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**Obituaries**

**LeRoy Keith Rea**

LeRoy Keith Rea, 55, formerly of Ione, died February 22, 2013, in Pendleton, OR. A service will be held Friday, March 1, at 2 p.m. at Ione Community Church.

LeRoy was born August 19, 1957, in Heppner, to Keith and Judy Rea. He graduated from Ione High School in 1976.

During his working years he held jobs with Union Pacific, in agriculture, for the Port of Morrow and at the coal-fire plant through the Carpenter's Union LU No. 306. Most recently, he lived in Ken-

newick, WA, where he enjoyed being close to his son Koby, Koby's wife Sarah and their two daughters, Ryleigh and Brynleigh.

LeRoy was known for being fearless, kind and well-liked.

He is survived by many family members, including children, grandchildren, parents, brothers, aunts, uncles, friends and his constant four-legged companion, "Oliver Bump."

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Diabetes Association at 4380 SW Macadam Ave., Portland, OR 97239.



LeRoy Keith Rea

~ 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.

**Heppner the 'Irish Capital of Oregon'**

To the editor,  
I am writing this letter in regard to the comments made by Mr. DeMayo and Anna Schwarzin in last week's paper.

My first reaction was that Mr. DeMayo is not from this area, and that Anna must be very angry at all the emphasis placed on the "Irish" heritage in our community.

I am not sorry that we have a shamrock in the middle of Main Street or the flag on the IOOF building, the church named after St. Patrick, or that same name on the senior center. I guess we shouldn't have the banners with the names of Irish families and the counties in Ireland from where they emigrated.

Heppner has been called the "Irish Capital of Oregon." This is what makes us special. Just as Pendleton is known for the Round-Up...which, by the way, honors the cowboys and Indians.

Besides being a reunion for many, this celebration has become an economic boost for our town. It not only benefits our businesses but also our churches, athletic and school programs, and other organizations.

I am sorry, Anna, if celebrating our Irish heritage makes you so unhappy. Maybe Mr. DeMayo and you can plan an "Indian" celebration, since there are 361 days left to promote Heppner.

Evidently, Mr. DeMayo has forgotten about our wonderful fair and rodeo.

In the end, it is not a "statue" that brings visitors to town. We have two wonderful museums that showcase the history of our ancestors.

Sincerely,  
Shanny Miller, Heppner

**Rejecting digger sculpture 'slap in the face' to Indians**

To the editor,  
Regarding the Heritage plaza "Indian versus Irish" sculpture:

The Wildhorse Foundation's original offer was to design the Indian sculpture (for free, as I understand it) and, most likely, give a grant for part of the actual work of casting, or installing. I feel that rejecting the Indian sculpture is almost a "slap in the face" to the Indians.

So, who would design the Irish sculpture, and how many city dollars would that take? I wouldn't think the grant from the Wildhorse Foundation would be offered for that. I still think the big green shamrock on Main Street is enough daily remembrance of all the Irish heritage.

How about a public meeting with some facts and figures, and a chance for the town people to "vote," or at least have a say in the matter?

(s) Anna Schwarzin, Heppner

**Morter, Myers plan May wedding**



Matt Myers and Julie Morter

Roger and Carla Morter of Heppner are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Morter of Great Falls, MT, to Matt Myers of Big Sandy, MT.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hermiston Christian School in Hermiston, OR. She then received a degree from the University of Idaho in Moscow, ID. She now works for the Center for Mental Health in Great Falls.

The groom-to-be is the son of Larry Myers of Big Sandy and Julie Myers of Great Falls. He graduated from Big Sandy High School and then attended the University of Idaho and Montana State University in Bozeman, MT. He now farms in the Big Sandy area.

The couple will exchange vows on May 5, 2013 at Beacon Hill in Spokane, WA.

**Anna Mae Steagall**

Anna Mae Steagall, 85, of Heppner, passed away Sunday, February 3, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, February 9, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery, with a reception to follow at St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall.

She was born February 23, 1927 in St. Charles, VA, the daughter of Elmer R. and Della F. Barnett Parson. She was raised and attended school in St. Charles, where she graduated from high school.

At the end of World War II, she married Army veteran George A. Steagall of Virginia; they were married in Harlan, KY on April 17, 1946. Long-time residents of Morrow County, they moved to the Heppner area in 1947. Preceding her husband's death in 2009, they were married 63 years.

Anna Mae loved people, music, playing guitar and singing. She played guitar and sang lead in a

local country band during the '60s.

She devoted her married life to her husband and children. She had a particular love for children with special needs, and always spoke very highly of the friendliness and kindness of the residents of Morrow County.

Survivors include: daughters, Brenda Ratcliff and husband John, and Vicki Duvall and husband Rick; son, George Steagall II; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Williams of Kingsport, TN; one brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: her husband George and her son Thomas "Tommy" Steagall.

Memorial contributions may be made to Willow Creek Terrace, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.



Anna Mae Steagall

**Death Notice**

**Dorothy Heard**—Dorothy Heard, 100, of Milton-Freewater died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013. She was born September 21, 1912. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, Milton-Freewater, is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Heard, along with her husband, Charlie, were former owners and publishers of the Heppner Gazette-Times newspaper.

**Chamber lunch meeting cancelled**

There will be no lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce this Thursday, Feb. 28. The next chamber meeting will be held on Thursday, March 7, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. The meeting will be an all entities report.

Cost of lunch is \$10. Willow Creek Diner will cater.

Lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than Tuesday, March 5.

**Ione school to hold carnival**

The Ione Community School annual elementary carnival will take place March 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. Community members are invited to join in for pizza, salad, booths, a jumping castle and bingo. A number of door prize baskets will be given away, and there will be a raffle for a basketball hoop with basketball and a set of Legos with a Lego idea book.

**Ski club ends season**



The Arbuckle Nordic ski club experienced excellent ski conditions this weekend. Club members said they expected it to be windy and snowy, but the sun was out and they glided along on four inches of new powder. They tried the west side of the forest, parking at the junction of Highway 207 and road 350 and traveling to the west, making a loop that brought them back to the vehicles. The lunchtime fire was crowded and busy with a dozen skiers and about half a dozen ski dogs. "These ski dogs run about five times the distance we ski, so they are pretty hungry when the sandwiches and hot dogs are pulled out of the backpacks. They are not picky; pay close attention to your hot dog or you'll lose it!" said club member Bill Ewing. This will be the club's last weekend for one-day ski outings, though a few people will be skiing next weekend to a local cabin for a two-night stay. —Contributed photo

**First Friday is here**

The calendar turns to March, and that means it's time for the next session of First Friday Friends of Jesus.

All children in the community ages four through 12 are invited to the parish hall at All Saints Episcopal Church for a morning filled with Bible stories, skits, crafts, games and a free lunch. The program begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at noon. Newcomers are always welcome.

For more information, call the Shared Ministry office at 541-676-9970.

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  - MONDAY (4th)- Beef Stew
  - TUESDAY (5th)- Beef & Pepper Subs
  - WEDNESDAY (6th)- Spaghetti w/ Bread Stick
  - THURSDAY (7th)- Chilli
  - FRIDAY(8th)- Clam Chowder

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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)