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If it's not broken, don't fix it

Here in Morrow County, we are very fortunate to have the Port of Morrow as our economic development leader. Through the last decade or so, the Port of Morrow has been very successful in promoting economic expansion and family wage jobs in Morrow County. I would even go as far as to say that the Port of Morrow has been the most successful port in the entire state of Oregon. The average wage in Morrow County ranks fifth highest among all counties in the state, and highest in Easter Oregon. The Port of Morrow has done this primarily without local tax dollars. In this year's proposed budget of \$25 million, the Port of Morrow collects \$104,000 in property taxes.

This year, there are two long term commissioners for the Port of Morrow up for reelection, Larry Lindsey and Marvin Padberg. Over the years these two men have donated countless hours of their time at meetings representing all Morrow County residents. Through their hard work and effort, as well as the hard work and effort of the employees of the Port of Morrow, we have a hugely successful port. They deserve by their efforts and results of their efforts to be reelected. I would urge all of you to join me in casting my vote to reelect Larry Lindsey and Marvin Padberg for another four-year term. After all, if it's not broken, don't fix it.

Vern Russell
Boardman, OR

Support Kindle for school board

To the Editor,
We are writing in support of Becky Kindle for the board of directors of the Morrow County Schools.

Becky and her husband Jim have children in the county school system and the have been very active in youth activities in the community and supportive of the school system. We think the addition of young parents to the board is a very positive thing and we commend Becky for being willing to take the time and energy to serve.

Becky holds a highly responsible position with the local bank and has demonstrated her ability to think through issues and to communicate her thoughts in a very businesslike manner that we think would be extremely valuable to the overall function of the board.

Please join us in voting for Becky Kindle for director, Morrow County School District. Yours Truly,
Larry & Betty Mills
Heppner, OR

Is your lawnmower operational?

Spring has arrived and the grass is starting to grow; soon it will be time to mow!

The lawnmower has been silent for months. Let's hope it's ready to cut grass to avoid a last-minute crunch.

The ordinance enforcement staff, after a long winter's nap, are biting at the bit to keep our city clean

and fit. Now, don't be stubborn like a calf leaving the herd, to be lassoed and turned back. Please simply do your part to keep our city looking smart. Sincerely, the city staff. (It's worth a laugh if you will cut your grass).

David DeMayo
Heppner

American Legion Auxiliary meeting scheduled

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 10. The meeting will begin with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome.

Hunters Education
Course to be held June 14th, 16th, 21st and 23rd
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Heppner High School
Field day - June 18th at Lexington Gun Club

Any person under 18 who wishes to hunt must pass this course in order to acquire a hunting license in the State of Oregon. Any person wishing to hunt out of state must also hold a valid Hunter Education Card. The course is being taught by Jim and Darlene Marquardt.

To register for the class call Jim at 541-969-4845

The fee for the course is \$10 and is set by ODFW

Information about the course can be viewed at
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/outdoor_skills/hunter/courses/index.asp#Northeast

~ 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.

Give the people a choice in Port of Morrow

Dear Editor:
As we near the election date of May 17, I find myself reflecting on the work, personal sacrifice and expense of running a campaign for an office that few people even think about. There are no personal rewards at the end of the election if I win. The only reason to run for the office of Commissioner for the Port of Morrow, is to make a positive difference in the future of Morrow County and the West Umatilla region.

So why am I running a campaign for an office in an organization as effective and powerful as the Port of Morrow? The Port of Morrow has undisputedly been successful in bringing large industrial projects to the Boardman industrial site. Gary Neal has done a brilliant job of beating the competition at the Port of Umatilla to luring industry and jobs. Marvin Padberg is a fine gentleman and sincerely wants the Port to be successful. I have no derogatory comments for any of the Port Commissioners or Port staff.

Why then, would I put myself through the work, expense and stress of running a campaign against a successful board chairman? Hard to figure, isn't it? I guess it is about trying to continue the successes of the Port while taking local communities interests into consideration.

Although the Port of Morrow has brought in industry, it has also dumped the industrial process water downwind from Boardman and upwind from Irrigon.

Morrow County is lucky

It is my hope that the voters will consider support for Larry Lindsey and Marv Padberg for Morrow County Port Commissioners in the upcoming election. These two people have proven themselves in the past by working to bring ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT to the community. They have worked together with the other commissioners and the manager of the Port of Morrow to keep local industries in the Port for local jobs for our community.

One only needs to drive through the Port of Morrow to note the activity of the businesses and the growth and expansion since these two have been on the Port Commission. Their dedication to keep our communities thriving with economic strength is unwavering.

This presents a problem for Irrigon for quality of life issues. Unless the wastewater is adequately treated to remove the odors, the Port's success could lead to the demise of one of the largest communities it serves.

There are many opportunities for the Port of Morrow to work closely with the various communities it serves, and to provide jobs locally, not just at the Boardman location. The local communities know what they need and how to grow business. The Port can help with providing support for local efforts.

I am running my campaign to give the people of Morrow County a choice. Do they want to have a say in what the Port of Morrow does, or do they want to leave things to the will of the Port? I believe that the Port of Morrow should respond to the local communities and follow the communities' rules when operating in their domain. Adhering to, and supporting, local zoning codes and ordinances will help the communities shape their own destinies.

I have to keep telling myself that the fight is worth the effort. My purpose is to give people a choice. Do they want to have influence or not? I believe that the people need to have a voice in their government, the Port of Morrow. The choice is theirs, and I believe I have a responsibility, perhaps a civic duty, to let them make that choice at the ballot box.

Sincerely,
Gerald (Jerry) Breazeale
Heppner, OR

Obituaries

Dorothy G. Odell

Dorothy G. Odell, 91, of Heppner died Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living in Heppner. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2011 at Willow Creek Terrace.



Dorothy G. Odell

She was born December 23, 1919 at Troutlake, WA. Her mother died when she was eight months old; she was then adopted by her maternal grandparents, George Sr. and Pearl Jennings. Dorothy grew up spending her summers on the family ranch in Eddyville, OR and her school months in McMinnville, OR, where she graduated from high school.

She married Julius "Jay" Sieler in 1941. Together they had a son, George Jay Sieler, born June 18, 1948. The couple divorced in 1959. She later met James R. Odell and they were married in 1965. James passed away, leaving her a widow in November of 1968.

Dorothy worked in the fish plants on the waterfront in Newport, OR for over 21 years. She also owned and operated a motel in the Agate Beach area. She moved from Newport to Toledo, where she retired to a life of gardens, animals and granddaughters. She stayed active in the VFW as an officer, and she volunteered at the coastal gleaners and meal sites in

both Toledo and Siletz. In 1997 she moved to Heppner so she could be closer to her son and family. She lived in the pink house behind the grocery store for four years before moving to Willow Creek with her son and daughter-in-law, and finally moving to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living. Dorothy enjoyed life at the terrace and participated in almost every activity. With the compassion and understanding given to Dorothy and her family during the last week of Dorothy's life, she was able to pass away at her home at the Willow Creek Terrace surrounded by her family, caregivers and friends.

Dorothy leaves behind a loving family: son, George Jay Sieler and his wife, Myrna; granddaughters, Sheila Miller and her husband, Reid Miller, and Shelly VanArsdale and her husband, Mike, all of Lexington, and Sherry Wright and her husband, Shaun, of Eugene; great-grandchildren Josie Miller, Kylie VanArsdale, Jarred Miller, Cami VanArsdale and Julius Wright.

Memorial contributions may be made to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Rene Ledbetter

Wildra Rene Ledbetter, 75, of Heppner died Saturday, April 30, 2011 at her home surrounded by those she loved. A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, May 14 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Morrow County Fair Annex.



Wildra Rene Ledbetter

She was born April 14, 1936 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, the daughter of JJ and Eva Padberg Griffith. She lived in Kahler Basin near Spray until 1950, when her family moved to Heppner, where she graduated from high school in 1954. After graduation, she attended beauty school in Portland and continued that profession for many years.

In 1976, Rene married John Ledbetter. She and John loved to travel and saw many different areas of the country together. She

enjoyed her family most, bowling, her garden, snowmobiling, playing cards and, most recently, volunteering at the Heppner Museum.

Survivors include: her daughters, June Bennett, Toni Carter, Tami Johlke and Judy Lathrom; son, Terry Toll; brother, Don Griffith; grandchildren, Kevin, Lance, Julie, Leah, Robert, Eva and Ryan; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Ledbetter; brother, Mac Griffith; sisters, Faye Kelsay and Shirley Cunningham; and daughter, Jeanette Sunseri.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Vote for experience

To the editor:
We encourage Morrow County voters to vote for Marvin Padberg and Larry Lindsay for the Port of Morrow Commission. Marvin and Larry have given excellent service to the citizens of Morrow County through their work and effort as Port of

Morrow Commissioners. Their knowledge and experience with Port policies and operations is invaluable. Thank you for considering our recommendation. Pat Edmundson
Heppner

Fundraiser dance to be held

A dance will be held May 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to raise funds for the local tumbling program. This community dance is an alcohol-free event with music by Joe and LeAnn Lindsay and Friends. The event is free but donations are welcome. Everyone is invited.

Contact Cindy Sumner at 989-8514 for more information.

Community Lunch Menu

Elohim Covenant Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, May 11 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include chicken pot pie, green salad with tomatoes, Jell-O with fruit, biscuits and lemon bars. Menu is subject to change.

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)

ATTENTION UP AND COMING 3 & 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOLERS

There will be pre-school registration on Monday May 16th from 5-7p.m. at the Heppner Day Care & Pre-School. Please bring your immunization Records. Hope to see you all there! If you have questions please contact Merry Chandler at (541)676-5429.

