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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.

Council had no alternative in statute debate

To the editor;

As with most of the readership of the *Heppner Gazette Times* I have been following the controversy over the Heritage Plaza statute debate. I can understand the city council's decision to shut down the debate and remove the pedestals. They really had no other alternative. After a period of time to gain perspective may I offer a solution to consider since the current status quo is a lose-lose for everyone. By that I mean no statue honoring Heppner's Irish or Indian themed heritage will be endorsed, and the animosity both sides feel will continue with no resolution. I propose that both sides be encouraged to

proceed with their passion and place one statute at the city park and the other at Heritage Plaza. Both sides would be required to raise funds necessary for their statute and at the same time both sides would have the opportunity to applaud the complimentary effort endorsing the rich heritage we all share in Eastern Oregon. The result would add to Heppner's position as the cultural gateway to the Blue Mountains. Who knows maybe one day we could have a third statute honoring our Blue Mountain pioneers, the first settlers to live in the rugged mountains of Eastern Oregon.

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

Birth announcement

Carmelo and Andrea Di Salvo of Heppner announce the birth of a daughter, Sofia Lucille Di Salvo. Sofia was born at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston at 5:50 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13. She weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces and was 22 inches long.



Sofia Lucille Di Salvo

Sofia joins older siblings Moira, four, and Frank, 19 months. Grandparents are Frank and Pam Di Salvo of Cheektowaga, NY; Lucille Di Salvo of Buffalo, NY; and Dexter and Corinne Miles of Heppner.

Community lunch menu

Volunteers from the Hope, Valby and All Saints Lutheran Churches will serve lunch on Wednesday, April 24, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include pork chow mien, Chinese vegetables, spring rolls and fortune cookies. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Esther Earline Foiles

Esther Earline Foiles was born August 23, 1923, in Montezuma, Kansas to Earl Raymond and Esther Rachel Foiles as their fourth child. She joined two older siblings, Charles and Neita. The first child, Jewel, died in infancy. Earl being a Methodist minister, she spent her childhood in the parsonage of many small Kansas towns. She joined the Methodist Church in early childhood and remained an active member her entire life. She graduated from Dunlap Rural High School in 1941, just as World War II began for the United States. She went on to follow in her mother's footsteps as a licensed teacher with a "lifetime certificate" from Kansas State Teacher's College of Emporia in 1943 with two years of what was then called "normal school" or teacher preparation. She taught one year at Havana, Kansas and two years at Moline, Kansas and then moved to Iola, where she taught first grade at Jefferson Grade School for 37 years in the same classroom. Her mother died in May of 1950 and she shared a home with and cared for her father from then until his death in 1974. She never married or had children of her own but dedicated her life to educating everyone's children in Iola. Her greatest joy and pride was the notebook where she carefully recorded the name of every child she taught, and also the wonder of meeting former pupils in the businesses and on the streets who recognized and remembered their first grade teacher.

Earline had a lifetime love of the Pacific Ocean, having traveled to California several times during her childhood to visit cousins and uncles on her father's side. Her sister, Neita McGhee, moved to Oregon with her family in 1957. From then on it became a pattern in her life to travel with her father to continue visits to California and to Neita's family in Oregon and she often teased the relatives that she really didn't come to visit them... but to see the ocean. The frequent visits also allowed

her to become a very real part of the life of Neita's children and gave her a family she did not have of her own.

In the sixties she returned to Kansas State Teacher's College of Emporia and completed her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, another accomplishment of which she was proud and the Oregon family traveled to Kansas to see her graduate in August of 1967. She continued teaching until her retirement in 1983.

She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women in Iola. She served many different offices in the church. She was a member of the Salem Chapter Order of Eastern Star, a life member of Kansas Retired Teacher's Association, and a member of Allen County Retired Teachers.

She was preceded in death by her father, her mother, and her siblings; Jewel, Charles Foiles, and Neita McGhee. She and her sister had shared life together at a distance with many telephone conversations each day until Neita died in 2010. In 2012, it became very difficult to live on her own in Kansas. So with the help of her nieces she moved to Oregon and resided at Hermiston Terrace, Hermiston Oregon at the time of her death. She died Saturday, April 13th, 2013 at the age of eighty-nine. The move, though difficult for her, allowed her to have numerous visits with family, two more trips to the beach, new friends at Hermiston Terrace, a lovely birthday party with family last August, and to be surrounded by care and love to the very last.

She is survived by four nieces and their families; Melba Hauser of Gresham, Oregon; Cheryl Ayers of Lynchburg, Virginia; Dana Reynolds of Woodburn, Oregon; and Kerry Rietmann, of Iola, Oregon. In addition, she is survived by a nephew and his family, Gary Foiles, of Dodge City, Kansas.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Missionaries share story on Friday evening

Missionaries from Ireland will share their stories during a special evening event on April 19 at the Nazarene Church in Heppner located at 545 NE Pioneer Dr. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served following the program.

Stephen & Annette

Morley have been missionaries in the Republic of Ireland since June 2011. They make their home in Wicklow, a town on the east coast of Ireland just south of Dublin. They are charged with developing and implementing a strategy for planting the church of the Nazarene in Ireland.

Valby Church celebrates 127 years

The Valby Lutheran Church will be celebrating the 127th year of its founding this Sunday, April 21, at 10 a.m. All former members are invited to attend.

Mabel C. Heath

Mabel C. Heath, 91, of Heppner died Monday March 18, 2013 at Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living. A memorial graveside service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born October 25, 1921 at Log Hill Mesa Montrose, Colorado, the daughter of John J. and Hettie M. Neeley McLaughlin. She attended a one room school houses on Log Hill Mesa until moving to Ouray, Colorado where she graduated from Ouray High School in 1939.

On April 4, 1940 she married William C. Heath in Montrose, Colorado, the couple moved to Portland, Oregon in 1942. Mabel and William moved to Heppner in 1946 and stayed until 1977 when they moved to Hermiston. William preceded her in death in 1975 and Mabel returned to Heppner in 2000.

Mabel was a member of the Heppner American Legion Auxiliary Post # 87 for 65 years, past member of Hermiston Eagles Lodge and Hermiston Ladies Elks. She served as superintendent for the Arts and Crafts division at the Morrow County Fair for many years.

She had many hobbies including oil painting, beading, traveling, crocheting, knitting, sewing, and quilting. She received the Peoples Choice Award and Grand Champion Award on one of her quilts at the Umatilla County Fair and also received the Morrow County Fair Special Award in 2004 in Art for her oil

painting. She was also an avid bowler.

Her passions were watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren play sports and making quilts for her family. She was an avid dominos player and was always up for a game, she was member of the Chicken Foot Gang in Hermiston, which was a club for playing dominos. In her early years she liked to dance, especially square dancing.

Mabel held many jobs; sales clerk, homemaker, cook, waitress, seamstress, she retired from the US postal Service.

Survivors include daughter; Linda J. Schultz and her husband Reese of Heppner, grandchildren; Christian M. Schultz Carpenter and her husband Josh of Wilsonville, Oregon, Robert C. Schultz and his wife Elizabeth of Santa Maria, California, and Ryan J. Heath and his wife Katie of Pendleton, Oregon, great grandchildren; Bryson Schultz and Addison Pace of Wilsonville, Evelyn and Dailen Schultz of Santa Maria, and Step grandsons Justin Hamilton and Jacob Carpenter of Wilsonville. Preceding her in death were her husband; William Heath, son; Larry D. Heath in 2000, brothers; Bernard McLaughlin, Robert McLaughlin and Edgar McLaughlin.

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

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John Frederick Mollahan

John Frederick Mollahan was born May 17, 1935 and died April 14, 2013. John was born to Patrick

Morrow County Sheriff in 1969, and served in that position until 1976.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother Robert. He is survived by his wife, Christina Lee Sharp Mollahan; his sister, Mary; his brother, Larry; his daughter, Jackie; and his son, Joe.



John Frederick Mollahan

John graduated from Heppner High School in 1953, where he was Student Body President. After a tour in the U.S. Army, he returned to the family farm near Heppner.

In 1956, John married Millis (Mickey) Nichols. He and Mickey had two children, Jackie and Joe. John was hired by the City of Heppner as a police officer in 1962. He was elected

John loved farming and the people of Morrow County. He took great pride in knowing just about everyone in the local area and treasured the friendship of so many people throughout his life.

At John's request, a private graveside service will be held at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, Oregon where he will be laid to rest next to his parents.

Death Notice Ronald C. McCabe

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday April 27, 2013 at the Heppner Elks Lodge at 1 p.m. for Ronald C. McCabe who was born July 27, 1940 and died, March 19, 2013



Ronald C. McCabe

Ronald is survived by his three sons, C. Dan, Tom and David McCabe; daughter, Mary LaDue; ex-wife, Peggy; two sisters, Shirley Harris and Ellie Farrar; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Ronald enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and woodworking.

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