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Jean Bennett recognized for years of service



Rodger Huffman, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Derald McCall, District Manager, Oregon Brand Inspectors, attended the annual Morrow County Livestock Growers meeting in Heppner last week to honor local woman Jean Bennett for her 35 years of dedication as an Oregon Brand Inspector for Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler Counties. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Benefit dinner planned for local woman

A spaghetti dinner benefit is planned for local woman Kim Thompson for Thursday, Jan. 30, from 6-8 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

A raffle is also planned for that evening; among the items to be raffled is a chance to shave Dr. Russ Nichols' head.

Chapa named to Western Oregon dean's list

Jodessa Chapa of Heppner was named to the Western Oregon University Fall 2013 dean's honor roll, the university in Monmouth announced this month.

Chapa is the daughter of Jodi Segraves of Heppner. "We are very delighted when students, like

you, make the most of these opportunities and demonstrate commitment to achieving scholastic excellence," wrote College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Sue Monahan in a letter informing Chapa of the honor.

2014 CSP signup extended

The 2014 Conservation Stewardship Program application deadline has been extended, local NRCS agents announced last week.

Applications are due Feb. 7. CSP encourages land stewards to improve their conservation performance by installing and adopting additional activities, and

improving, maintaining, and managing existing activities on agricultural land and nonindustrial private forest land.

NRCS accepts applications for CSP at local service centers, so visit 430 Linden Way in Heppner or call Kacey or Jennifer at 541-676-5021.

Lexington council to hold special meeting

A special Lexington Town Council meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Lexington Town Hall, 425 F St., to finish discussing the Pre-Mitigation Disaster Plan update.

Citizens of Lexington are encouraged to participate.

~ 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.

'Green isn't necessarily good'

Howdy,

While traveling through southern Idaho, an interstate billboard indicated wolves have reduced their elk herds by 80 percent. That is huge. Think what the enviros would say of the irresponsible hunters if they had caused the decline.

In Rexburg I learned of other wolf atrocities. Even though our local news missed it, in August of this year, their media described 13 wolves causing the deaths of 186 sheep in a single incident. This is an example of a killing spree just for fun. Interestingly, "...this wolf pack was a problem long before this incident..." The slaughter was conservatively estimated at \$20,000.

How unusual is this example? I was told of a similar killing spree in the McCall area several years ago. The pack's surprise attack was so instant and organized in their mangling, the herdsman couldn't stop the pack's killing and disabling of almost 200 sheep in a matter of minutes.

Amongst other media articles on my desk, is a killing spree in Montana of 120 sheep. The rancher described the scene similar to the one in McCall. "They were running, getting chewed on, bit and piled into a corner," "...bit on the neck, on the back, on the back of the hind leg." "They'd cripple them, then rip their sides open."

These sheep were on private ground and checked regularly. They were, "...purebred Rambouillet bucks..." Quoting the rancher, "It's time to stop managing wolves and start controlling them."

Prior to the original introduction of wolves, much deceit and many lies led the way. Statements from this or that enviro group who agreed to compensate for lost livestock, and the elimination of problem wolves. They denied the intention to stop hunting or the encouraging of gun confiscation, or the intent to halt livestock grazing on government ground, etc.

However, the enviro community has been emboldened by lame Forest Service, media, judicial courts, and other government agencies' lack of support for the farming community. Enviro statements in internet articles are surfacing, increasingly suggesting that government ground not be used by the public—especially ranchers.

Another interstate billboard in southern Idaho, expressing concern about the enviro movement, read something like, "Wind mills, not the oldest profession, however the results are the same, red light district." Translation, when it comes to enviro's lies and deception, they are going to take advantage of and financially screw everyone. 'Green' is not necessarily good Oregon.

(s) Leonard C. "Pa" Routson, Umatilla, OR

NRCS to hold local work group meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be hosting a public meeting at the USDA Service Center on Feb. 19, at 1 p.m. to gather input regarding the natural resource opportunities and priorities across Morrow County.

The goal is to bring together individuals with a variety of expertise and knowledge, allowing NRCS and others to build on collective successes while focusing efforts to make the greatest impact with available staff and funding.

Meeting coordinators say they need help to: identify where the best investments can be made to address natural resource problems; share the work that has already been done in the county; and share a vision for what the county will look like when these natural resource concerns have been solved.

NRCS will be considering the information provided to include in future conservation implementation strategies for Morrow County. NRCS agents say this will help guide conservation efforts and funding over the next five to 10 years. They say local input in this process is "very valuable" as they will be using this information to focus work in the future.

"The information provided in this process will help all of us work towards a stronger, healthier, more economically viable community and agricultural industry," say local agents. Anyone unable to attend but who would like additional information or would like to provide input, contact NRCS at 541-676-5021 ext. 113 or Kacey.lathrop@or.usda.gov. The meeting is open to the public.

Ski club tours near Rasmus Meadow



Heppner's Arbuckle Nordic Ski Club went to ski on the property of the Jeff Cutsforth family near Rasmus Meadow on Saturday. Club members said the weather was great, allowing them to explore several small trails. Pictured (L-R): Dan VanLiew, Luanne Brownfield, Molly Rhea, Curtis Harper, Betsy Anderson, Terry Harper, Dave Fowler and Ann Niesen. -Contributed photo

WIND FACILITY EXTENSION

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a temporary concrete batch plant, and rock quarries." A complete timeline of the Heppner Wind Facility project, and a place where interested people can sign up for updates on the project's progress, is available at www.oregon.gov/energy/Siting/Pages/HEP.aspx.

Community lunch menu

United Methodist Church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include baked chicken with raspberry chipotle sauce, scalloped potatoes, green beans, broccoli salad, hot rolls and apple cake. Milk is served at each meal.

Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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SPAGHETTI BENEFIT DINNER FOR KIM THOMPSON

Thursday, January 30, 2014
6:00 pm - 8 p.m.
ELKS Lodge
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Raffle tickets on sale to shave Dr. Russell Nichols head!
ALONG WITH OTHER RAFFLE ITEMS