

The Official Newspaper  
of the City of Heppner and the County of Morrow

**Heppner**  
**GAZETTE-TIMES**

U.S.P.S. 240-420

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper  
Published weekly by Sykes Publishing, LLC and entered as periodical matter at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon under the Act of March 3, 1879. Periodical postage paid at Heppner, Oregon. Office at 188 W. Willow Street. Telephone (541) 676-9228. Fax (541) 676-9211. E-mail: editor@rapidsolve.net or david@rapidsolve.net. Web site: www.heppner.net. Postmaster send address changes to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Subscriptions: \$27 in Morrow County; \$21 senior rate (in Morrow County only; 62 years or older); \$33 elsewhere; \$27 student subscriptions.

David Sykes.....Publisher  
Andrea Di Salvo.....Editor

All News and Advertising Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.

For Advertising: advertising deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Cost for a display ad is \$5 per column inch. Cost for classified ad is 50¢ per word. Cost for Card of Thanks is \$10 up to 100 words. Cost for a classified display ad is \$5.75 per column inch.

For Public/Legal Notices: public/legal notices deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Dates for publication must be specified. Affidavits must be required at the time of submission. Affidavits require three weeks to process after last date of publication (a sooner return date must be specified if required).

For Obituaries: Obituaries are published in the Heppner GT at no charge and are edited to meet news guidelines. Families wishing to include information not included in the guidelines or who wish to have the obituary written in a certain way must purchase advertising space for the obituary.

For Letters to the Editor: Letters to the Editor MUST be signed by the author. The Heppner GT will not publish unsigned letters. All letters MUST include the author's address and phone number for use by the GT office. The GT reserves the right to edit letters. 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.

~ 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 travesty of representative government**

To the Editor:

On January 20, 2011, I wrote this paper concerning the wind power noise dispute in Morrow County. My first sentence asked, "Question, just what is the responsibility of elected representatives to the taxpayers whom they are elected to represent?" The last sentence queried, "Whatever happened to 'Government of the People, by the People, and for the People?'"

Obviously, according to your August 25, 2011, article "Court won't enforce urban noise rules" the court has answered both of those questions. Essentially the court told its constituents to "Shut up and go away!"

Full disclosure, I was a member of the Morrow County Court in 2005 when the permit for this project was issued, but never in my wildest dreams could I have considered this project would be literally "stuffed in the people's ears!" I voted for this project naively, expecting laws to be followed, even though my personally studied and considered opinion is that the wind power solution to our nation's energy problems is a multibillion dollar rip-off of public funds

channeled through crony capitalism to enrich those who play ball with state and federal governments.

Someone please let me know when the "renewable resource" of wind generation approaches one percent of our national needs and just what that miniscule 1 percent addition to the power grid has cost per megawatt. Looks like the only "renewable resource" truly considered is the taxpayer's wallet.

My earlier letter also stated, "... it's a good thing Morrow County residents have a State Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA.)" Now the taxpaying citizens of Morrow County must again dig into their own pockets to seek justice from their elected representatives, while the taxpayer-subsidized corporation's lawyers collect their retainer, and smile. What a travesty of representative government.

Elections will come up again next year. (No, I'm not running.) Maybe the taxpayers of Morrow County should strongly reconsider the phrase, "Shut up and go away."

(s) Ray Grace  
PO Box 222  
Heppner, OR,  
97836

**Obituaries**

**Helen Christina Martin**

Helen Christina Martin, formerly a longtime resident of Moro, died at her home in the Flagstone Retirement Center in The Dalles on Thursday, August 11, 2011. She was just a few days short of her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Helen was born August 22, 1913, at the home of her maternal grandparents in Ella, near Ione, Oregon. She was the daughter of Henry Vincent and Clara Josephine (Troedson) Smouse. She was the middle and only girl of three children. Her mother died in a flu epidemic in 1919 and her father later married Clara's sister, Annie Christine. They had a daughter, Shirley, in 1928.

The Smouse family arrived in the U.S. from Germany in 1738; Helen's great granddaughter, Merete, is the 8<sup>th</sup> generation here. Henry arrived in Morrow County about 1902 with his mother and two sisters. In 1920, he purchased a ranch near Ione, where Helen grew up and which is still owned by the family. Helen's maternal grandfather, Johannes Troedson, came from Sweden, through Ellis Island, in 1874. He and his wife Christine homesteaded in Morrow County in 1889.

Helen attended two different one-room school houses until she was in the sixth grade when she went to school in Ione. She finished her education at Ione High School, graduating as the salutatorian in a class of 18 in 1931. Education was very important to Helen her whole life; she was a lifelong learner. She loved attending school and often spoke of being part of declamatory contests in high school. She was still able to quote poems and parts of her speeches, and did word puzzles and games nearly every day, even into her last week of life. A family member noted that she had a very sharp mind and a better memory than anyone else in her family. She was very interested in family and local history.

Helen married Orlow Leroy Martin on June 10, 1933, in Heppner, Oregon. They moved to Orlow's grandparents' ranch near Moro, which had been homesteaded in 1887. They continued to live and farm there until moving to Flagstone in April, 2000. They were married for almost 68 years before Orlow passed away on May 15, 2001.

Helen believed in working hard and giving back; she served her community well into her 90's. Her favorite volunteer activity was 4-H; she was a 4-H sewing leader for 20 years and also helped her sons and grandchildren with 4-H beef and sewing. She taught adult sewing classes through Extension. She was an active volunteer at the Sherman County Fair for numerous years, working tirelessly in the pavilion and as chairwoman of the home economics department. Helen and Orlow were grand marshals in 1986 and Helen, like other past grand marshals in 2009, participated in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fair.

She became a

member of the Grange, Rebekah Lodge, Oregon Wheat Growers' League, and Moro Presbyterian Church in the 1930's. She loved books and was a member of the Moro Library Board, holding all the offices and working there for over 60 years until it closed. In her early 90's, she volunteered to listen to children read at Dry Hollow Elementary School. She was an active volunteer with the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, and the Sherman County Historical Society. She enjoyed driving her whole life and drove the Sherman County senior citizens' bus as a senior citizen herself.

Among her many gifts and talents, Helen was an avid and outstanding seamstress. She was highly accomplished in many types of handiwork--knitting, crocheting, quilting, embroidery, and needlepoint. She loved sewing for her grandchildren and knitting baby hats, booties and blankets for new babies in Sherman County. She was well known not only for her handiwork, but also for her cooking, gardening and nurturing of her family.

Helen loved traveling with family and friends. A few of her favorite destinations were Cannon Beach, San Diego, and Hawaii. She enjoyed playing cards her whole life, particularly pinochle and cribbage. She was a member of the Women's Club and Bridge Club in Moro, always hosting and playing at card parties.

She also loved sports and was herself a very good high school basketball player. Her favorite times in life were when her children and grandchildren were in high school. She supported all of their activities, attending all of their school programs and sports events.

Helen enjoyed her final years living at Flagstone. She loved the other residents and caregivers and enjoyed participating in many of the social and volunteer activities. She was a much loved grandma, mother, wife, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, and community member and still the beautiful, sharp and gracious woman she had always been.

She is survived by her two sons, Robert, of Moro, and Dean, of Estacada; grandchildren, Wendy Freitag and her husband Bob, of Seattle, Vicky Martin of Portland, and Bob W. Martin and his wife Sherrie, of Moro; great granddaughters, Merete Meador of Boise, Idaho, Talese Slay of Beaverton, and Keely Slay of Encino, California; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orlow; granddaughter, Tammy; brothers, Kenneth and Paul Smouse and sister, Shirley Ferguson.

Memorial services were Saturday, August 27, at the Moro Presbyterian Church with Pastor Robert Stone officiating. Burial and graveside services followed at the Moro Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions be made to the Kate Martin 4-H Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 385, Moro, Oregon 97039, online to Room to Read, a worldwide literacy and education program, or to a memorial of your choice.

Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Wedding**  
**Linsey Ropp and Brandon Kellogg exchange vows**



Linsey and Brandon Kellogg

Linsey Marie Ropp and Brandon Gene Kellogg of Pendleton were married July 2, 2011, at The Rocking Lazy A Ranch in Ukiah.

Linsey is the daughter of Vilas and Deb Ropp of Lexington. Brandon is the son of Debra Kellogg and Ben Tate, both of Pendleton, and Woody Kellogg of Baker City.

Pastor Rick Oliver performed the ceremony and the bride was given in marriage by her father and mother, Vilas and Deb Ropp.

Linsey was attended by her matron of honor, Ashley Lindsay, of Lexington. Bridesmaids were Jessica VanWinkle of

Bend and Alyssa Hanson of Pendleton. Claire Lindsay of Lexington was the flower girl.

Nate Oliver of Pendleton was best man. Groomsmen were Robin Mathews and Chris Walker, both of Pendleton. Paul Lindsay and John Lindsay of Lexington and Liam Luddington of Pendleton were ring bearers.

Flowers for the ceremony and reception were provided by Blooms and Sweets of Bend and music for the ceremony and reception was provided by Joe and LeAnn Lindsay of Lexington. A reception was held at the Community Center in Ukiah following the ceremony.

**Conklin-Wedding engagement announced**



Anna Conklin and Brandon Wedding

Anna Conklin and Brandon Wedding both Heppner, announce their engagement to be married.

Anna is the daughter of Jerry and Laura Conklin, Astoria. She graduated from Astoria High School and attended Linfield University and Clatsop Community College. She is employed with the Bank of

Eastern Oregon.

Brandon is the son of George and Jennie Wedding, Irrigon. He graduated from Riverside High School and attended Columbia Basin Community College. He is employed with Morrow County Grain Growers.

The couple plans an October 1, 2011, wedding in Heppner.

**WSU honor roll includes Ione student**

Washington State University's President's Honor Roll for the 2011 spring semester includes Emily Katherine Rietmann of Ione.

The President's Honor Roll recognizes students who stand above the rest with excellent academic performance. To be eligible for the honor roll, undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of nine graded hours in a single term at WSU and earn a grade point average of 3.75 or earn a 3.50 cumulative GPA based on 15 cumulative hours of graded work.

**FUND RAISER**

Continued from Page ONE

night at the Heppner Booster Club Auction.

Tickets may be purchased at Murray's Drug, at Heppner home football games or by contacting

Rhonda Winters, 541-676-9294, Amber Fritz, 541-676-5379, or Shelli Britt, 541-676-5478.

People must be 21 to purchase tickets or to win.

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

**LADIES NIGHT**

Thursday, Sept. 1st  
Dinner served at 6pm  
Lodge meeting to follow  
New York Steaks, Cheesy potatoes, vegetable, roll and dessert.  
Members and Guests only

ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:  
**MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.**



Enjoy dinner at The Office Pub & Grill in downtown Ione.

Always the freshest ingredients

541-422-7454.

Open everyday but Tuesday