

Ione school rewards patience



The following Ione Community School students received awards for showing patience during the month of February. Teachers were looking for students who were able to work on something for a long period of time and able to be calm when asked to wait. Awards were given to kindergarten, Hailee Peck; first grade, John McElligott; second grade, Madison Orem; third grade, Anthony Villegas; fourth grade, Larysa Burright; fifth grade, Madie Alldritt; and sixth grade, Tyler Carter (not pictured). —Contributed photo

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 on June 30 and run for year terms; Irrigon Community Park & Recreation District, positions 1, 5, 3 and 4 with four year terms; Boardman Park & Recreation District, two directors at large with four year terms; Ione School District, positions 3, 4 and 5 with four year terms; Morrow County School District, positions 2, 6 and 7 with four year terms; Morrow County Health District, positions 1, 2 and 3 with four year terms; Heppner Water Control District, two directors at large with four year terms.

Terms of Office start

on June 30 and run for four years. If there's been a vacancy in the district, the term would be the remainder of the unexpired term, making it a two-year term.

According to county clerk Bobbi Childers, candidates for these positions are required to file a District Nomination form with the Morrow County Clerk by 5 p.m. on March 21.

A \$10 filing fee or 25 signatures of eligible Morrow County electors within the district is required of all candidates.

For more information call Childers at 541-676-5601.

Irish stew feed menu changing

Something new is going to happen this year. Instead of Mrs. O'Leary's Irish Stew Feed on Friday, March 15, the Heppner United Methodist Church will be putting on Mrs. O'Leary's Irish Spud Bar for the Friday evening meal. Live music will be a new feature at this year's event.

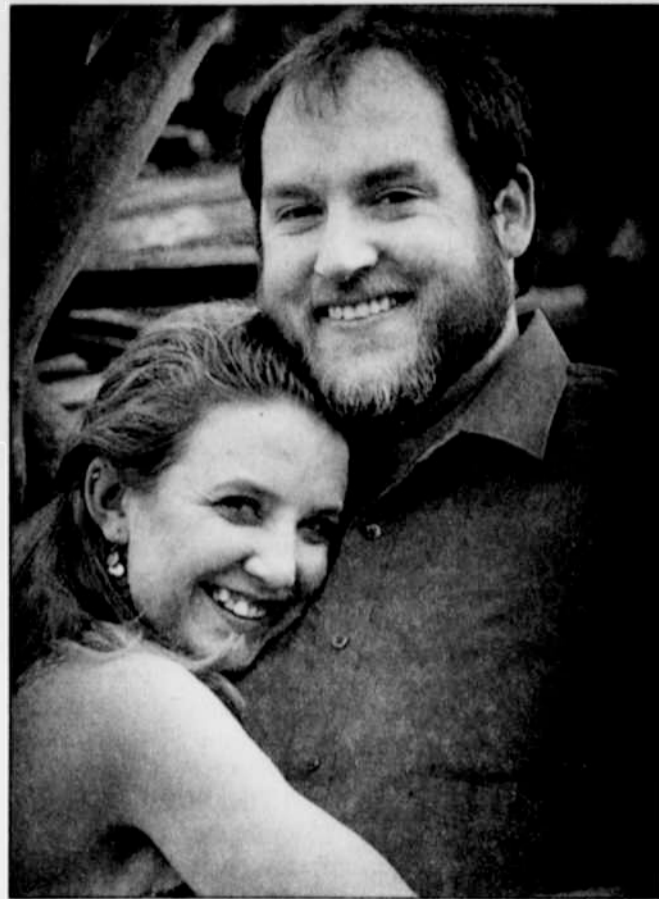
After many years of organizing the St. Patrick's Irish Stew Feed, Jean Brazzell is hanging up her apron and taking a much-anticipated respite. The new or-

ganizer, Patty Nance, with the help of the Heppner United Methodist Women, decided to try something new.

This year, the meal will be a spud bar, which includes a potato with choices of many different toppings, a salad, beverage and dessert.

The meal will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages six to 12, and free for children under six.

Levosky, Bennetto plan May wedding



Kara Levosky and Cory Bennetto

Kenneth and Tyra Levosky of Windsor, CO are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara L. Levosky of Windsor, to Cory C. Bennetto, formerly of Ione.

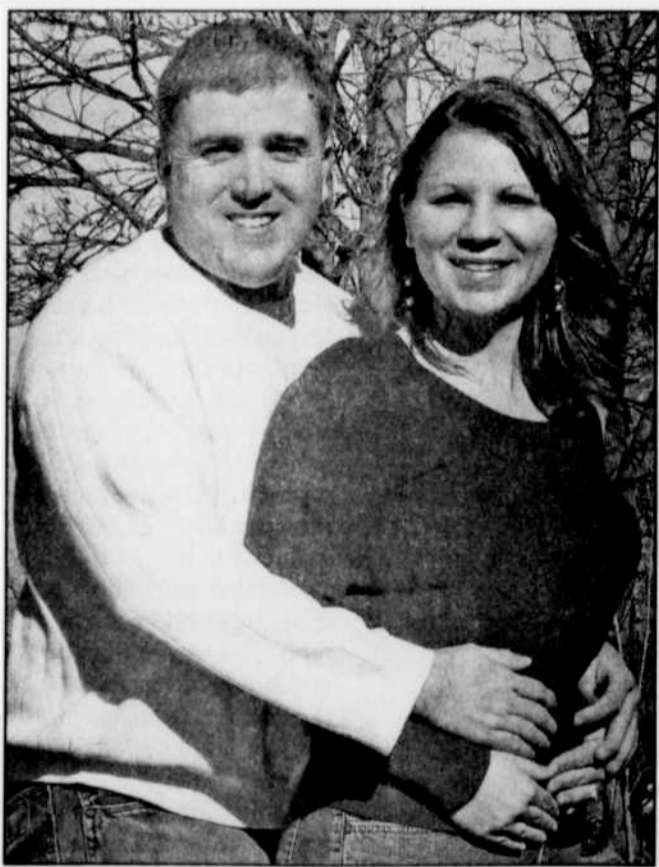
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Windsor High School. She then attended the Institute of Business and Medical Careers in Fort Collins, CO. She is now self-employed as a massage therapist in Fort Collins.

The groom-elect is the son of Kevin and Karen Bennetto of Willits, CA, and Terri Bennetto of Denver, CO. He graduated from Ione High School and then

went on to attend Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, OR and Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He is currently self-employed in the computer repair industry in Fort Collins.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, May 25, 2013 in Windsor. There will be a reception in Ione in July when the couple relocates to Kennewick, WA. Family and friends are invited to check out their website at <http://www.coryandkara.com/registry.html> for more information about the happy couple.

Smith, Tworek set April nuptials



Russell Smith and Kathryn Tworek

Russell Smith of Pendleton, OR and Kathryn Tworek of Hermiston, OR are pleased to announce their engagement.

Russell is the son of Royce and Joanne Smith of Irrigon. He is a 1992 graduate of Pendleton High School. He deployed in 2005 to Afghanistan as a member of the U.S. Army. After retiring from the Army in 2008, Smith began pursu-

ing a master's degree in business at Eastern Oregon University.

Katie is the daughter of Conrad and Lucy Tworek of Ione, and a 1999 graduate of Ione High School. She is employed by Castle Rock Farming as a staff accountant. She completed her Bachelor of Science in business at Eastern Oregon University in 2004.

The wedding will be held April 6 in Pendleton.

~ 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.

Keeping Heppner litter-free

To the editor,

It is time to get the streets and highways in and around Heppner ready for our annual St. Patrick's celebration.

Heppner citizens have been doing a great job of keeping our streets and highways litter free.

Of special note is the ODOT Highway Litter Pickup Program, which cooperates with the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions, the county employees union, the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the elementary school staff to keep our roadways in good, litter-free condition.

Our community's good appearance is an important asset, so a "shout out" goes to everyone who helps.

(s) John Edmondson, Heppner

Need to honor all county immigrants

To the editor;

For those who were here before us, lest we forget.

In regards to the recent letters in the paper about honoring Native Americans and Irish heritage: What about the other immigrants from Europe and Asia who came to find work in our area?

They helped build railroads, communities with roads, businesses, farming and livestock. The Native Americans were here before the migration west into Oregon country.

All these different groups should be remembered in some way because they built the infrastructure for what we have in Morrow County today.

(s) Rudy Bergstrom, South Ione

Statue would add diversity to scenery

To the editor,

First, I also am not from this area. I moved here from Kansas 50 years ago. I was warmly welcomed and accepted by the people of the area.

Second, I am not "angry" toward or about the Irish immigrants and descendants and their hard work of settling the area, and making it all a thriving place. The shamrock and St. Patrick's name are just part of Heppner, reminders of the first settlers.

I enjoy the St. Patrick's celebration as much as anyone, the sheep dog trials, Father Condon's play, the vendors, games, contests, the banners and flag, KUMA Coffee Hour, the parade, music, meals and visiting friends. I attend most of them and enjoy. I applaud all the hard-working people who spend hours pulling this all together. The same with the fair and rodeo.

I don't see how an Indian statue would detract from the Irish history. It would only acknowledge that the Indians did travel this area to and from the mountains in their annual search for food. It would add a little diversity to the scenery.

Finally, it is up to the committee to decide, and I will accept their decision quietly (at least in public). However, they know which way I would vote.

Thank you,
 Anna Schwarzin, Heppner

Friends of the library to hold book sale

The Friends of the Heppner Library will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day book sale on Friday, March 15, and Saturday, March 16, at Heppner City Hall. The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

This sale is the group's main fundraising event for the year. The money from the book sale is used to support many library activities and programs. Friends of the Heppner Library provides T-shirts, and prizes for the children's summer reading program, as well as some movies to go along with the theme of the program. They also have committed to financing part of the cost of the new free Mango Language Learning program for three years. The program is free to anyone with a library

card.

Also, the money is used for purchases of equipment, furniture, books and presenters such as Mr. Pugh, who gave a presentation about meteors and meteorites that have come to ground in Oregon. The library budget often cannot finance these programs, so Friends of the Library provides the financial support to make them available to local patrons.

"Come and check out the many and varied books that we will have at the sale, from cooking to mysteries to biographies, as well as books for children and many others," says one group member. "We have something for everyone who reads. Our prices are some of the lowest you will find anywhere, so check us out."

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FRIDAY (15th)	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

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