to refer to the voters on the May ballot abolishment of the LSC. Their reasons: 1. The committees are inactive, 2. Rarely does anyone file for the positions - in 2009 no one filed for 18 open positions (three committees of six) 3. School based site councils with parent representatives were created by the Oregon Schools 21st century laws. (These committees are active in every building in the district) 4. The elections cost the school district money."

**Katie Olsen (Riney)**  
October 23rd  
Condon Elks Club  
11 am - 1pm  
Soup & Salad Luncheon

Registered at Murray's (Heppner & Condon) and Target  
Hostesses: Terri Carmine, Megan Reece, Lori Snyder, Melissa Carmine, Nancy Wilkins, Theresa Jamieson & Cassandra Flatt