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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.

Remembering the 'Ping Pong Capitol of the World'

To the Editor:
Thirty-five years ago on Nov. 18, 1978, the Heppner Elks Lodge sponsored the seventh annual World Professional Table Tennis title match at Heppner High School. Sanctioned by the International Table Tennis League, the three-member teams from Thailand and Haiti played each other in the event. The championship match was rescheduled from Africa due to concerns about "terrorism, political unrest and crime" there.
As part of the big event, the Elks Lodge put on dinner Friday and Saturday nights with a Hawaiian luau featuring roast pig and baked salmon. There was dancing both nights with music by the band, "Tiki Lights." Jackie Jensen was the manager of the Elks at that time.

While the paid attendance at the match was lower than hoped for, the ping pong "players thrilled the... crowd with their top notch play" according to an article in the Heppner Gazette-Times. Unfortunately, the winner was not mentioned.

There was also television coverage from an unnamed Portland station. Heppner was named the "Ping Pong Capitol of the World" for one brief day.

A question about this championship match came up recently and I could not find an answer in past editions of the Gazette or online. Who sang the U.S. National Anthem at the beginning of the tournament? Can anyone help out with that?

Any other memories would be great to hear about, too. Please send anything you know in care of the Gazette, PO Box 337, Heppner, OR, 97836 or to Andrea Di Salvo, Editor, editor@rapidsolve.net.

Thank you,
Kay Proctor, Heppner

Obituaries

Joylene F. 'Joy' Struthers

Joylene F. "Joy" Struthers, 71, of Heppner died Thursday, November 7, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. A graveside service will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 13, at Skyview Memorial Park in Pendleton, OR.

She was born in Fossil, OR on June 1, 1942, the daughter of Calvin and Verlie Benge Derrick. She was raised and attended school in Fossil until her junior year, when she moved to Pendleton and graduated from St. Joseph's Academy.

After graduation, Joy worked as an aide at St. Anthony Hospital, where she developed a passion for nursing; she then attended the Blue Mountain Community College nursing

program. After receiving her nursing degree she went back to work at St. Anthony Hospital, before moving on to Pendleton Community Hospital.

She married Jack Struthers on February 25, 1975 in Ione. The couple lived in Heppner, where she continued nursing at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include: her husband, Jack Struthers of Heppner; daughter, Robin Struthers of Pendleton; brother, Eugene Day of Pendleton; and a grandson, Erin Michael, whom she helped raise for 11 years.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Birth announcement

Lucy Marie Lindsay—Dan and Ashley Lindsay of Lexington welcome a daughter, Lucy Marie Lindsay. Lucy was born Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, OR; she weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.



Lucy joins older brothers Paul, 8, John, 6, and Max, 2, and older sister Claire, 5. Grandparents are Larry and Corrine Lindsay, and Vilas and Debbie Ropp, all of Lexington.

Annual community Thanksgiving dinner planned

The annual community Thanksgiving dinner is planned for Thursday, November 28, at 1 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. This year's dinner is hosted by the Heppner Church of the Nazarene.

The Thanksgiving dinner is free of charge to the community and guests. Anyone interested in donating food items for the dinner or in helping serve, contact Jodi Segraves at Sweet Productions Restaurant & Bakery, or call 541-626-1440.

Ione church welcomes visiting ministers

Doctors Cathy and Doug Wirt, co-regional ministers of the Oregon/South Idaho Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will be preaching at Ione Community Church on Nov. 17 at the 11 a.m. worship service.

The Wirts have been co-regional ministers for 13 years, where they serve 36 congregations throughout the states of Oregon and Idaho. Before entering regional ministry, the Wirts served churches in California, Oregon and Arizona following their 1983 ordinations. Both have traveled internationally to be involved in the mission work of the broader church and both are involved ecumenically with a multitude of denominations.

The Wirts say they come to bring greetings from partner churches and to celebrate the church in Ione. All are welcome to come and hear them speak and join in worship.

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The Pampered Chef
discover the chef in you...
Kitchen Products
Stop by for a catalog and find Great Christmas Gifts!
Party! Sunday Nov. 17 2-4 p.m.
Missy Cutsforth Home
RSVP to Missy at 541-989-8104

Priests gather in Heppner, honor Father Condon



Priests from the Northeastern Deanery of the Baker Diocese gathered in Heppner recently and expressed their appreciation for Father Gerry Condon of Heppner. Pictured are: Front row (L-R): Rev. Gerald Condon, Retired; Rev. John McGuire, Pastor, St. John, Condon. Back row (L-R): Rev. Eduardo Nebelung, Pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Boardman; Rev. Francis Obijekwu, Pastor, St. Catherine, Enterprise; Rev. Daniel Maxwell, Pastor, Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston; Rev. Kumar Udagandla, Pastor, St. Patrick's, Heppner/St. William's, Ione; Rev. Anil Marri, Associate Pastor, Our Lady of the Valley, La Grande; Rev. Gabriel Ezech, Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston. -Contributed photo

The priests of the Northeastern Deanery of the Baker Diocese gathered in Heppner on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

The attendees enjoyed a luncheon of Lebanese cuisine prepared by Father John McGuire; side dishes and desserts were provided by the ladies of St. Patrick's Altar Society.

After the luncheon, the priests expressed their appreciation to Father Gerry Condon for his many years of service to the Baker Diocese. Condon recently retired, having served the diocese since 1955.

Catholic men plan annual fall dinner

The men of St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic churches will hold their annual fall dinner meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19. A memorial Mass for the deceased men of the parishes will begin at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Dinner and the annual fall meeting will follow the Mass in the parish hall.

Shh, it's a Surprise!!
Jim Van Winkle is turning 60!!
Please join us in a celebration on **November 30th** from **6:00 -10:00 p.m.** at **Heppner Elks Lodge**
No presents please!!

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes due this month

Local residents are encouraged to again participate in Operation Christmas Child (OCC) by packing a shoe box with small toys, school supplies, and necessities for a needy child aged two to 14.

OCC is an annual international outreach of Franklin Graham and the Samaritan's Purse organization. The local collection deadline in Heppner is Sunday, Nov. 17. Boxes can be delivered to Willow Creek Baptist, Hope Lutheran, All Saints Episcopal Church, or left

in a drop box at Keith and Deana Price's home at 565 NW Gale Street. Boxes can also be taken to the area collection center in Hermiston at New Hope Community Church on Hwy. 395 any time before noon on Monday, Nov. 25.

Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in 130 countries have received shoebox gifts through Operation Christmas Child. Step-by-step shoe box instructions are at www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ or by contacting Mike Ehrsam at 541-701-5747.

Auxiliary works to bring Christmas cheer to veterans

The Heppner American Legion Auxiliary is helping to make a merry Christmas with Gifts for veterans this year.

Every month during the year, American Legion Auxiliaries all over the country are busy putting on different programs to help veterans and their families. The month of December is Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Month.

As a part of this program over the years, the Heppner American Legion Auxiliary has participated in a December event known as the Christmas Cheer and Gift Shop. This is an event that is put on by Auxiliaries around the country for their local area, in which they purchase gifts for veterans so they can give the gifts to their families.

In anticipation of this event in December, the local Heppner Auxiliary is currently fundraising and gathering donations of gifts that will be given to the veterans at the veterans' nursing home in The Dalles. Gifts will be purchased with the monetary donations and then all of the gifts will be

taken to the home in The Dalles so veterans can give the gifts to their families at Christmas.

Anyone who would like to give a gift, make a monetary donation, or who wants more information, contact Joyce Ward at 541-676-9195. The deadline for gathering donations is Nov. 30, and the anticipated gift delivery date is Dec. 4. Gifts can also be dropped off at the Neighborhood Center; please mark them clearly with "Heppner American Legion Auxiliary: Veterans Home, The Dalles."

The gifts can be for children, men or women and should not be wrapped so they can be displayed during the Christmas celebration at the nursing home. This is the time when the veterans choose which gifts they would like to give their families.

The Heppner American Legion Auxiliary would like to encourage those who are interested in becoming members or who want more information to contact membership chairperson Evelyn Sweek at 541-676-9483.

Christmas Shopping?
Check out The Sassy Crow
2500 W. Kennewick Ave; Suite C Kennewick, WA
Take first Kennewick/Pasco Exit
2 blocks east of hwy. 395 behind My FroYo
Open 10-5 Tuesday-Friday 10-4 Saturday
Owner Julia Jensen 509-591-1437
Specializing In Home Decoy, Sassy Signs, Vintage items, Handcrafted Gifts, Fur Cats & Paparazzi Jewelry

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