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Dye achieves Eagle Scout

On Feb. 2, 2013, Zachary Dye was honored with his Eagle Scout rank. The Eagle rank is a significant accomplishment for any Scout and can only be achieved through commitment and hard work.

Zachary is a senior at Almira Coulee Hartline High School in Coulee City, WA. He is the son of Kristine Fishburn-Dye and Dave Dye. He is the grandson of Earl and Peggy Fishburn of Heppner.



Zachary Dye, grandson of Earl and Peggy Fishburn of Heppner, recently obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. —Contributed photo

IONE STUDENT FIREFIGHTER

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gan. "He works through it."

Nor does Syverson intend to use the disability as an excuse going forward. He says he intends to attend Central Oregon Community College and study wildland firefighting after graduation. He says wildland firefighting is his choice not only because it is what he knows best, but also because he's fascinated by the dynamics of it.

"That is what I have really grown an interest in,"

says Syverson, adding that the Firefighter I training mostly involved structure fires. "Our department is mostly wildland firefighting. I've really fallen in love with wildland firefighting, how the weather can affect it, from being a small yard fire to one that covers thousands of acres."

"I'm gonna pursue the dream," he says. "I'm going to prove to everybody that somebody with a disability can still become a firefighter."

Community lunch menu

United Methodist Church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include fish and chips, coleslaw, apple salad and spice cake. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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Obituaries

Larry Dean Hill

Larry Dean Hill, 66, of Portland, died from complications of kidney disease on February 5, 2013. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, February 23, at 2 p.m. at Springbox Gallery, 2234 NW 24th, Portland, OR.

Larry was born August 6, 1946, in Pendleton, OR, to the late Wilberm "Archie" and Gladys (Casebeer) Hill. He lived his early life in Heppner, before moving to Cedar Mill, OR and graduating from Sunset High School in 1964.

Larry served in the U.S. Navy in Naval Intelligence, stationed in Adak, AK and Japan. Later, he worked in Washington, D.C., for RCA World Communications and the Central Intelligence Agency. He then returned to Portland and joined Franklin Printing, from which

he retired in 2009, due to illness.

He was passionate about Oregon, loved road trips and was at his best driving through the Blue Mountains of Morrow County or exploring the coast. He was fiercely loyal to his family and friends, and loved socializing, dining out and relaxing during the cocktail hour. Larry is survived by: his partner of 40 years, Lowell Stuck; two sisters, June Evans of Aloha, OR and Joan Jarvis of Beaverton, OR; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by: his parents and a brother, Edwin L. Hill.

Remembrances can be made to the Heppner Elks Lodge #358, Heppner, OR.

Nordic ski club has 'bushwhacking' good time



This weekend, the local Nordic ski club had a small group out to enjoy the sun and blue skies. They say it was warm enough that they lunched in the sunshine, no warming fire necessary. Due to icy conditions, though, they altered their route and ended up exploring East Ditch Creek. The main stem of Ditch Creek has a few small areas of open water, so they had to change course a few times. The group climbed up to the 5322 road and then returned to the vehicles along the 53 road. The route around the open water and the climb up to the 5322, they said, occasionally required some bushwhacking, but everyone pulled through. —Contributed photo

Chamber lunch meeting

This week's lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, Feb. 21, in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. The meeting will be hosted by Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conjunction with their annual meeting.

Carla McLane will be the guest speaker and she will be sharing about accommodating temporary

workforce on upcoming Morrow County opportunities and the new Morrow County Citizens Economic Development Task Force, which is working to take advantage of this economic development opportunity.

Lunch is free, but attendees were required to RSVP. Alvin Liu of Cornerstone Gallery will cater.

Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than noon the Wednesday before to accommodate enough meals.

Kinzua lunch group

The monthly Kinzua Lunch Group met at RJ's in Fossil on Feb. 15. Those attending were Dick Schmidt, Jack Palmer, John McCulloch, OL and Jean Ann Adams, John and Midge Geer, Bob and Lavonne Slinkard, Cistie Shaffer, Montell McDonald, Windy Liptak, Pat Hyatt and Marilyn Garcia. The next lunch will be at Service Creek on March 15.

~ 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.

Proposed display an enhancement, not a detraction

Councilors and Citizens,

The proposed display of Native Americans gathering local foods harvested in the Heppner area, and a supporting narrative, will not compete with our St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Instead, it will provide an educational tool to inform visitors of the richness and diversity of our history. The Heppner Chamber of Commerce has worked hard during the past two years to draw bicyclists to our scenic landscape. This activity (cycling) appeals particularly to families as well as to the educated/cultured elite. These people actively seek museums and other historical exhibits to learn about the areas they are visiting. They talk with their friends and acquaintances, and their word-of-mouth advertising is the best that we could ask for. Our St. Patrick's celebration lasts for four days; that leaves 361 days for people to visit Heppner for other reasons.

The current layout of Heritage Park lends itself to this type of display. It would be congruent.

At the north end of the park is the Ag museum. Proceeding south, we encounter a wagon, typical of those used on the Oregon Trail. Next, we encounter a device used to haul logs to a local lumber mill. At the southern end, we encounter Memorial Park with its display about the 1903 flood, and the war dead of World War I and World War II from Morrow County. A Native American display fits nicely with the flow of existing displays.

Finally, there is the issue of history itself. The strong Irish influx into our area was largely the result of the Irish Potato Famine, which drove the Irish to migrate elsewhere. The influx of Irish and their chapter in the history of our area lasted for a few decades before they were assimilated with the local inhabitants. Their descendants are among us, and we rightly celebrate their contribution to our area.

Recently in Oregon, in a cave (Paisley cave?), evidence was found of people living in Oregon 14,000 years ago. Do we ignore the centuries of time that the Native Americans occupied this area? For centuries the Native Americans realized that sustainability is a key element to what the land can yield for both plants and animals. We have just discovered this in the 21st Century. The proposed display of Native Americans gathering food would serve to enhance our community in the eyes of those who visit here. We should learn from and work with them for our county's good.

For Your Consideration,
Dave DeMayo, Heppner

'Remember and honor' first people

To the editor,

Regarding the article, "City again discussing Heritage Park Indian sculpture."

My answer to that: Long before the Irish came, the local Indian tribes used the area mountains and meadows for digging camas roots and gathering other foods. Then our government, in their great wisdom, rounded up the Indians and put them on the small patch of land called the reservation, which freed up the land for the Irish immigrants to buy, and raise their families and flocks of sheep on. Yes, the Irish did make Heppner a thriving community, where I enjoy living.

However, we do "remember and honor" the Irish daily with the big green Shamrock in the middle of Main Street, plus the extended weekend of St. Patrick's Day with a great time, the banners up and down Main Street for a month or so, the Irish flag on the IOOF building for three months, and the name of St. Patrick on the Catholic church and the Heppner senior center. Enough Irish already. (I have no Irish in my DNA.)

So, I would be delighted to see the Indian-themed sculpture installed in the Heritage Plaza to "remember and honor" the first inhabitants of our area. Thank you to Dave DeMayo for his work on this. (Yes, I do have a smidgen of Indian in my DNA.)

We definitely do not need a deer sculpture, as they are numerous in the hills around town, and in all the yards and streets and driveways of town. We see the real thing every day and night.

And, last but not least, in the same article, I see the Wildhorse Foundation is making a donation to the city hall for handicap-accessible doors. The Indian foundation has made numerous donations to various groups and organizations in the county, including the one to the senior center for the dining room tables, which are used by many. Don't those donation dollars deserve some recognition?

Anna Schwarzin, Heppner

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