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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.

A nice visit in a nice town

Dear Editor,
My husband and I made a two day stop in Heppner last week to do a family history research project and I wanted to tell you what a nice little town you have.

Everyone we met was friendly and helpful and we thank the women in the County Clerk's office, the librarian, the volunteer at the Memorial museum and the groundskeeper at the cemetery for all their help. Some of them will be hearing from me again! The cemetery, by the way, was impressive for its great condition. You don't see many graveyards that age without a lot of down or broken stones.

Since we were there while you had a slight water crisis, I also want to thank the owner of the ice cream shop next to the pharmacy for her creative, no water added, lunch menu. Most of the other eating places in town were closed. We'll try some of them another time.

The number of young people spending a day cleaning up what looked to me like an already clean town was amazing. They'll all think twice, too, before they discard a candy wrapper on the ground.

Even the weather cooperated. We hope to return soon.

Yours truly
Karyl Hubbard
Omak, WA

Irrigon death ruled suicide

The death of Wade Bonner, 37, of Irrigon has been ruled as a suicide by the Oregon State Police medical examiner.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Morrow/Umatilla County Major Crime Team had investigated the death since a deputy found Bonner deceased on Bonner's property on May 24.

The deputy was responding to a 911 call from Bonner, who claimed that two Hispanic individuals were stealing gas from his property. Bonner hung up the phone, and efforts to re-contact him were unsuccessful. A deputy arrived on the scene around 5:10 a.m., less than 20 minutes after Bonner's 4:54 a.m. 911 call.

The investigative teams initially treated the death as a homicide. According to the Morrow County District Attorney's office, however, investigators found several inconsistencies both at the scene and in information received through interviews with friends, family and coworkers.

The pistol at the scene belonged to Bonner and his wife, and the single used shell casing found at the scene matched the shells used in Bonner's gun. No other casings were found. Investigators found no evidence of two Hispanic individuals stealing gas. They also found no signs of a struggle.

Medical examiner Dr. Chris Young also found no evidence of a struggle or defensive wounds during the autopsy. Cause of death was determined to be a close contact gunshot wound to the head. Young determined Bonner's manner of death to be suicide. After extensive investigation, the Morrow/Umatilla County Major Crime Team, Morrow County Sheriff's Office and the Morrow County District Attorney's office agreed with that conclusion and notified Bonner's family.

Bonner's death occurred just two and a half weeks after Bonner and his wife, 33-year-old Lori Ann Smith of Irrigon, filed for their marriage license on May 6.

Garden Club promotes Penny Pines project

In recognition of National Garden Week, the Heppner Garden Club has again chosen to promote the Penny Pines project. Under a conservation agreement,

monies raised will be used by the Forest Service to reforest burned-out and brush-covered areas in Oregon.

The cost to reforest one acre is \$68. Last year, thanks to the generosity of the community, the Garden Club raised \$108.77.

Donation jars will soon be placed in the stores of local merchants for the 2011 fund drive. The Heppner Garden Club asks everyone to join in supporting the reforestation of this beautiful state.

Obituaries

Herman F. Wallace

Herman F. Wallace, 88, of Lewiston died May 25, 2011 at Serenity Place in Lewiston.

He was born May 17, 1923 to Samuel G. Wallace and Addeline Bigelow Wallace in Perham, MN. He was the youngest of 21 children.

As a young child he moved from Minnesota to Lincoln City, OR. As a young man he moved to Lexington, where met and married Colleen McMillan. They had three sons. They later divorced and he married Wilma M. Tucker, who had three children by a previous marriage. He

worked on a wheat ranch. He joined the U.S. Army during WWI, serving in the Pacific islands.

He was preceded in death by a son, John F. Wallace.

He is survived by: sons, Lester Eugene Wallace of Lexington and Richard L. Wallace of Lewiston, ID; stepchildren, Judith Whilon Van Hollenbeck of Kahlotus, WA, Alice Whilon Waters of Salt Lake City, UT and Armon Whilon of Kentucky.

Muellus Funeral Home in Kennewick, WA, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Ann Barclay

Mary Ann Barclay, 82, died holding her husband's hand on Thursday morning May 12 after a short battle with lung cancer. Rosary was held at the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home chapel on May 17 with funeral mass on May 18 at St. Francis Catholic Church. She was interred at Mt. View Cemetery in Walla Walla.

Born to F.J. and Mary Boule on August 24, 1928, Mary Ann had four brothers, Ken, Jim, Paul and Dan Boule.

Mary Ann attended St. Patrick's school in Walla Walla and Sisters of Providence nurses' training in Seattle before marrying Max Barclay. Mary Ann and Max farmed outside of Lexington and retired to a small walnut and horse farm in Laton, CA before moving back to Walla Walla 24 years ago.

Mary Ann was a member of PEO and the St. Francis Altar Society. She was a founder and 60-year member of Valley Grove Bridgettes, and loved playing bridge.

Mary Ann was a

quiet person who always knew exactly the right time and place to inject a spike of humor. She was an altar society member at St. Patrick's parish in Heppner and taught catechism to many students there. She served for many years in various roles on the Morrow County School Board with particular emphasis on the budgetary advisory committee. She was a dedicated farm housewife and, as such, was always available for whatever was required. She was a loving wife and mother, and a dependable friend to many. Her family and the world will miss her love and wise council.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents and brothers. She is survived by her husband, Max Barclay; daughter, Judy Carlson; son, Jim Barclay; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Donations in Mary Ann's memory can be made through the Herring Funeral Home to DeSales School or Walla Walla Community Hospice or the charity of the donor's choice.

Odd Fellows clean up Hardman cemetery



An Odd Fellow hard at work. -Contributed Photo

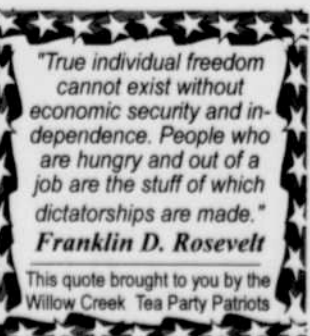
On a recent Sunday afternoon, several members of the Heppner Odd Fellows Lodge held a work party at the historic Hardman Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day weekend. According to participant Tom Wolff, lawn mowers, weed eaters and tractors with bush-hog mowers moved in and had the cemetery looking ship-shape in short-order.

The Hardman Cemetery has graves dating from 1892 to the present, with many pioneer families interred there. Several century-old grave-stones boast decorative and unusual inscriptions.

The cemetery is under the care and maintenance of Heppner Lodge #66 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Volunteers donating their time, equipment and fuel were Dan Brosnan, Frank Osmin, Al Osmin, Butch Laughlin, Al Riney, Tim Dickenson, David Allstott, Randall Peterson, Jimmy Kindle, Tom Wilson, Lyle Peck, Jay Keithley and Tom Wolff.

Community Lunch Menu

United Methodist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, June 8 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include pork enchiladas, Mexican rice, refried beans, green salad with tomatoes, spiced pears and flan. Menu is subject to change.



This quote brought to you by the Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots

HES, HHS announce May students of the month



Heppner Elementary School announces its students of the month for May. This month's character trait was loyalty. Top (L-R): Trent Howey, Olivia Schmidt, Justice Petzoldt, Suzanne Cason, Angel Matthew, Duke Harmon, Reiah Waite, Jessie Williams and Caitlyn Scrivner. Bottom (J-R): Gracie Orem, Rylee Bray, Logan Waddell, ZaBrena Masterson, Evan Kollman, Shaylyn DeLoach, Anthony Rankin and Blane Mahoney. Not Pictured: Lane Wilhelm. -Contributed photo



Heppner High School highlights May's students of the month, who exhibited the character trait of loyalty. Left to right: Colby Goebel, Maddie Lindsay, Makenzie Correa, JC Putman, Lindsay Cutsforth and Jordan Williams. -Contributed photo

PLEASE JOIN US!
FOR OUR WEDDING RECEPTION
JUSTIN MILLER & NICOLE WILSON
SATURDAY
JUNE 18, 2011
3:00 PM
MORROW COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY BARBECUE
Check List for a Great Afternoon
Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 12:00 pm

Please take time to join Lone Community Church for a few hours of eating and visiting in the Lone City Park. We are celebrating during what used to be "Auction Weekend" by joining together to reconnect with friends and meet new people without all the "hard" work of putting on the auction. Join us and share your memories of the auction, or just come and eat and enjoy fellowship!

YOU PROVIDE

- You and your family
- Appetites
- A desire to get out for a couple of hours
- A desire to eat and visit

WE PROVIDE

- Hamburger, Hot Dogs, beans, salads and cookies
- Beverages
- Plates and table service
- Appreciation to you for attending

If it rains or there are high winds we will barbecue and eat dinner at the Lone Community Church.

HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

Ladies Night - June 2nd
BBQ Pork Chops
Cheese potatoes, green beans, Coleslaw, rolls, Applesauce and Desserts
Starting at 6:00
Elks members & out of town guests
Mortimores & Kennys