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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 very complicated weed

Probably the most complicated ballot measure of all is Measure 80, which has to do with marijuana legalization. Here are just a few important points to consider when deciding how to vote on this measure:

1. There is a difference between hemp and marijuana. Hemp is a valuable product that has many very beneficial uses and applications and contains none of the ingredients that cause a high, as does marijuana. However, they are both members of the cannabis family, and the federal government has classified both as illegal substances. Both hemp and marijuana are being addressed in this measure, adding much to the complexity. You might lean toward a yes on hemp but no on marijuana, or vice versa. So, what to do? This one mandates some serious research in order to arrive at a decision.

2. A new commission will be set up to license qualified marijuana growers, very similar to the current alcohol commission. Several states are dealing with this issue, but they are all incorporating the regulatory aspects into their already-existing agencies such as liquor control, etc. Oregon is the only state that will set up a new commission. By voting yes, you would be voting for another bureaucracy in the state.

3. If this measure were to pass, it would automatically conflict with current federal law. If this measure passes, the state attorney general will be required to defend anyone who exercises their Oregon rights but who comes into conflict with federal law.

4. The war on drugs has not been any more successful than the war on poverty. It seems we are getting good at losing every war that we get involved in. By voting yes on this, you would be putting marijuana in the same camp as alcohol. It would not be illegal to possess but would be controlled much in the same way as alcohol. The cost associated with the war would go away.

5. One of the no arguments is that, with legalization, marijuana use would get completely out of control. Statistics from other countries counter this argument. For example, the Netherlands and Portugal have completely legalized it and have not seen any increase in usage.

6. Current medical marijuana users will not be affected either way. Laws won't change with regard to the medical use.

How about the justice aspects? We have heard a lot about financial scandals of late, such as the Bernie Madoff affair, etc. Some of these amount to monumental crimes but most of the perpetrators are not being prosecuted. However, there are untold numbers of our kids who are serving time for possession and use of marijuana. Could it be that there has been an over-emphasis on enforcement of seemingly minor crimes yet no enforcement for the well-connected?

Certainly looks that way, but there is more to this than a simple comparison. This little treatise barely does justice to the subject. Best talk this one over with a few people and get out the books, or use the Internet and do your own research. Right now the polls indicate that this will be a close one. Your vote could be the tie breaker.

Jack Meligan, Heppner
For the Willow Creek Tea Party

Hampton serves with distinction

Editor:
Lynn Hampton is my candidate for circuit court judge. I believe that her broad legal experience as an attorney for more than 30 years in this area have prepared her to serve. She is bright, knows the law and knows her way around a courtroom.

I was pleased when the governor appointed her, almost two years ago, as one of the first two female judges in the Sixth Judicial District. She and Judge Eva Temple made local legal history when they were appointed, and have served with distinction ever since.

Judge Hampton has sat as a trial judge in a large number of criminal and civil cases in the last two years. She has shown that she has the legal expertise and temperament to be an outstanding judge. She makes a point of treating those persons who appear in her court without an attorney with the same degree of respect as those who have attorneys. She knows that it is important for everyone to have their day in court. She is a good listener.

For all of these reasons, I urge the voters of Umatilla and Morrow counties to please cast their vote for her in November.

Leslie Weimer, Hermiston, OR

Attend bullying workshop Oct. 22

To the Editor:
I have been part of the group S.A.F.E. (Suicide Awareness for Everyone) in Gilliam County for more than a year now. There have been some awesome strides taken and something new to be learned every day. I would like to encourage everyone to attend the presentation that is going to be at Condon High School gymnasium on Monday, Oct. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The speakers have heard Gilliam County's "story" and agreed to come here for a reduced price to share their knowledge and wisdom on the topic of "Bullying and Cyber-bullying." SAFE has invited all the surrounding area schools to bring their students and, as of this writing, Mitchell, Spray, Fossil, Heppner, Sherman and Arlington schools are going to participate. I am pleased this opportunity will be taken advantage of by so many schools; busing is expensive and I'm delighted they realize that it will be worth the cost and time. The public is also invited and we hope to see many community members. Our youth are our most valuable asset and any way that we can encourage them and learn skills to help them in today's world will be rewarding.

I'm very proud to be a part of this group and, when we know we've helped someone, we've reached our goal. We can't afford to stick our heads in the sand and hope that our children will not suffer bullying, which could lead to tragedy. Regardless of which county or school we are from, we are connected through school activities, rodeo, friends and relatives. When one of us is hurting, it affects all of us. All of us may not be blood related but we are 'family.'

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 21, we will be showing "To Save a Life" at the Liberty Theater in Condon at 3 p.m. Sean Afaible, one of the actors from this movie, will be the main speaker the next day at the assembly. The other speaker, Jared Hernandez, is from "Disney 365."

The schools and all the local businesses have helped create this opportunity of a rare occasion to host a speaker of this caliber to our communities.

I hope to see many of you there on Oct. 22.
Rene Monahan-Durfey, Condon OR

Benefit dinner planned for Elgin

The Heppner Elks Lodge will be holding a benefit dinner for Ann Elgin, lounge manager at the lodge, on Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. The officers and members will prepare a barbecue chicken dinner, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, and dessert for \$10 per person; donations will also be accepted. The proceeds will help defray the medical costs incurred by a recent fall requiring surgery and associated illnesses.

Anyone interested in donating items for a general raffle or an auction to go along with the benefit dinner, contact Josh Coiner at 541-701-7101 or coinerj@gmail.com, or contact the Elks lodge.

Chapa, Drane to wed



Jodi Chapa and Willie Drane

Jodi K. Chapa and Willie R. Drane, both of Heppner, are pleased to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Marlana Luther, also of Heppner. Chapa is the owner of Sweet Produc-

tions restaurant and bakery in Heppner.

The groom-elect is employed by the Northwestern Motel in Heppner.

The couple plans to wed on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2013 in Heppner.

Kinzua lunch group

The Kinzua lunch group is undergoing a change of plans for October. The powers that be—this month it is Bonnie and Marilyn—decided for a change, so the group will be meeting in John Day at the Snaffle Bit on Oct. 19 at 11:30 a.m. The Snaffle Bit is on the highway to Canyon City.

Quilter's Roundup/Artisan Village Main Street in Heppner is participating in **Sew Oregon-Oregon's 6th annual statewide Shop Hop Oct. 5-21**. Drawings for a tote bag/three quilters' samples valued at \$175 to be awarded from the local shop in addition to local prizes

CHECK OUT OUR NEW DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS!!!

THURSDAY (11th)- Murray's Special Reuben w/ Salad \$7.50

FRIDAY (12th)- Mustang Meatball Sub \$7.50

MONDAY (15th)- Beef Stroganoff w/ salad \$5.50

TUESDAY (16th)- Grilled Cheese w/ Tomato Soup \$ 5.50

Bread Pudding \$3.00

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Account set up for Kendrick family

An account is in the process of being established at the Bank of Eastern Oregon for Andre Kendrick, lone, who was injured in an accident on Sept. 28.

A spokesperson said that, since Kendrick had no insurance, anyone interested in helping the family cover medical or travel expenses may donate at any of the Bank of Eastern Oregon branches. Dinners, raffles

and other fundraising activities will also be held.

After being pinned between two vehicles, Kendrick was airlifted in critical condition to Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, WA. He was discharged on Oct. 4 and was able to return home in time to see his daughter, who was selected as a princess on the Ione High School Homecoming court.

Community lunch menu

Nazarene and Seventh-day Adventist church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include buttered cod filets, potatoes au gratin, green beans, green salad, bread sticks and cake. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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