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Birth Announcement

Paige Kathryn Miller - Corey and Jill Miller of Heppner announce the birth of a daughter, Paige Kathryn Miller, at St. Anthony's Hospital on Friday, March 11, at 11:04 p.m.



Paige Kathryn Miller

At birth she weighed six pounds, seven ounces and measured 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Mark and Shanny Miller of Heppner and Bob and Tricia Sorey of Helix. She is the first great-grandchild born to Tad and Melba Miller of Heppner.

Lybrand enlists in Navy under Delayed Entry Program

Civilian Mason D. Lybrand, son of Beth Hopkins of Irrigon and Jason Lybrand of Pendleton recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District in Portland.

The program allows recruits to enter the Navy and take up to one year to complete prior commitments such as high

school. Using recruiter as mentors, this program helps recruits ease into the transition from civilian to military life.

Lybrand will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

Lybrand is completing his senior year at Pendleton High School.

Musicians invited to participate in community band

ArtsEast invites area musicians to join the Eastern Oregon University Community Symphonic Band, a Community School for the Arts program. James Howell will direct.

Rehearsals are Mondays from 7-9 p.m. beginning March 28. They will be held in Loso Hall, Room 126 on the EOU Campus. Fees are \$20. Students, age 14 and up, may join for free. The program runs through May.

Interested individuals may register the first night of rehearsal. For additional information, call 541-962-3624 or email dhealth@eou.edu.

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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, Florescent 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.

Morrow County Public Works
mcpubwork@co.morrow.or.us
P.O. Box 428
Lexington, OR. 97839
541-989-9500



~ 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 keep Heppner looking good

As I walked downtown to get my mail Monday morning, I was struck by how clean and litter free the town is, even after hosting St. Patrick's celebration.

The citizens of Heppner can be very proud of the fact that we keep Heppner looking good, both for ourselves and for our visitors.

The Heppner city crew put a lot of extra effort in to get the town ready for the big celebration.

John Edmundson
Heppner

Utility rate increase in Heppner?

For the past 3-4 months the city manager has alerted both the utility commission and the city council that sewer costs were exceeding sewer revenues. The situation has existed for the past year, but has not been addressed because of unforeseen revenue from processing the septage from Spray as they converted from septic tanks to a sewage treatment plant (\$20,000) and a healthy cash carried forward balance (\$75,000). The unforeseen revenue from the Spray conversion was purely by chance, and largely closed the gap between revenue and expenses. The recent Waste Water Treatment Facility study by Anderson & Perry Associates, a requirement of the Oregon Business Development Department (required every 20 years) has brought this issue into a sharp focus.

Sewer bill fees bring in about \$200,000 per year in revenue. Last fiscal year it cost \$229,000 to run the facility. This year a healthy cash balance was carried forward (\$74,900), however, no septage revenue has materialized (it is notoriously unpredictable). As a result we have been eating away at our cash carried forward putting us financially at risk. What will it cost to correct the situation?

A minimum of \$3 per customer will raise \$24,840 in revenue. This will barely make up the shortfall. At \$5 per customer we would make up the shortfall and be able to save for ongoing maintenance and repairs in the future. The Utility Commission is recommending to the City Council that a \$3 increase be made this year with another \$2 increase to be made at the end of the fiscal year. A small increase of \$0.25 for the water department is also being recommended. Our long term goals are to:

1. Cover the cost of plant operation by regular small increases rather than large incremental increases and,
2. On a continuous basis we need to set aside money for maintenance and repair, which includes replacement of equipment in order to maintain the plant into the foreseeable future.

We hope this will explain how and why this increase is being recommended to the City Council.

Dave DeMayo
Heppner City Manager

Kinzua Lunch Group meets

A small group met at Service Creek on March 18 for the monthly Kinzua lunch. Those attending were Rollene Allen, Gael (Windy) Liptak, Pat Hyatt, Marilyn Garcia, Bob and Lavonne Slinkard, OL and Jean Adams, Tom and Bill Ledford, Ernie Schell, and Bill Potter.

The next lunch will be April 15 in Prineville at the Apple Peddler. The group meets the third Friday of each month, alternating between Prineville and Service Creek.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's Office has issued the following marriage licenses:

March 11: Ryan Nicholas Seeley, 29, Boardman, and Michelle Marie Brandt, 30, Boardman.

March 15: Jonathan Andrew Ellis, 27, Pilot Rock, and Janelle Marie Healy, 29, Heppner.

March 17: David Ralph Starkweather, 48, Irrigon, and Catherine Lee Morris, 31, Irrigon.



Join us for a Co-ed Baby Shower
Honoring Tim & Beth Dickenson
and their son

KORD DANIEL DICKENSON
BORN 2-23-11

WEDNESDAY MARCH 30TH, 2011
6:00-7:30PM HEPPNER ELKS LODGE

Filling their arms with love
and hearts with happiness.

The Dickenson's are registered at Target & Babies R US

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

Obituaries

Glenna M. Rollis

Glenna May Rollis, 79, of Heppner died Monday, March 14, 2011 at a care facility in Hermiston. A celebration of life potluck will be held at noon on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Rebekah Lodge in Lexington, Oregon.



Glenna M. Rollis

She was born August 25, 1931 in Colville, Washington, the son of Frank M. and Olive M. Morgan Ball. She was raised and attended school at Kettle Falls, WA. She lived in the Kettle Falls area for many years.

On September 11, 1970 she married Wayne Rollis in Post Falls, Idaho. The couple lived at Kinzua for three years before settling in Heppner. While in Heppner she owned and operated an upholstery business for many years. Glenna also was a waitress at Cal's and the Wagon Wheel restaurants in Heppner.

Mrs. Rollis was a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include: her husband, Wayne Rollis of Heppner; sons, James Judd of Lexington, Monty Judd of Chatter Roy, WA, Russell Rollis and James Rollis both of Heppner; step-daughters Esther Jackson of Spokane, Ruth Horton of Colville, WA, and Susan Brenner of Texas; sisters, Eva Campbell and Gloria Beadsley, both of Kettle Falls, WA; brother, Frank Ball of Kettle Falls, WA; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Henry Jud; daughter Shirley Judd; and a grandson, Eric Rollis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Kilkenny named to Dean's List at Gonzaga University

Katherine M. Kilkenny from Spokane has earned placement on the Gonzaga University Dean's List for fall semester 2010. The Dean's List requires students to earn a 3.5 to 3.69 grade-point average for the semester.

Gonzaga University is a private, Jesuit, Catholic University in Spokane, Wash. that consistently ranks among the top private universities in the west. Gonzaga offers six undergraduate degrees in 53 majors, 20 master's degrees, one juris doctorate and one Ph.D.

Team Bohica captures fourth Road Bowling win



For the fourth year in a row Team Bohica has captured the title of Road Bowling champions. Pictured (L-R) are Jake Roy, Adam Doherty, Chad Doherty, and Jason Hanna. The second place team was the Bowl Roaders and third place was Average Joes. -Contributed Photo

Bucky's Baseball Academy to hold clinic Saturday

Bucky's Baseball Academy will be putting on a baseball clinic Saturday, March 26, at the Heppner High School baseball field. Registration will be held at 9 a.m. and the clinic will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The clinic is open to minors through high school players.

The cost for the clinic is \$50 per player and checks can be made payable to Heppner Youth Baseball. There are schol-

arships available for minor and major players.

For more information about the clinic or scholarship, or to get a registration form, contact Corey Sweeney at 541-256-0355.

Bucky's Baseball Academy is run by Bucky Jacobsen. Jacobsen is a Hermiston graduate and played the 2004 baseball season with the Seattle Mariners.

DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office has released the following report:

-Javier Junior Roquez, 27, was convicted of Sodomy in the First Degree, a Class A felony, and was sentenced to 100 months incarceration, 20 years post-prison supervision, and other conditions. Roquez was also convicted of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 30 months incarceration, 10 years post-prison supervision, and other conditions. Total fines, fees, and assessments are \$3,346.

-Jose Melendez, 65, was convicted of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a Class B felony and was sentenced to 75 months incarceration, 10 years post-prison supervision, other conditions, and pay \$2,808.83 in fines, fees, and assessments.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE FOR BOB JONES



Please join us to celebrate the 80th birthday of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather & friend.
April 2nd from 1-4 pm
6011 Stock Drive Rd.
Heppner OR 97836
No gifts please