

~ Letters to the Editor ~

Obituaries

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.

Write-in for SWCD

Editor,
General Election ballots will be in the mailboxes of registered voters beginning Oct. 19 with a mail-in due date of Tuesday, Nov. 6. On your ballot will be a section for Directors of Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District. Because paperwork missed the deadline to arrive in Salem, additional paperwork was filed declaring a candidate's intention to file as a write-in candidate.

Under election rules specific to soil and water conservation districts, votes will only be counted if the write-in paperwork has been filed, and votes must be written in for the exact position filed for. When voting, I urge you to write in Jim McElligott for Zone 3, Duane Neiffer At-Large 1, and Barney Lindsay At-Large 2.

No one has filed for Zone 1-Boardman area or Zone 2-Irrigon area.

Morrow SWCD is charged with directing programs to protect local, renewable natural resources in Morrow County. Representation from Boardman and Irrigon is important to the mission and purpose of Morrow SWCD, and interested landowners in those areas are urged to contact the district office at 541-676-5452 for eligibility requirements and filing deadlines.

Judy Barber, Heppner
Director, Morrow SWCD

Vote Rea for commissioner

To The Editor
We are writing in support of LeAnn Rea for county commissioner.

LeAnn has served four years as county commissioner and has proven to be diligent in her efforts to serve the residents of Morrow County, and has always been willing to listen to peoples' concerns. She is currently serving on various committees as a representative of the county and she has a good record of attending these many meetings.

We believe that LeAnn's record in her first term gives her the much-needed experience in the diverse functions of county government, and a steady and firm hand on budget issues.

Please join us in voting for LeAnn Rea for county commissioner.

Larry and Betty Mills, Heppner

**ALL NEWS DEADLINE:
Mondays at 5 p.m.**

Minthorn for senate

To the Editor:
There are two men offering to serve as our representative in the Oregon State Senate. One has a postal address of Adams, OR and the other Athena, OR. Both have served in elected positions in their respective jurisdiction for the past 20+ years. The Adams candidate served as Chairman of the Tribal General Council and as Chair of the Tribal Board of Trustees. The Athena candidate served as a member and, on a rotating basis, Chair, of a county commission.

The Adams candidate, Antone Minthorn, has lived with a vision of a sustainable economy and dedicated his life to realize that dream. He has seen that dedication come into reality on the Umatilla Reservation and its surrounding environs. He realizes the impact that technology and globalization have had on our daily lives as well as on our livelihoods. His dedication has not been restricted to the Umatilla Reservation, but he has been active in the development of the Umatilla Basin project and is serving on the Columbia Gorge Commission, as well as many other regional boards and commissions. Minthorn knows the potential of utilizing District 29's natural resources... its water, timber, agricultural lands, ports, manufacturing potential and scenic wonders from Celilo Falls to Hell's Canyon. He has been asked to share that experience and knowledge to benefit all of us in district. He knows that education must be available to our children to cope with the changes that evolve. He knows that affordable accessible health care is vital to a sustainable economy. His leadership style is one of collaboration involving all concerned parties and negotiation as a key to successful outcomes.

I respect and admire Antone Minthorn's vision and encourage those with vision in Wallowa, Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco Counties to vote for Antone Minthorn to be our voice in the Oregon State Senate.

Bruce Campbell, Milton-Freewater, OR

CBEC announces photo contest

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op has announced it will be holding its annual photography contest this fall. The cooperative is looking for entries from which to select quality prints to be enlarged and put on permanent display.

Entries will be received at both the Condon and Heppner offices now through Thursday, Oct. 25, closing at 5 p.m. Entries must be photographs, either standard or digital, color or black and white, and taken within the CBEC service territory, with some indication or reference to electricity or electrical infrastructure. This required element may be very minor, however. A panel appointed by CBEC will perform independent judging of entries. Judges' decisions will be final. There will be two entry classes: entries of people/animals and entries of landscapes/general interest. The same photo may be entered in both classes if desired, but a copy for each class will be required. Eight by 10 photos are preferred, but smaller entries are allowed.

First, second and third place will be awarded for each class, with prizes of \$50 for first, \$35 for second, and \$15 for third.

Entrants will agree to allow CBEC to enlarge, frame and permanently display winning entries at CBEC's discretion, with no compensation or value paid. Appropriate recognition will be noted of entrant. All entrants must be members/consumers of CBEC. No single entrant may submit more than four entries in any one class.

Of note this year is an additional black and white class of entry. A theme of "This is Our Service Territory!" has been adopted for this category, with an extra prize of \$50 to the selected entry.

Anyone wishing additional information or details may call Tom Wolff at CBEC's Heppner office at 676-9146.

Hazel H. Miller

Hazel H. Miller, lifelong Morrow County resident, died on October 11, 2012 in Heppner at the age of 104. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 20, at 10 a.m. at the Boardman Community Church, Boardman, OR. Burial will follow at the Boardman Cemetery in Boardman.

Board for many years. She enjoyed reading the Bible, crocheting and playing pinochle.

She is survived by: her son, Jim Miller and his wife Margaret of Overgard,

AZ; daughters, Mildred Baker her husband Harold, Grace Carpenter, and Pat Miller and her husband Bob, all of Boardman; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great grandchild.

Hazel was preceded in death by: her husband; daughter, Lola Jane Miller; sister, Bertha Heald; and four brothers, Wilbur "Wib," Kenny, Berl and Elby Akers.

Contributions may be made in Hazel's memory to the Pioneer Memorial Hospice or the Boardman Community Church.

Please sign the condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, OR is in charge of arrangements.



Hazel H. Miller

CANDIDATES' FORUM

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Rea said our historic courthouse needs lots of maintenance and she wants to see it taken care of.

"I am not ready to bail on the building. And I want to see money spent on our roads," she said.

State Senate District 29

Running for State Senate District 29 are Bill Hansell and Antone Minthorn.

Hansell said he is fifth generation in the area, with his great-grandparents coming over on the Oregon Trail. He has been 30 years on the Umatilla County Commission.

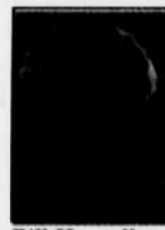
Hansell said two huge

issues facing Oregonians are education and Health and Human Services, and the problems of erratic funding of these programs with the state income tax.

Hansell said he is opposed to the measure on the ballot to allow casinos on non-tribal land, saying we would end up with casinos all across the state.

Minthorn, who has been 25 years on the Umatilla Indian Tribal Council, says using water from the Columbia needs to be balanced between power, salmon and navigation uses.

"Water is a very powerful resource," he says, "and we have to manage it very carefully."



Bill Hansell



Antone Minthorn

CBEC plans annual meeting, luncheon

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative (CBEC) will hold its annual meeting and luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 1, at the American Legion Hall in Ione. Attendees are asked to note that this is a lunch meeting rather than a dinner meeting as in the past. Registration begins at 11:15 a.m. with lunch at noon and the meeting to follow. Door prizes will be given out. This luncheon is free to all customers in CBEC's service territory

'Tyranny of the Minority' presentation planned

Retired obstetrician and gynecologist Richard Thorne, MD, will give a pro-life presentation titled, "Tyranny of the Minority: Attacks against conscience and religious beliefs," on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 12:45 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner.

Thorne's presentation will focus on the attacks taking place in America

against religious conscience and religious belief in the necessity of morality. Everyone who is concerned with the moral degradation of the world and country is invited to attend Thorne's presentation.

Richard Thorne, MD, was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. He is a graduate of Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, Chicago; he did his internship and OB/GYN residency at USC-LA County. He was a Major in the Army Medical Corps, Fort Riley, KS and had private practice in Albany and Salem, OR, specializing in infertility and gynecology. Thorne retired from private practice in 2000 and lives in Redmond, OR.

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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
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