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## Help me learn about Oregon

Dear publisher of the Heppner Gazette-Times, I am from New Roads School. My name is Kevin and I am in third grade. I like to watch football, and I like playing soccer.

My class is doing a project on the 50 states. I chose Oregon because I like watching Oregon play football on TV and if I go up to Oregon one day I think it would be very fun there. I wonder if it snows in Oregon.

I am learning about Oregon in books and online but I'd like to learn from people who live in Oregon. I wonder if you can please send me something that will help me learn about Oregon like pictures, newspapers, travel brochures or letters from your readers.

Thank you for taking your time to read.

Sincerely,  
Kevin  
Los Angeles, CA

Editor's note: Anyone who would like to help Kevin with his project may mail him in care of his teacher, Molly Ainsworth, at New Roads School, 2000 Stoner Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025.

## ~ 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.

## Dwight Holton for attorney general

As the Morrow County District Attorney, public safety is one of my top priorities.

It is important for Oregon voters to elect an attorney general who will work with Oregon district attorneys to protect the community. Prior to running for Oregon Attorney General, Dwight Holton spent 15 years as a United States federal prosecutor, including two years as the United State attorney for Oregon. Mr. Holton has a track record of successfully prosecuting gangs, drug traffickers and terrorists. He has helped Oregon consumers by fighting mortgage and financial fraud. Because Dwight has done all this as a tough federal prosecutor and as U.S. attorney of Oregon—we can trust him to do the same as attorney general.

My experience with Mr. Holton assures me that he will bring an outstanding level of integrity, accountability and transparency to the Oregon Department of Justice. I encourage your vote for Dwight Holton as Oregon's next attorney general.

Justin W. Nelson  
Morrow County District Attorney

## Featherstone attacks appalling

We were appalled at the poor campaign choices of Featherstone in her attack of Bill Hansell in recent publications sent to registered voters. It was a misrepresentation of information and is an assault to the leadership and community of Umatilla County, who have re-elected Hansell into office many times over. As a strong businesswoman, we expected a higher level of professionalism from Featherstone, especially considering that there will be a need for cooperation and collaboration long after the election is over.

Bill Hansell stands for integrity and honesty and always has. His campaign is about what he can do for eastern Oregon, not about the shortcomings of his opposition. He is committed to our region and has been working for the betterment of our community for many years, determined to pass it on to the next generation in a better state. We are very proud to be members of Hansell's camp.

Sincerely,  
Deacon and Erin Heideman  
Ione, OR

## Vote Featherstone for jobs, education

As an employee of Graybeal Distributing, I would like to state why I believe Maryl Featherstone is the best candidate to represent District 29 as our state senator. Family and caring for her employees have always been her top priorities. I am one of many at Graybeal Distributing who is the recipient of her trust and generosity at a point in my life when I needed it the most. There are numerous stories I've heard from employees here who have been helped by Maryl and her husband Barry. From employees recently retired from the military to college students to those with an illness, to those down on their luck, all have been given employment and the flexibility to work the best schedule for their needs. Parents are told to attend their children's assemblies and other activities... it is not an option to miss them.

I will touch on one of the major points in Maryl's campaign: the creation of jobs and a fight to bring trade education back into our high schools. Jobs and education are key points in any district and they are of the utmost importance to her. The more jobs, the more people working, the better any district becomes. All success stems from this.

Maryl has run a profitable business for years, with an educational background and long career in business before returning to Pendleton to run her family's business, Graybeal Distributing. This is the background District 29 needs for a state senator. Believe me, Maryl will fight for you and what is right. She will not back down and give in to political posturing. You may not like her toughness and tenacity, but that doesn't matter. This is the attitude and strength that will get the job done for you. Jobs and education...these are her key areas of focus. Let's stick to the issues.

Thank you,  
Deborah Wagner, Pendleton, OR

## Featherstone the liberal, not Hansell

To the editor:

In politics, the candidate with the most money has the opportunity to use superior resources to define the character of their opponent as well as paint a positive portrait of themselves. Mitt Romney used overwhelming financial resources to paint himself as a conservative Republican businessman and his opponent Rick Santorum as an inside tax-and-spend Washington politician. Romney is not a conservative Republican and Santorum is not a Washington liberal politician; nevertheless, Romney's negative portrait of Santorum prevailed.

Maryl Featherstone has painted herself as a conservative Republican and her opponent, Bill Hansell, as a tax-and-spend liberal, career politician. The question every voter must ask is, is Maryl Featherstone exhibiting the character trait of integrity necessary for the office of State Senator in 1) her claim to be a conservative Republican and 2) her attack on the integrity and character of Bill Hansell?

Maryl Featherstone changed her political party affiliation to become a Republican less than eight months ago because she knew a Democrat could not win the state senate from District 29. Maryl Featherstone is not a conservative Republican. Maryl Featherstone supports abortion, a hideous practice no conservative Republican endorses. Maryl Featherstone has never communicated or championed the core conservative Republican values of traditional marriage, family values or constitutional liberty. The truth is, Maryl Featherstone has the money to portray herself as a conservative Republican, but in reality the public has no track record to know what Maryl Featherstone really believes.

In contrast, Bill Hansell has been an open book for all Oregonians to read for over 30 years of public service. Bill Hansell has a clear record of conservative Republican actions, deeds and positions for over three decades. In addition, Bill Hansell has demonstrated the core conservative values of integrity, honesty and forthrightness that rise above party affiliation. Maryl Featherstone's claim that Bill Hansell lacks integrity and operates as a tax-and-spend politician is unsubstantiated and below the belt, and illustrates and magnifies the core of her character, not her opponent.

The next senator from District 29 must govern from a standard of core conservative values that cannot be changed for the purpose of political expediency. Bill Hansell is the only candidate that has that core standard of values necessary for our next senator.

Stuart Dick  
Irrigon, OR

## Celebrate random acts of kindness

Editor and Folks of Eastern Oregon,

On behalf of the city council of Irrigon, I would like to invite all communities of Eastern Oregon to join us on May 9, 2012. That is the day we have designated as the first annual RAK-Day in Irrigon. This will be a day to do A Random Act of Kindness—hopefully—for someone you don't even know. As the frequency and viciousness of violence increases in our society, we often feel nearly helpless to stop it or slow it down. It permeates nearly every facet of our society from computer games to movies to social media to domestic violence to our schools.

This random act does not have to be extravagant or expensive, either. It can be as simple as buying someone a cup of coffee, giving someone a flower. Just stop someone and say, "Hello, how are you today?" or compliment someone who does a good job or who is friendly and kind.... Believe me, it will make you feel just as good as the person receiving the random act. It may seem like such a small thing to do but if enough of us join in, we might just begin to change things a bit. So then, what are you going to do that day?

David Burns  
Irrigon, OR

## Pirates take over Ione elementary

The kindergarten through sixth-grade students at Ione Community School will present their music program "Pirates!" on May 3 at 7 p.m. The musical is presented by the classes of Mrs. Collin, Mrs. Orem, Mrs. Neiffer, Ms. Dowdy, Ms. McElligott and Mrs. Spivey; directed by Ms. Jordan Bemrose.

## Tea party to meet

Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots will meet Tuesday, May 8, at Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Correction

In last week's story, "Storm brings rain, flooding," it was incorrectly stated that the Heppner sewer plant overflowed during the storm. It had difficulty keeping up with the flow but did not overflow.



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

**LADIES' NIGHT**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 3RD**

**BAKED PORK CHOP DINNER**

**MOTHER'S DAY CEREMONY BEFORE LODGE**

**REMEMBER -SATURDAY, MAY 5 FISHING DERBY AT CUTSFORTH PARK OPEN TO ALL YOUTH!**

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**MOM**



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Kyle Carlson &  
Brenda Gleason

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Wedding: June 16, 2012

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541-676-5152 541-490-6681

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Saturday, May 12, 2012

**Location:**  
Morrow/Grant County OHV Park  
30 Miles South of Heppner on HWY 207

**Cost:**  
\$15.00 each or \$50.00 Family\*  
\*Family must be immediate family, children 21 and under only

**Time:**  
Sign-up: 9 am First Rider Out: 10 am  
Prizes: 3 pm Last Rider Out: 12 pm

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