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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.

**Lexington citizens instrumental in new fire hall**

The citizens of Lexington gave much encouragement and support to the town officials in getting a new fire hall completed. As the mayor's husband, I can attest to the many setbacks and struggles it took to see the project to completion. So, if you were unable to attend the ribbon cutting, I hope you can find time to visit it. It is a matter of pride that a small town was willing to undertake such a project, which will serve the town for many years to come.

Sincerely,  
Al R. Brazell  
Lexington

**August yard of the month announced**



August's Yard of the Month winners, Doug and Karen Dubuque, with cat, Lotty. -Photo by Kay Proctor

By Kay Proctor

The Heppner Garden Club announces Doug and Karen Dubuque as August's Yard of the Month recognition recipients.

Located at 125 E. Campbell Way, the Dubuque's purchased their ranch-style home in 1990 from its builder and owner, Howard Cleveland. Terracing and cement work done when the home was built in 1974 remain in good shape. Also original to the shop are deep window boxes that Karen fills with bright red geraniums, her favorite plant.

Tall locust trees shade the front yard, while a row of trimmed-up pine trees border the driveway. Karen has made a habit of constantly removing any and all fallen pine needles so vinca vine can grow unhindered beneath. Juniper shrubs were removed long ago for fire fuel prevention.

A curved sidewalk to the front door creates a planting bed filled with pink roses, hardy geranium, red peony, lavender and large rocks for interest. Nearby is a working electric lamppost original to the house.

The other side yard was recently terraced with landscape blocks by family friend, Aaron Griffith, and is a work in progress.

A charming red gate leads to the backyard, where terracing levels the hillside and a covered patio provides outdoor living space. Wind chimes and comfortable furniture add to the relaxing atmosphere. Doug recently rebuilt a wood fence along the back border.

The vegetable garden includes tomatoes and rhubarb, but a family of deer makes quick work of ripe strawberries and a nearby apple tree. Robins feast on the ripe berries of a mountain ash tree. The Dubuque's also keep a wild bird feeder

going, and hummingbirds and pheasants have visited the yard, too.

Watching over all the wildlife is Lotty, the family cat. Found and rescued in the mountains as a young kitten barely alive, the Dubuque's nursed him back to health. Karen Smith-Griffith remarked how that lucky cat "won the lottery" by having a home with Karen and Doug; thus the name, Lotty.

Some plants used throughout the yard's landscape are lilacs, Oregon Grape, Woodwardii arborvitae, hostas, bleeding hearts, coreopsis, Lily of the Valley, sedum, daisies, daylilies, salvia and roses. Karen especially appreciates starts given to her by others.

Shallow, rocky and alkaline soil is a challenge, but an underground sprinkler system and regular fertilizing keeps the lawn healthy and green. Doug states that Karen is the planner and pulls weeds while he is the "mower and worker bee."

The two first met when they were students at Heppner Elementary School and, except for service in the Navy for Doug and college, both have lived in Heppner since. Doug worked for Kinzua Mill and Karen retired from teaching at the grade school. They are both community volunteers.

When asked, neither Doug nor Karen could think of advice to offer other gardeners. They do say that they try to take good care of home and yard and work together on projects to get things done.

Leading by example is probably the best advice to offer.

Yard of the Month is sponsored by the Heppner Garden Club, the City of Heppner and MCGG Green Feed.

**Baptist church returns to morning services**

Willow Creek Baptist Church will resume having their weekly church services in the morning on Sunday, Sept. 2. They have been meeting on Sunday evening for the past two months.

Sunday school for all ages will start at 9:30 a.m., with church to follow at 10:45. There will also be a coffee hour and celebration of September birthdays this Sunday.

Willow Creek Baptist is located at 560 N. Minor in Heppner.

**Community lunch menu**

Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu is TBD.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal.

Menu is subject to change.

Happy 80th Birthday Celebration for

**Rita Hedman DeZoete**

Saturday September 8th, 1pm - 4pm  
Heppner Elks Lodge

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years."

Please join our family as we celebrate these 80 years of our cherished mother, Rita. We are creating a memory book for Rita, so bring your fondest recollections and/or photos to be included

**Local girl in spelling championship**

Olivia Schmidt of Heppner will be one of three students representing Morrow County this year at the Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship. Other county students are Ryan Ibarra of Boardman and Kaitlynn Linnell of Irrigon.

The spelling championship will take place at the Oregon State Fair in Salem on Saturday, Sept. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship is not an oral spelling bee but rather a written contest. All spellers in the same division will receive the same words.

This year's Spelling Championship will be sponsored by Oregon Spellers, an all-volunteer group

funded solely by donations. The group was formed in 2009 in response to the ODE's budget-driven decision to eliminate their state-level spelling contest. For more information, visit the Oregon Spellers' website at <http://oregonspellers.org>.

Debra Gil, from KPTV's Good Day Oregon, will be emceeing the statewide spelling contest this year. Students compete at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. First, second, and third place winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds. The audience is also invited to test their skills by spelling the contest words along with the students.

**Clinics closed for Labor Day**

Morrow County Health District has announced that Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner and Irrigon Medical Clinic will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3, for the Labor Day Holiday. Laboratory and Radiology departments at Pioneer Memorial Hospital will also be closed that day for non-emergent outpatient services.

**Parks department to meet**

Morrow County Parks will hold its quarterly meeting Monday, Sept. 17, from 1-2 p.m. in the Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op conference room.

**Fundraiser planned for Ramirez family**

South Morrow residents are asked to support the Ramirez family at a benefit dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 5 p.m. at the volleyball game when Lone High School plays against Heppner High School.

Armando and Marianna's infant son Eddy was born with a kink in his intestines and was operated on at Emmanuel Hospital in Portland the day after his birth. His intestine was

removed and, for his short life, he was fed by IV. In spite of much effort on the part of his doctors, Eddy passed away on Friday, Aug. 24.

The fundraiser is being held to support his family—Marianna, Armando and brother, Jerson—and help with the financial burden they now carry. Donations will also be accepted at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

**First Fridays Friends of Jesus**

First Fridays Friends of Jesus will meet this Friday, Aug. 31, for a morning of fun for all kids ages four to 12.

Children are invited to come to All Saints Episcopal Church on the corner of Church and Gale streets

in Heppner from 8 a.m. till noon.

The Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal Churches sponsors the event, which is free and includes Bible stories, crafts, games, singing and a delicious lunch.

**DeMayo honored at open house**



Top: Retiring city manager David DeMayo (right) was honored with an open house last week at city hall. Mayor Les Paustain presented DeMayo with the Golden Shamrock award. City council member Jo Anne Burleson presented him with a photo of the Farm Museum old time scene. Bottom: Burleson also presented Neva DeMayo with flowers. -Photos by David Sykes

We will be closed Monday for Labor Day!

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