

The Official Newspaper
of the City of Heppner and the County of Morrow

Heppner

GAZETTE-TIMES

U.S.P.S. 240-420

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper
Published weekly by Sykes Publishing, LLC and entered as periodical matter at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon under the Act of March 3, 1879. Periodical postage paid at Heppner, Oregon. Office at 188 W. Willow Street. Telephone (541) 676-9228. Fax (541) 676-9211. E-mail: editor@rapidsolve.net or david@rapidsolve.net. Web site: www.heppner.net. Postmaster send address changes to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Subscriptions: \$29 in Morrow County; \$23 senior rate (in Morrow County only; 65 years or older); \$35 elsewhere; \$29 student subscriptions.
David Sykes Publisher
Andrea Di Salvo Editor

All News and Advertising Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.
For Advertising: advertising deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Cost for a display ad is \$5 per column inch. Cost for classified ad is 50¢ per word. Cost for Card of Thanks is \$10 up to 100 words. Cost for a classified display ad is \$5.75 per column inch.
For Public/Legal Notices: public/legal notices deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Dates for publication must be specified. Affidavits must be required at the time of submission. Affidavits require three weeks to process after last date of publication (a sooner return date must be specified if required).
For Obituaries: Obituaries are published in the Heppner GT at no charge and are edited to meet news guidelines. Families wishing to include information not included in the guidelines or who wish to have the obituary written in a certain way must purchase advertising space for the obituary.
For Letters to the Editor: Letters to the Editor MUST be signed by the author. The Heppner GT will not publish unsigned letters. All letters MUST include the author's address and phone number for use by the GT office. The GT reserves the right to edit letters. 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.

Free Ready 2 Learn cards now available

What if helping your child off to a great start was as free and easy as getting a library card? Parents can now register their children for the new, free Ready 2 Learn card and start saving for college.

Ready 2 Learn is a new program for children ages birth to five who live in Umatilla, Morrow, Union, Baker, Grant and Wallowa counties through a partnership with regional libraries, the InterMountain Education Service District, Greater Eastern Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. (GOBHI), Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Once parents register their children for the free Ready 2 Learn card, children will have access to a wide variety of books, movies, music, fun activities and educational programs through their local libraries. In addition, registration for the Ready 2 Learn card also opens an Oregon College Savings Plan for the child. Each time a child checks out a book or participates in one of the library programs, a small cash amount is credited to the child's college savings account.

Each month a child is enrolled in the Ready 2

Learn program, parents will receive a newsletter with information about fun and easy learning ideas. These tips will help parents give their children the building blocks of learning needed to make sure they get off to the best start possible, and could prove beneficial when a child takes the new statewide Kindergarten Readiness Assessment prior to starting school. In addition, the Ready 2 Learn program will offer free quarterly trainings for parents of registered participants.

Ready 2 Learn is funded by a Library Services and Technology Act grant managed through the Oregon State Library. Additional funds are provided by the Oregon College Savings Plan and GOBHI. Parents can register their eligible children for Ready 2 Learn by visiting one of these regional libraries starting June 17: Pendleton Public Library, Hermiston Public Library, Cook Memorial Library (La Grande), Baker County Library, Enterprise Public Library or the Grant County Public Library.

Learn more about Ready 2 Learn on Facebook at www.facebook.com/readytolearnoregon. Parents can also contact their local library for more details.

Chamber lunch meeting

Next week's lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report on Thursday, July 11, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room.

Cost of lunch is \$10; A&M's Kitchen (Nicole Gaspard) will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

County businesses support Miss OHSR



County residents and businesses are stepping up to support Miss Oregon High School Rodeo Lillian Sandford. This is Sandford's second year holding the prestigious state title. Top: Sandford with one of her sponsors, Tricia Rollins of Bank of Eastern Oregon. Bottom: Miss Oregon High School Rodeo Lillian Sandford with another sponsor, Amy Haak of Blondie Salon. -Contributed photos

Area churches plan VBS

Six local churches will be sponsoring a vacation Bible school to be held at Hope Lutheran Church and the adjacent parsonage lawn beginning Monday, July 8, and continuing through Friday, July 12. Each session will begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. All children in the community ages four to 12 are invited to attend at no cost.

A kick-off barbecue

will be held at Hager Park on Sunday, July 7, beginning at 6 p.m. Families are invited to come and pre-register their children for VBS, meet the teachers, and enjoy a free meal.

More information is available from each of these sponsoring churches: Willow Creek Baptist, Church of the Nazarene, United Methodist, Amazing Grace, Hope Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal.

Lien wins WCCC Men's Invitational

Local Heppner athlete Chris Lien shot a three under par 117 to win the WCCC Men's Invitational Golf Tournament last week. Low net score for the tournament, 107, was shot by Mike Haggerty of Yakima, WA.

Nearly 100 men, playing in four flights determined by handicap, participated in the tournament.

The tournament, the 41st of this annual event, was headed by Ron Bowman, chairman, with assistance from Matt Scrivner and Duane Disque.

The closing activity was a sole survivor event won by Greg Grant and Bowman.

The tournament opened with a Friday evening,

9-hole scramble team activity.

Meal service for the tournament was provided by the WCCC Women's Association and WCCC Junior Golf.

Chairman Bowman stated that the tournament was a success, due in large part to the excellent condition of the course thanks to the work of Greens Superintendent Chip VonGunten and his staff.

Regular Sunday men's play will resume on July 7 with Josh Coiner, John McCabe and Ray Cecil in charge.

Sign-ups for the second half of the Wednesday night team play is happening now, with the sign-up sheet posted in the club house.

PMH offers program on caring for ill vets

Pioneer Memorial Home Health & Hospice and the Hospice Foundation of America will present "Improving Care for Veterans Facing Illness and Death" Thursday, July 11, from 1-4 p.m. in the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Hospice Training Room. The presentation, part of the Hospice Foundation of America's 2013 Living With Grief program, will be moderated by Frank Sesno, director of the School of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University.

The educational program is intended to assist end-of-life care provider organizations and health and human service professionals in enhancing their sensitivities and understanding of veterans, as well as to provide professionals with new interventions to better serve dying veterans and their families.

Attention is placed on veteran generations now aging and most likely to be seen in end-of-life care (World War II, Korean War, Vietnam). The program also looks organizationally at military benefits and intersections with VA systems, and will explore the traditions and sensitivities of grieving families and resources that can assist them.

Sesno will lead the pan-

el of noted authorities that includes Scott T. Shreve, DO, National Director, Hospice of Palliative Care, Dept. of Veterans Affairs; Deborah Grassman, ARNP, Author, Lecturer, Consultant, Dept. of Veterans Affairs; Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, MDiv, Professor of Gerontology, The College of New Rochelle, and Senior Consultant, Hospice Foundation of America; Paul Tschudi, MA, EdS, LPC, Assistant Professor/Director, The George Washington University, and Vietnam veteran; and Ryan Weller, MSW, LCSW, Palliative Care Program Manager, Portland VA Medical Center.

Continuing Education credits (CEs) will be available through the Hospice Foundation of America for nurses, social workers, counselors, funeral directors, clergy, nursing home administrators and other professions, though attendees are asked to verify CE approval with their professional or state boards.

This program is free of charge, but interested attendees are asked to RSVP to Pioneer Memorial Home Health & Hospice at 541-676-2946 by July 9.

To learn more about this program, visit the Hospice Foundation of America website at www.hospicefoundation.org.

4-H members hog wild for fair time



Brother-sister duo Logan and Laryssa Burright prepare their show pigs for the 100th Morrow County Fair in August. They are the children of Kemmer Burright and are members of the Ione Community 4-H Livestock Club. The club, led by Erin Heideman, features steers, hogs, sheep and small animals this year. -Photo by Erin Heideman

Catholic men plan First Friday meeting

The men of St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic churches will hold their first Friday of the month meeting on July 5 at 6:45 a.m. The meeting will be held at the parish office in Heppner. The meeting will be followed by Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Nominations sought for 2013 Oregon Rural Health Hero Award

PORTLAND, OR— The Oregon Office of Rural Health at Oregon Health & Science University is seeking nominations for the

2013 Oregon Rural Health Hero of the Year Award. The award will honor an outstanding individual, program or organization for

improving the quality and availability of health care in rural communities.

"There are many hard-working, dedicated people

out there who have made a major impact on health care in rural Oregon," says Scott Ekblad, director of the Oregon Office of Rural Health. "Think about nominating someone whose actions have had a notable, positive impact on the health of the community, or a successful program that other communities might want to duplicate."

The 2013 Oregon Rural Health Hero will be announced at the 30th Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference, Oct. 23-25, at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Lloyd Center, Portland. Nominations will be accepted through July 26, and are available on the Oregon Office of Rural Health website.

For more information, contact Linda Pepler, Oregon Office of Rural Health, 503-494-4450 or pepler@ohsu.edu.

We will be closed July 4th.
Have a safe and happy Independence Day
- John & Ann & Staff
DRINK SPECIALS
Caramel Coconut Machiatto \$4.00
Strawberries-N-Creme Italian Soda \$2.75

WEDDING TABLES
Sarah Hickerson & Michael Skow
June 29, 2013
Heather Yocom & Steve Tritt
July 13, 2013
Kylee Disque & Sean Allstott
August 17, 2013

TRY OUR YO CREAM TODAY!
Murray's Drug
217 North Main St., Heppner • Phone 676-9158 • Fax 676-9426
Serving Morrow, Wheeler & Gilliam counties Since 1959

Bank of Eastern Oregon
Member FDIC
Member LENDER

You tend the garden ~
We'll tend your home loan needs.

Arletta Arnspiger
NMLS #508276
Mortgage Lending Manager

Call Arletta for all your New Home, Refinance, & Construction loan needs!
BEO Mortgage Division - 1-877-472-6217
www.beobank.com/homeloans