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Bank of EO welcomes home Major Qualls

Major John Qualls, of Heppner High School Oregon Army National Guard, recently returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq. Qualls will return to his previous employer, the Bank of Eastern Oregon (BEO), where he will be helping manage the overall lending function at the bank. Qualls will have a number of lenders reporting to him, as well as the entire loan processing staff.



Major John Qualls

of Heppner High School and Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande, OR, where he obtained a degree in Agricultural Business Management. After a short stint with the Oregon State University Extension Service, Qualls joined Bank of Eastern Oregon in April of 2002.

Qualls was recently promoted to Major in the Oregon National Guard. He served 18 months on active duty in Iraq from 2004 to 2005. He left for his second tour in August 2010 and returned in September 2011. He and his wife, Doashea, and children—Sydney, Hayden and Sophie Lynn—reside in Heppner.

"We are pleased to have John back with us after his deployment. We are proud of his sacrifice and service to our country," said BEO president and CEO Jeff Bailey.

Qualls is a graduate

Christian movie night

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church will be hosting a Christian movie night once a month starting this Saturday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m. Movie nights will continue on the second Saturday of every month.

The movie showing this Saturday is *Soul Surfer*, starring Carrie Underwood, Dennis Quaid and Helen Hunt. It is the story of Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm to a shark attack. The movie is set around the details of the event and her struggle during the aftermath.

Everyone is welcome to attend these free events. Participants are encouraged to bring a friend, as well as a snack to share, during what promises to be a fun family night.

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Wheelhouses celebrate 50th anniversary



Jan and Jay Wheelhouse -Photo by Tyler Wheelhouse

Jay and Jan Wheelhouse will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, October 15. The celebration will begin with a reception at the Hermiston Assembly of God from 2 to 4 p.m. The church is located at 730 East Hurlburt Ave. in Hermiston.

Jay and Jan (Janice Martin) met July 11, 1959 at a rodeo dance in Heppner, when Jan was a princess in the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. They married June 18, 1961 at the Methodist church in Heppner. After a honeymoon to Victoria, BC they lived in Arizona at Williams Air Force Base for three and a half years, where Jay was an instructor in pilot training.

Both their children were born there, Greg in 1962 and Karen in 1964. They enjoyed making friends there that have lasted these 50 years.

In January 1965, Jay and Jan brought their family to Heppner to ranch with Jan's father and mother, Randall and Marie Martin. The couple worked with the youth in the church during those years and enjoyed the friendships gained.

In September 1969 they moved to Hermiston, where Jay worked at C&B Livestock, cutting the fat cattle for market for 11 years. They bought a home just outside the city limits and enjoyed farm life very close to town for 27 years. Jan was a stay-at-home mom. She enjoyed leading 4-H clubs for 12 years and also taught wool tailoring classes through Blue Mountain Community College. In 1981, Jay began the



Jan and Jay at their wedding in 1961. -Contributed photo

insurance and investment business in which he still is involved. Jan helped Jay as secretary for his insurance and investment business for 18 years, retiring in 2001. She also enjoyed waitressing at a Mexican Restaurant for 5 years and worked for JoAnn Fabrics in Hermiston two years.

Jay's activities have included 35 years with Kiwanis Club and co-chairing the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in Hermiston, leading Bible studies at the prison for over 30 years, being a leader and teacher at the Hermiston Assembly of God church, photography, hunting and helping Jan's father at McKay Creek ranch.

Jan's activities included leading 4-H clubs in sewing and cooking, teaching how to sew with wool, leading Bible classes, painting, singing, playing piano, organ and keyboard, reading, and learning to quilt in the last 10 years.

Jay and Jan moved to McKay Creek this summer not to retire, but to be closer to his work on the ranch yet still be involved with his insurance business.

~ 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.

Request for information about Morrow County

My name is Morgan and I am a student at Hidden Valley High School in Grants Pass, OR. I am researching your county for my U.S. History class, and would really appreciate any of the readers sending me postcards, information, or links about Morrow County. Please send them to my teacher Mr. Burgess at Hidden Valley High School, 651 Murphy Creek Rd., Grants Pass, OR 97527 or e-mail it to my teacher at stuart.burgess@threeiveres.k12.or.us.

Thank You,
Morgan L.

No more tax dollars to Road Canyon

To the editor,
Sometimes you can't avoid a fight. I was thankful when the landowners dropped their petition to vacate Road Canyon Road. I have never supported closing mountain roads, and I had little incentive to see Road Canyon closed to the general public. Nevertheless, I had reasons to write a letter of support for the landowner who owns most of the property our Matteson School House heritage rests on (including a deeded access to our property that would have allowed local access). I had no intention of making those reasons public until an East Oregonian writer, Erin Mills, misled the public by writing that I disowned my letter of support.

The battle over closing mountain roads started over 30 years ago when State Representative Ray French successfully introduced legislation that allowed landowners to fee hunt the American people's heritage - trophy elk. In order to make fee hunting work, the public mountain roads had to be closed. Schilling Ranch Road - closed. Mountain Creek - closed. Wilson Creek to Summerfield and Willow Creek - closed. The foothills to the Blue Mountains that provided hunting and recreation opportunities that supported a thriving economy in Heppner, including five gas stations and five grocery stores, were closed to the public. Fee hunting provided little benefit to the local economy and today Heppner has one gas station and one grocery store.

I do not support one dollar of public tax dollars going into Road Canyon Road until all city roads are repaired. There is no public access the entire length of Road Canyon Road. One million dollars of taxpayer dollars (most borrowed against our children and their children) in the past two years for a road that has "no trespassing" signs from one end to the other.

The road is fine the way it is. The Morrow County road department is planning to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to repair the latest storm damage. The last thing we need on Road Canyon in more traffic, especially Cadillacs. We already have enough blue collar vandalism at the school house.

Count me in when the public is ready to fight to restore our hunting and public mountain road heritage. Until then the tax dollars should go to the local cities and their roads, the roads the county claims they have no money for.

Stuart Dick
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First Fridays program continues

October 7 is the first Friday of the month, and that means it's time for the next session of First Fridays Friends of Jesus.

The program is for children ages 4 through 12, and is sponsored by the shared ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church. All sessions are held at All Saints, on the corner of Church and Gale streets in Heppner. Activities begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at noon. A free lunch is served. Newcomers are always welcome.

For more information, call the church office at 541-676-9970.

Ione Booster Club offers memberships

Businesses have only one more week to sign up for a membership in the Ione Cardinal Booster Club and get their ads included on the community calendar. The club will also be publishing two sport posters, one for winter and spring sports and one for sports next fall, with business ads.

With membership, each business will also be listed on the backs of all sports programs, in all district and state newspaper ads, and will have the business name in the district tournament programs.

Any business interested in the \$100 member-

ship package, or that wants an ad on the community calendar for \$50, should contact Jeri McElligott at jerimce@hotmail.com or PO Box 4, Ione. All income from the sale of community calendars supports the Booster Club scholarship.

Family memberships are also available for \$50. Names will be included in all district and state newspaper ads, on the sport posters and in the district tournament program.

The Booster Club encourages all community members to take this opportunity to support academic and athletic programs at Ione Community School.

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