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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.

Heppner looks great

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce is pleased to note that everyone has been pitching in to pick up litter in town and on the entries to town in anticipation of the St. Patrick's Celebration. Heppner looks great.

Also, the City of Heppner has been doing a good job on sweeping and cleaning the streets and gutters.

One of the benefits of the CHIP program is that, as people do their walks for health, they are picking up any litter they see.

The entries to town are being picked by the Lions, the county employees association, the Bank of EO employees, and the elementary school staff.

Good job everyone.

John Edmundson

Heppner Chamber of Commerce

ODOT Litter Pickup Coordinator

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's Catholic Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, March 21 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry salad and pumpkin pie. Milk is served at each meal.

Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.



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Obituaries

LaVerne Justus Matteson

LaVerne Justus Matteson, 82, of Prairie City, OR passed away March 3, 2012 at Blue Mountain Nursing Home. No services are planned at this time.

Vern was born July 11, 1929 to Elmer and Martha (Lawson) Matteson near Monument, OR. He lived most of his life in the Monument area, and also on the Oregon coast. As a young man, he worked near Lone, driving logging trucks and working various other jobs. Vern married Grace Hunt; the couple later divorced,

but had three children from the union.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; brother, Dale Matteson and sister, Doris Kingman.

He is survived by: daughter, Martha Rosentiel of Post Falls, ID; son, Ralph Matteson of Reno, NV; daughter, Norma Cox of Monument; sister, Jessie Scott of Heppner; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Driskill Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Kenny Erwin

Patricia Ann Erwin, 84, died Saturday, March 10, 2012 in Clackamas, OR. A visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, at Stehn Family Chapels Milwaukie Tribute Center, Milwaukie, OR, followed by a Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. on Friday, March 16, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Milwaukie, with private interment to be held at Willamette National Cemetery.

Patricia was born September 6, 1927 in Heppner to John and Bridget Kenny. She graduated from St. Joseph Academy in Pendleton, OR. On January 8, 1949 she married Charles Erwin in Pendleton. Patricia was employed for 20 years as the dean's secretary at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

She was a member of Saint Francis Catholic Church in Sherwood, OR. She enjoyed volunteering at Meridian Park Hospital and

was always very involved in the Catholic Church.

Most recently, she was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church in Milwaukie. Patricia loved her family and her Irish heritage.

She is survived by: her children, Molly Erwin of Portland, Marge (Jeff) Erwin of West Linn, Mary (George) O'Donnell of Clackamas, Matthew (Janet) Erwin of Beaverton, Mark (Jennifer) Erwin of Sherwood and Martha Button of Portland; brother, Billy Kenny of Heppner and ten grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, in 1993.

Those wishing may contribute in her memory to the Oregon/SW Washington Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in care of Stehn Family Chapels Milwaukie Tribute Center, 2906 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222.

Stehn Family Chapels is in charge of arrangement.



Patricia Kenny Erwin

3rd hall of fame for Ione High School

The Ione Booster Club is now accepting nominations for its third annual Ione High School Hall of Fame.

Dean Robinson was the force behind the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is to honor outstanding individuals who, through their exceptional achievements, have brought honor to themselves, Ione High School and the Ione Community. Nominations are accepted from January through June each year. The selection committee reviews and recommends the list to the Cardinal Booster Club and the Board of Directors.

Hall of Fame mem-

bers are inducted in the fall following their election. Nomination forms are available at Ione High School, Ione Market, online at www.ione.k12.or.us/boosterclub/halloffame or from Betty Gray at PO Box 355, Ione, OR 97843.

This year, the applications are for 1971 to 1980. The first annual took in the years 1922 to 1960, and 52 people were inducted. The second annual took in the years 1935 to 1970, and 51 people were inducted.

If you have questions, contact Jeri McElligott at 541-422-7257 or Ryan Rudolph at 541-422-7131.

Neva Hopper

Neva Hopper, 90, formerly of Heppner, died Saturday, March 10, 2012 at her home in Ashley Manor Care Center in Hermiston, OR. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, March 15, at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. A luncheon will follow at the Hermiston Eagles Lodge #2909, 160 NW 2nd Street in Hermiston. Private burial will be at the Hermiston Cemetery.



Neva Hopper

Neva was born August 5, 1921 near Bear Valley, OR, the youngest child and only daughter of Dick and Myrtle (Campbell) Stratton. Her parents came to Oregon as pioneers from Missouri in the late 1800s; they wed and homesteaded in Bear Valley. Neva learned to appreciate the simple things in life while growing up in Bear Valley, and was also instilled with a strong work ethic. She worked hard on the family ranch and honed all of the talents and skills she would later share with and instill in not only her children but also grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a strong mentor to all 18 of them.

After graduating from Grant Union High School, she moved to Spray, OR, where she met her future husband, Robert Lee Hopper. He quickly swept her off her feet and they were married on Halloween, 1942. Robert joked later that he thought it was all just a Halloween trick. This always "tempered" Neva, but it truly was a lifetime of treats.

Bob was drafted shortly after they were married and served in World War II. The oldest of their children, LeNona Lee Hutchison, was born while he was still overseas in India. After the war ended and Bob returned to Neva, they added two more boys, Lyle Ross Hopper and Loren Royce Hopper, to complete their family. After moving around a bit to John Day, Springfield and then Spray, the family finally settled in Heppner.

After years of homemaking, Neva's children were finally all in school; this gave her the time and opportunity to go to work outside the home. She took a position at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

In 1964 Bob went to work for the Umatilla Army Depot, which moved the family to live on base. Neva moved from Pioneer

Memorial Hospital to a position at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. She served in her position until her retirement years later.

Upon moving to the Hermiston area, Neva and Bob became an intimate part of the Highland Baptist Church family. Neva taught years of Sunday school, opened her home

in the summer for vacation Bible school and served in many other aspects, one of which was church secretary. After retirement, she volunteered for many causes, primarily at Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary and Hermiston's Agape House. She donated much of her time until macular degeneration took her sight in her 80s. Her faith from childhood was strong and never-ending, and this was lovingly instilled in everyone she touched. She loved the Lord and was His faithful servant up to the very end of her life.

Neva loved spending time surrounded by family and friends, and was loved by all who knew her. She enjoyed travel as well gardening, sewing, singing, cooking, playing games and spoiling the dickens out of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren every chance she got. She will be missed by all.

Neva was preceded in death by: her parents, Dick and Myrtle Stratton; her three older brothers, Carl, H. "Ray" and Clarence Stratton; husband, Robert Lee Hopper and grandson, Cody Ray Schoonover.

She is survived by: children, LeNona Hutchison, Lyle Hopper and Loren Hopper; daughters-in-law, Anna Hopper and Rene Hopper; son-in-law, Mike Hutchison; grandchildren, Robby Hutchison, Shera Hopper, Sheila Botti, Monica Curtiss and Terra Nava; and great-grandchildren, Cassidy and SharaLee Hutchison, Sierra Ibarra, Savannah Sherer, Dylan and Madison Botti, Keely Jones, Chelsa Hopper, Ainsley and Brinley Curtiss, and Emmy and Joaquin Nava.

Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Medical Center's Ladies Auxiliary. Please sign the condolence book at burnsmortuary-hermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, OR is in charge of arrangements.

Ione 4-H foods talk edible eggs

By Aaron Smythe

Six members and one guest of the second-year Ione Community Foods 4-H club met on March 8 to discuss the incredible, edible egg.

First, they took a quiz and learned fun facts about eggs. Afterward, they made Calico Meringue Cookies and Dutch Babies.

Dutch Babies puff up really high in the oven and can be topped with powdered sugar, syrup or fruit. Everyone present said they liked them.

St. Patrick's Pit Ham Dinner

Where finicky Leprechauns eat!



Saturday, March 17 from 4 - 7 p.m.

Serving: Pit Ham, Irish Potato Casserole, Green Salad, Veggie, Roll, Beverage & Homemade Pie!

Adults - \$10 / Children under 12 - \$6
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St. Patrick's Church Parish Hall
525 Gale Street (one block off Main Street)

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