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## Buckley celebrates 100 years

Alice (Rhea) Buckley will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this Thursday, July 12.

The family will be hosting an open-house birthday party for her from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at 100 years.



Alice (Rhea) Buckley

Willow Creek Terrace.

Everyone is invited to stop by, wish Alice a happy birthday, have a piece of cake and share some memories from the last

## ~ 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.

## The value of a view

The recent announcement of the Heppner Wind Project made me feel instantly ill. The thought of up to 310 wind towers in the Freezeout Ridge area made me very sad. Why? In past times of sadness, a simple drive to "the top of the hill" was for a view that could lift me out of the doldrums, a chance to get above the fog, or see a moonrise, or a thunderstorm, or blue sky with our mountains covered in a fresh blanket of snow. I could count on the view to give me a boost. The same could be said for the view enjoyed while traveling the highway to Pilot Rock—the view now threatened by this wind project.

What is the value of a view? Is it worth not living in a populated area where lights and manmade projects ruin the view? Is it worth living in an area where money may be tight but you have the land that God created and that you have cherished your whole life? That view is a non-renewable resource.

At this time, I have not heard the names of the participating landowners but, at the least, I feel sorry that they have been sucked into this. It is being shoved down the throats of Oregonians and the power is earmarked for California and Washington. Our parents, grandparents and those who have gone before us could be turning in their graves at the prospect that we might be selling our souls to the devil. I had hope that, at least, wind farms wouldn't be allowed south of Highway 74 (Pilot Rock highway) and south of Highway 206 (Condon highway) but it appears this project will be as far south as to be adjacent to Blake Ranch and near forest service land.

I hope to be able to drive to the top of "my hill" in 10, 20 or 30 years and still see that beautiful view of our mountains and foothills without the nauseating, massive white turbines by day and the obnoxious, blinking red lights at night.

P.S. If you need convinced to protect our view, I urge you to drive from Condon to Wasco, and also lower Willow Creek...just keep in mind that you might not be able to stomach seeing both areas in one trip.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Maben  
Heppner, OR

## Correction to Chronicles article

Recently brought to the attention of the Morrow County Chronicles committee is the misspelling of a family name in the 2010 edition.

On page 17, in the article entitled "Liberty School, 1885-1942," in the second paragraph, the family referred to as "Robinson" was actually the Robisons. The mispronunciation of the Robison name was not uncommon, apparently, and this led the authors to record the spelling with the extra n. Another person who attended the Liberty School with the Robison children recalls that "Robinson" was the common pronunciation among the classmates, and probably their families.

Interesting to also note on a map of the area is "Robinson" Canyon, appar-

ently named for the family. Further investigation by a curious researcher reveals in the U.S. census several individuals with the "Robinson" last name but no "Robison" listing for Hardman. Curiously, though, in the Heppner census, one finds several Robisons, including those with the same first names found under Robinson in Hardman.

As Heppner resident Leland Robison points out, the misspelling and mispronunciation of his family's name was and continues to be common. He has agreed to contribute an article about his Robison-family history to the 2013 Chronicles, which will set the record straight and add insight to another Morrow County family's history.

## Bike rodeo held in Ione



On June 26, the Ione Topic Club sponsored a bike rodeo at the Ione school grounds. Scott Carter of the Morrow County Sheriff's Department gave a safety talk to more than 20 kids, informing them of the importance of wearing helmets and having a properly-fitting bike. There also were several events in which the kids could participate and practice their bike skills. Everyone received a medal and prizes, and enjoyed snacks provided by the Topic Club members. The Topic Club also appreciated the help of the Ione Youth Group during the event. —Contributed photo

## Vacation Bible school planned

The Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church invites all local children to join them for SonRise National Park vacation Bible school July 16-21.

"We're ready for a vacation Bible school your children will never forget," says Cynthia Wenberg of the Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church. "At SonRise National Park, your children will be pointed right to Jesus."

Children who attend the VBS will sing songs, watch skits, create crafts and play games.

"Most important, they'll discover Jesus provides what they truly need in every challenge of life," Wenberg says. "We're looking forward to sharing this exciting event with the children and families in our neighborhood. We hope they will join us at SonRise National Park."

SonRise National Park VBS will take place July 16-21 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Heppner Seventh-day Adventist church, 560 N. Minor St. Call 541-676-5036 for more information.

## Farmer's market underway



The Willow Creek Farmer's Market enters its fourth week for the season this Friday, July 13. The market operates from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday in the Heppner City Park. This year's wares include fresh produce and herbs, potted plants, fresh baked goods, ice cream, used books from the Friends of the Library, local grass-fed meat, jewelry, knitting and crochet, pottery and many other arts and crafts from local vendors. —Photo by Ed Struthers

## Methodists to hold yard sale

The United Methodist Church ladies will be holding a yard sale in Ida Farra's honor at the end of July.

Ida has been a member of the Methodist church for many years; she has also owned and operated Farra's Shoe Shop for more than 65 years.

Ida thinks it is time for her to pare down and clean

out some of her used and slightly used possessions. The Methodist ladies will be helping her with this on Friday, July 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Heppner United Methodist Church basement. A plant sale will also be held in the yard.

Proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Methodist church.

## Electric rates increased as of June

Local electric rates increased by 8 percent as of the June 2012 billing cycle, according to Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative.

The increase is due to an 8.65 percent increase implemented by Bonneville Power Administration last October, which caused Columbia Basin's actual power cost to go up by 11 to 12 percent.

Columbia Basin said it initially absorbed the cost of the BPA rate increase, but decided on its own 8 percent increase after conducting a cost-of-service study in August of 2011.

## Los Temerosos at Music in the Parks



Los Temerosos

Los Temerosos will perform for Music in the Parks July 16 at 7 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park.

Los Temerosos is a mariachi band consisting of eight members. Juan Martinez plays a multitude of instruments, including trumpet, guitar, accordion and violin. Fernando Delgado plays bass guitar, and Cameron Marquez and Armando Lopez play rhythm guitars. Apolinar Sonato plays violin 1, Martel Verduzco plays violin 2 and Jose Ortiz plays violin 3; Jesus Verduzco is on the trumpet. Players' ages range from 15 to 45. Los Temerosos has been performing for the last 12 years.

The group is involved in community service and has performed in The Dalles

and Hood River, donating their time for various school functions. They assist in fundraisers for local charity events and church events, and have also performed at Down Manor for the senior citizens.

Martinez instituted a program in Mexico to teach children to play instruments, and he uses concert proceeds to donate instruments to the children. Approximately one hundred children to date have participated in the program, which currently involves six different communities.

Los Temerosos performs in various locations in the United States and are community-oriented, seeking to educate children about music.

## Community lunch menu

Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, July 18, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include roast pork, au gratin potatoes, green beans, green salad, hot rolls and Jell-O parfait.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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Effective July 18, 2012, the Fire Chief of the Town of Lexington is imposing a **CLOSED SEASON** for open burning based on local fire safety concerns. This burning ban is for the Town of Lexington. A reminder that open burning also includes a "burn barrel."

The closed season will remain in effect until further notice this fall as per ORS 478.960.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment. If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:  
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Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161  
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