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Arbuckle Nordic Club holds weekend outing



The Arbuckle Nordic Club had eight skiers for this weekend. The forecasted rain never showed and the group enjoyed a few sun breaks through overcast skies. Temperatures were in the 40's. To get to decent snow, the group had to go out to the 53 road to the 5311. The club had their "charter member" along, 75 years young and still on his skis. —Contributed Photo

BMCC offers retirement planning and investment courses

Blue Mountain Community College will have a three part education course to help residents of Morrow County plan and save for retirement.

The classes are being offered as a three part series: Retirement Basics, Retirement Income Planning, and Investment Basics. The courses complement one another and can be taken as a series or they can be taken independently depending on individual knowledge and needs. The classes will be taught by Rita Van Schoiack, a financial advisor who is owner of Blue Mountain Investment Management in Heppner.

The goal of the courses is to help attendees gain the skills to estimate how much money they need to retire, learn how to create retirement goals, review

investment basics, and more. The series is being offered in February and will meet at the "Pettyjohn Building" in the large conference room, 430 W Linden Way, in Heppner.

The classes meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on three Saturdays; Retirement Basics- February 12, Retirement Income Planning- February 19, and Investment Basics- February 26. The classes are free and include a workbook. Advance registration is required.

For more information call Anne Morter at (541) 422-7040 or e-mail her at amorter@bluecc.edu. Students may also register online at www.bluecc.edu. Rita Van Schoiack is a financial advisor with Multi-Financial Securities Corporation, member FINRA/SIPC.

Hadley to retire from NRCS, open house to be held

Chet Hadley with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced his retirement effective January 31. The Heppner Service Center Staff will host an open house on Friday, January 28, from 1-3 p.m. in the Heppner Service Center conference room.

Hadley has been with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) since 1992. He began his career in the Pendleton Office as a soil conservation technician and later transferred to Heppner to work as a biological science technician for the John Day Umatilla Basin which encompasses Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Grant and Wheeler Counties.

Fifth Sunday shared ministry services to be held at Hope Lutheran

The shared ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church worships together weekly, alternating between church buildings. The first and third Sundays of the month, worship is held at the Lutheran Church, and the second and fourth Sundays of the month, worship is held at the Episcopal Church. When a fifth Sunday of the month rolls around, as it does in January, the schedule varies. This month, worship on January 30 will be held at Hope beginning at 10 a.m. January 30 will also mark the beginning of two series of classes. At 8:45 a.m. on Sundays, there will be a study of 1 Corinthians held at the church where worship will occur, and at 5 p.m. on Sundays, a study of the basic teachings of the Lutheran church will be held at the parsonage. The second class will be repeated at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays at the pastor's office.

More information about shared ministry worship, events, and locations is available by calling the church office at 541-676-9970.

County planning commission approves Gun club rifle and handgun shooting

The Morrow County Planning Commission last Tuesday approved an expanded gun range near Irigon owned by the Hermiton Rod and Gun Club.

The current gun range includes an area for shotgun shooting and skeet traps. The approved expansion will allow the club to install a rifle and handgun range.

The rifle range will be 300 yards long and have a berm at the end to stop shells. The berm will be 12 feet high and 25 feet in depth. There will be shoot-

ing benches on one end. The handgun range will be 90 feet long and its berm will also be 12 feet high by 25 feet wide.

The shooting range is located along the Umatilla and Morrow County line and is located between Highway 84 and the rail line.

Planning commission members added conditions that will assure that anyone using the range will have supervision. The club also has a club house, parking and RV parking areas.

Strandberg to speak at Chamber lunch meeting

This week's speaker at the Chamber lunch meeting will be Tom Strandberg from ODOT to go over the scheduled projects for 2012-2015. The meeting will be held at City Hall, starting with lunch being served at noon.

The lunch, catered by Heppner Family Foods, will cost \$9.

The upcoming meeting on February 3 will be an "All Entity Reports".

~ 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.

Whatever happened to 'Government of the People, by the People, and for the People?'

Letter to the Editor:

Question, just what is the responsibility of elected representatives to the taxpayers whom they are elected to represent?

Reading the EO 1/15/2011 article, 'Wind Dispute Blows to Salem' sadly indicates it's a good thing Morrow County residents have a State Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

The serious question is, why should taxpayer private citizens need to pay legal council to defend themselves in an appeals court against a corporation (Invenergy) already heavily subsidized with both federal and state taxpayer dollars, plus the Morrow County (MC) taxes deferred by their Strategic Investment Program (SIP) agreement? Especially when MC Planning Commission already ruled, and the corporation's own study admitted, that their wind generators did exceed state mandated noise limits?

What criteria can account for MC Court's decision to allow Invenergy to continue with 'business as usual' when the court itself could not even agree whether a ruled-on, and admitted violation was a violation or simply an 'infrequent and unusual event'? Is it not the burden of Invenergy to resolve the violation and prove that it has done so?

Just what are private citizens to do? Faced by a heavy handed taxpayer subsidized corporation and ruled against by their own elected representatives, must they now pay legal council to get redress from both the well-funded corporation and their own elected representatives? Or are they to simply 'shut-up' or 'move-away' if they have a grievance with an admitted 'Industrial Noise Trespass' into their own homes?

Further, as a former county commissioner, a 'citizen on-the-street' recently advised me that the late December hearing on this subject was cancelled by the court at the last minute. Worse, the corporation was advised, but the citizens were not. They showed up for the meeting only to be told it was cancelled.

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Ray Grace
Heppner

Neighborhood Center receives donation



Pastor Jonathan Enz, and Judy Cowett, a member of Heppner United Methodist Church and president of the Neighborhood Center board of directors, present a check in the amount of \$250 to Janice Skaggs, executive director of the Neighborhood Center. The amount is the total of the money received in the United Methodist Christmas Eve Service. —Contributed Photo

McDowell and Burnside wed



Brian and Danielle Burnside

Danielle Marie McDowell and Brian Henry Burnside, both Eugene, OR, were married in a double-ring ceremony September 18, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Eugene.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Merilee McDowell, Heppner, OR. The groom is the son of Tom McElligott and Laura Burnside-McElligott, Heppner, and the late Howie Burnside.

Pastor Rudy Herr officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Maid of honor was Maggie Barnett, friend of the bride, Eugene. Bridesmaids were Catherine McElligott, sister of the groom, Eugene, Tara Mahoney and Kathryn Booth, both friends of the bride, Eugene.

Best man was Jake Cooper, Eugene, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Caleb McDaniel, Heppner, Andrew Sykes, Pendleton, and Leland Rill, Eugene, all friends of the groom.

Kiara Burnside, the groom's niece, Corvallis, OR, was flower girl. Austin and Hunter Burnside, nephews of the groom, Corvallis, were ring bearers.

Dan Burnside, Corvallis, Robert McElligott, Portland, OR, and Brendan McElligott, Seattle, WA, all brothers of the groom, served as ushers.

The bride wore a white strapless satin Casablanca ball gown with a dropped waist, featuring beading on the bodice, an organza overlay and a chapel-length train. She wore an embroidered fingertip illusion veil with a blusher and carried a hand-tied bouquet of pink and white roses. Her gown was accented with a necklace of diamonds and pink sapphires. Her "something borrowed" was a pair of diamond stud earrings belonging to her mother.

The maid of honor wore a strapless pink tea-length dress with a flared skirt and a chocolate brown sash and brown detail at the hem. The bridesmaids wore similar dresses, but in brown with pink sashes and pink detail. They carried hand-tied bouquets of pink roses. The flower girl wore an ankle-length dress in brown with a pink sash.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white vest, black tie and white boutonniere. The best man and groomsmen wore black tuxedos with brown vests and ties and pink boutonnieres.

A catered dinner reception with a DJ and dancing followed the ceremony.

Merry Chandler of Heppner made the bouquets and boutonnieres, cut the cake and assisted with the flowers, decorations and reception. Robin Legg, Sisters, OR, and Ann, Jessica and Jennifer Petzel, Denver, CO, also assisted.

Taylor and Mackenzie Storer, Brentwood, CA, served as guest book attendants.

The square, three-tiered cake was frosted with white buttercream and featured the couple's names and wedding date and the names of the bridal party inscribed on it. It was topped with pink roses.

The bride graduated from Heppner High School in 2001 and received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Oregon in 2005. She is employed as a nationally certified pharmacy technician at Bi-Mart Pharmacy in Eugene and is also a post-graduate student at UO.

The groom graduated from Heppner High School in 1998. He is employed as a crew boss with Miller Timber Services, a firefighting and timber services company in Philomath, OR.

The couple plans a honeymoon trip to Oahu, Hawaii, in April.

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