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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.

A matchless fair queen

I had the opportunity this past summer to witness some of the best Heppner has to offer, not only for our town but also the county.

We had the good fortune to have Maggie Collins represent our court as the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen, and she did an excellent job. She jumped right in from the beginning and didn't stop until the very end.

She attended numerous functions all over the county and the state that weren't necessarily required of her, and did it with grace and a smile. She is a very personable and confident young lady.

During fair week, Maggie participated with many entries, and you would see her all dressed up doing her "queenly" duties one minute, and the next she would be mucking out her animal pen, (you don't often see a queen do this). She was very confident in her abilities whether it be the fashion revue, judging or herdsman ship.

She had the adoration of many young people who thought she was "very cool." She would take time out of her busy schedule to ask them how they were "faring" at the fair, and be genuinely interested.

In the High School news in the Gazette-Times, when asked, she answered that she wanted to attend Montana State University and study to become a veterinarian and travel the world. And you know what? I believe she will.

I know that a lot of work goes into representing the county, not only from Maggie, but all of her support staff (mom, dad, family and friends). Their jobs included taking care of and transporting her horse, making sure she got where she needed to be on time, and raising money for her travel and other incidentals (in addition to what she received from the county).

Maggie always has a smile on her face (and a hello to some young boys I know at the Round-Up parade, which made their day).

During the PRCA Rodeo, a young lady who had sung the National Anthem a hundred times, and always does a great job, couldn't quite get through the song, and Maggie very graciously stepped in and finished it. (Yes, she can sing, too.)

If I had a vote, I would vote for another year for Maggie for queen. She is someone for young girls to look up to and aspire to be like, as well.

Diana Ball, Heppner

A great bikeway ride

We want to extend our appreciation to everyone who helped give us such an enjoyable weekend ride. It was wonderful to be with so many new friends on a scenic bikeway. The Heppner crew went overboard, and we really appreciate all they did for us. We're looking forward to the next scenic bikeway tour.

Maura Schwartz and Stan Novakowski, Madras, OR

Ban any future real estate transfer taxes

Oregonians have been opposed to sales taxes of any kind for a long time, it seems. So, it is no surprise that a ballot measure like 79 should someday make an appearance. That day has arrived.

Seems that, sometime during the not-too-distant-past, the Oregon legislature hinted at the possibility of imposing a sales tax on real estate sales. As a result, Ballot Measure 79 has been born. This came about through initiative petition.

Basically, this ballot measure does not do away with any current taxes; it is primarily insurance against taxes on real estate sales being imposed at some future date.

Here is what a yes vote on 79 will mean: If this measure passes, state and local governments would be prohibited from imposing taxes, fees or assessments on the sale or transfer of any interest in real property, except those that were already in effect as of Dec. 31, 2009. (One county in the state has had a small tax in effect for some time, and it would remain in effect). If the measure fails due to a no vote, it will mean that the current law remains unchanged, prohibiting local governments from imposing real estate transfer taxes/fees (with exceptions), and allowing the state legislature to impose such taxes or fees with a 3/5 majority vote.

The passage of this measure would have no significant impact on state or local government expenditures or revenues. No new funds would be raised if the ban became permanent, and the existing fees are grandfathered by the proposal.

There are nine ballot measures this year, including one that has to do with the legalization of marijuana. Stay tuned...

Jack Meligan, Heppner
For the Willow Creek Tea Party

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:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

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Obituaries

James "Jim" C. Sumner

James "Jim" C. Sumner, 80, a longtime resident of The Dalles, OR, passed away Tuesday, September 25, 2012 surrounded by his loving family after a long battle with cancer. Recitation of the Rosary was at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 28, 2012 with the Mass of Christian Burial following at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in The Dalles, OR. Graveside service with Military Honors took place the following day, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m. at Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner.



James "Jim" C. Sumner

He was born Oct. 13, 1931, in Prineville, OR, the third of six children, to James Calvin and Geraldine (Skinner) Sumner. He attended schools in Mitchell, The Dalles and Heppner. Jim served in the Army in Korea from 1952-54.

Jim married Joan Hisler on June 29, 1952 and they celebrated their 60th anniversary this summer with family. They moved to The Dalles in 1960, where Jim managed Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. for 46 years until his retirement. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and served as chairman on the first Parish Council. He was named Oregon Knights of

Columbus Knight of the year in 1965. Jim was the Wasco County Red Cross Blood Chairman for many years. A 60-year member of BPOE, he served as Exalted Ruler in 1969-70.

Jim enjoyed golf and was a 50-year member of The Dalles Country Club. A lifelong baseball fan (Yankees), he was involved in the

Little League, Babe Ruth and American Legion programs, serving as coach and president. He was also involved in building improvements at Quinton St. Ball Park.

He is survived by: his wife, Joan; daughter, Angela (Jeff) Shearer of Lake Oswego, OR; son, Shane of The Dalles; four grandsons, Scott (Erika) of Sparks, NV, Brian of Washington, D.C., Markus Shearer of Lake Oswego, and Brent Sumner of Dufur, OR; brother, Jay Sumner of Portland, OR; and sister, Laura (Mike) Krenk of Eugene, OR.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, sister Jeanne Hansen, and brothers Tom and Jack Sumner.

Donations may be made to Heart of Hospice, Hood River, OR in Jim's memory, or to a charity of choice.

Kathryn E. "Kay" Robinson

Kathryn E. "Kay" Robinson, 82, longtime Heppner resident, died in Pendleton, OR on September 29, 2012. A funeral service was held Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012 at 11 a.m. at All Saint's Episcopal Church in Heppner, with concluding service and burial following at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.



Kathryn E. "Kay" Robinson

She was born on May 21, 1930, the youngest of three children to Edward and Lena Hughes Kelly in Heppner. She spent her school years in Monument, Madison Butte and Heppner, Oregon.

She fell in love with Creston O. Robinson after meeting him at a community dance. They were married on February 14, 1947. Later that year, they were joined by a son, Dean. In March of 1948, they moved into the house at 290 Church Street in Heppner, where she lived for the next 64 years. On July 21, 1950, they were joined by daughter, Vickie.

While raising her family, she worked at Humphrey's Drug Store, Charlie Ruggles Insurance and Ray Boyce Insurance. From January 1991 to December 1992, she was mayor of the city of Heppner. She held a position on the Heppner City Council for the years of 1989-1990, and then from 1993-2008. While a member of the city council, she was an instrumental part of Heppner receiving their first structure fire

truck. Kathryn was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Heppner City Council in 2008. She was also a 25-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She loved playing bridge, music, reading and camping in her spare time. She took great pleasure from spending time with her family, friends and, especially, her morning coffee group. She had a great love of animals, especially dogs. She adored her family from her siblings to her youngest great-great-grandchild. Family was precious to her.

Kathryn is survived by: her husband, Creston of Pendleton, OR; son, Dean (Florene) Robinson of Heppner; sister Eileen Saling of Heppner; grandchildren, Ryan (Kristi) Magill of Pendleton, Stefani (Troy) Simmons of Roberts, ID, Natalie Slayton of Kennewick, WA and Jacklyn Robinson of Kennewick; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by: daughter, Vickie Magill; brother, Robert Kelly; and parents, Edward and Lena Kelly.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the American Cancer Society Oregon Division, 0330 S.W. Curry St., Portland, OR 97239.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral notice

Loren Woodside—Loren Woodside, 82, passed away Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012. Services will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 at 11 a.m. at Memories at Sunset Event Center, 915 Bypass Hwy. Richland, WA. For direction or more information, visit www.memoriesatsunset.com.

An obituary will be forthcoming.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk has issued the following marriage licenses:

September 27: -Gabino Gonzalez, 32, of Boardman and Imelda Navarro, 26, of Boardman.

Rebekahs plan craft bazaar

The second annual Holly Rebekah harvest craft bazaar will be held on Oct. 13 at the Lodge Hall in Lexington from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is the main fundraiser for the vocational scholarship given by Holly Rebekah Lodge to a graduating senior from both Heppner and Lone high schools. The scholarship is available

to students who plan on attending vocational/trade schools (such as lineman, beauty, diesel and business).

Concessions will be available. Door prizes will be given throughout the day. A few table spaces are still available. Call 541-676-5223 for more information.

Festival, haunted house planned

A fall festival and haunted house will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Sunday, Oct. 28.

A craft bazaar will take place from 2-6 p.m. and will include crafts, pies and pastries, movies for the little ones and "plenty of scares to go around." Tables for the bazaar are \$10 each; call Glenda Taylor at 541-571-4533 or 541-422-7026 to reserve a table.

ages will run from 4-6 p.m., admission \$3. A second haunted house for those who dare—and are 11 and up—will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m., with a \$4 admission. Visitors are invited to bring a donation of a can of food for a dollar off admission.

This event is brought to the community by the Morrow County 4-H Ambassadors.

Bingo planned at Lexington lodge

Bingo will once again be a weekly event at the Lodge Hall in Lexington, starting this Thursday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m. The cost is 25 cents per card. Participants are asked to bring snacks. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in Lexington sponsor this event.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW LUNCH SPECIALS!!!
Thursday- Mustang Meatball Sub
Friday- Pulled Pork sandwich

Heppner and Lone Homecoming
Friday, October 5

TRY OUR HOMECOMING ESPRESSO SPECIALS-
THE HUSKY CRUSHER & WE'RE NUTS FOR HEPPNER

Don't forget to come pick out your corsages

Corsages & boutonnieres will be available at Lone Market Starting October 3

We have Halloween items!!!

Come check out our Christmas sidewalk sale-Friday October 5th 9 am- 3

Wedding Tables
Andrew Johnson & Holly Warne
October 6, 2012

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