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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.

Students did 'outstanding' job of honoring vets

To the editor:
The program at the high school for veterans was outstanding. We were very proud of our students for the respect they showed our vets.
All the vets were warmly welcomed and, at the finish, without prompting, they gave our vets a great round of applause.
We felt that the students enjoyed doing it, plus, serving the delicious lunch.
We also appreciate another thing: Some of the senior citizens who are Mustang sports fans received complimentary tickets for the Monroe game. We were invited to go out to the field the night before the game to watch the team workout. We went and were treated to our choice of free coffee, cocoa, cookies or popcorn.
(s) Ernie & Mary Jean McCabe, Heppner

A 'job well done' to Mustang football

To the editor,
A huge cheer and congratulations to the coaching staff and players on this year's edition of Mustang football. Greg and Les and the rest of the coaching staff deserve a hearty "Job well done" for their work with this great bunch of athletes.
We appreciate all the members of the team for their efforts on the field and the sportsmanship that everyone displayed both on and off the field. Everyone in the community is extremely proud of the team's and coaches' accomplishments this season.
To the senior players, we wish you well in the future. To the underclassmen, hey, we can't wait until next year.
(s) Larry and Betty Mills, Heppner

Morrow SWCD board to meet

A regular meeting of the Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District Board will be held Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. at the Ag Service Center, 430 W Linden Way in Heppner.
Time will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting to receive comments from the public.
Agenda items for the SWCD meeting include approval of the September meeting minutes; treasurer's report; status of funding agreements; district insurance coverage discussion; staff reports and partner reports. Planning for the SWCD Annual Meeting will take place.
Two board positions representing the Boardman and Irrigon areas are vacant, says Morrow SWCD Manager Janet Greenup; she says landowner representation from all areas of Morrow County is essential in order to conserve, protect and develop soil, water and other natural resources for the economic and environmental benefit of the resources of Morrow County.
Meetings of Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

Chamber lunch meeting

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will not hold a lunch meeting this week due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The next chamber lunch meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 5, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room.
The meeting will be an all entities report, as well as hearing a special National FFA Convention presentation by Caitlynn Bailey and Rylee Kollman.
Cost of lunch is \$10; Heppner Family Foods will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

Obituaries

Marion Frances Abrams

Marion Frances Abrams, 86, died Nov. 6 surrounded by family in Portland. A memorial service will be held in April 2014. To get details about the service or to share thoughts about Marion, please email wlovemarion27@gmail.com.
She was born Marion Frances Morrow on April 26, 1927, in Williams, AZ, to O.G. "Bill" and Sara Frances Morrow.
She grew up in Prescott, AZ and graduated from Prescott High School in 1945, then won a full scholarship to Stanford University. She graduated with honors in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in English literature. She later earned a master's degree in library science at Portland State University.
While at Stanford, she met Robert Beattie Abrams and they married June 25, 1949, in Prescott. They moved to Eugene, OR, where Robert completed a degree at the University of Oregon Law School. After graduation, they lived in Scappoose and Fossil, OR, and then Heppner, which they called home for more than 25 years. They moved to Pendleton in 1986 after Robert was elected to the Oregon Circuit Court.
Following his retirement, the couple moved to Portland in 1997. In the following years, she tirelessly and lovingly devoted herself to caring for Robert as his health failed.



Marion Frances Abrams

Marion was active in every community in which she lived. Interests in education and community improvement led her to many types of service, including volunteer work as a state board member on what is now Oregon Humanities. She also connected to the larger world, welcoming cultural exchange students from Finland, Australia, Sweden, Costa Rica and Japan. She traveled with family to Niger, the Central African Republic, Malta, the Caribbean, France and Costa Rica.
Marion was a reporter and copy editor for the Heppner Gazette-Times and a secretary/ teacher's aide for the Heppner School District. She served as the high school librarian in Heppner until she retired.
Marion's good humor never failed to win her friends wherever she went, as true kindness, curiosity and optimism were the hallmarks of her personality. While she loved gardening, crossword puzzles and reading, her family and friends were the center of her life and she expressed unabashed enthusiasm for all of them.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; brother, Henry Morrow; and half-brother, Cliff Morrow.
Survivors include her daughter, Frances; son, Robert; daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Gordon "Tony" Rick; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Abrams and Gary Cramer; daughter, Alice; "adopted" daughter, Margaret Marks Jacobs; friend and former son-in-law, Mark Skalski; grandchildren, Sarah, Jack, Noah and Charlotte; and half-sister, Rosemary Damon.

The family requests that remembrances be donations to the Wetlands Conservancy, 4640 SW Macadam Avenue, No. 50, Portland, OR 97239, or Mercy Corps, 28 SW First Avenue, Portland, OR 97204.

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body bags are especially needed at this time.
She is no longer at her station in front of the post office, but says that if anyone still wants to donate, they may call her at 541-676-9051.
She has received donations of clothing, water, food and money, but donations of children's clothing, masks, water and

MCHD announces holiday closures

Morrow County Health District has announced that Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner and Irrigon Medical Clinic will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.
Laboratory and radiology departments at Pioneer Memorial Hospital will also be closed Thanksgiving for non-emergent outpatient services.

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist and Elohim Covenant church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include meatloaf, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, winter veggies with cheese sauce, sliced cucumbers, rolls, and cherry cake. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Community Thanksgiving dinner this week

The annual community Thanksgiving dinner will be held this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 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 and is free of charge to the community and guests.

The Crèche Festival, a celebration taken from ancient tradition

Long ago in the 12th century, St. Francis of Assisi visited the town of Greccio in Italy. The chapel there was too small for all the town's people to attend midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, so instead he placed an altar and a manger filled with hay in a stone hollow near the town square. A farmer brought a donkey and an ox to complete the tableau. There the Mass was held, bathed in torch and candlelight, and all remembered the birth of the "babe of Bethlehem." Bethlehem had been brought to the village of Greccio.
From the Italian word Greccio comes the old French word "Crèche," meaning "manger"; it is often synonymous with nativity or manger scene.
For many families displaying a nativity is an important part of celebrating Christmas. Often it has a special significance to the family. Heppner resident Neva DeMayo now owns her mother's nativity that she helped to purchase for her when she was a child. She and her brother bought the pieces one at a time over many years from the local five and dime store. In time the whole set was acquired. It was treasured not because it was expensive or unique, but because of the thoughtfulness and sacrifices of the children to buy it for her.
This year the residents of Heppner have the opportunity to share this special part of Christmas with each other and lend one or more nativities to share with the community in the store windows formerly used by Quilter's Round-up. The display will last from Dec. 4 through Dec. 10.
Sign-ups are being circulated in local churches, and there is a sign-up sheet at Murray's Drug, as well. Those interested in sharing their nativity scenes may also email Andrea Grigg at Heppnercreche@gmail.com to sign up. Many more sign-ups are needed at this time. "Drop-in" contributions will be accepted also; simply come and check in nativity(s) on Monday, Dec. 2, from 5:30-8:30 p.m.
This activity is sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Christmas Committee.

We will be closed November 28th for Thanksgiving!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

- OPEN HOUSE -
DECEMBER 5TH
Open until 7pm!
* Mini wine tasting
* fill out your wish list registry

Wish list registry drawing
December 19th at Heppner's Christmas event

Espresso Specials-
Cinnamon Vanilla Mocha \$3.50
Chocolate Steamer \$2.25

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Winter

The upcoming winter storm season is near and Morrow County Road dept. would like to remind all motorists **there is NO winter maintenance on Coalmine hill** (USFS route 53) towards Ukiah. For the rest of the County winter maintenance practices include plowing and sanding. The combination of practices used at each site may vary to accommodate the different climate, traffic, and storm conditions encountered. Morrow County's goal is to provide a safe roadway. However, it is always up to the motorist to drive according to conditions. Please use extreme caution and common sense. They will do their best and would appreciate your patience. For your convenience the road department would like to direct your attention to a towing service in the area if needed. Lexington Auto Body 541-989-8565, Cell 541-561-5700. Again be prepared and be safe. Questions or concerns may be addressed 541-989-9500.

IONE HIGH SCHOOL ELF AUCTION
December 6th & 7th
at the Cardinal's Basketball Bonanza.

Winning bidders will get 6 hours of work from "their elves" such as chopping wood, shoveling snow or hanging Christmas lights

Elf work day-
Sunday December 15th

All proceeds will go towards school activities such as dances and projects such as recycling.