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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.

Volunteers a big part of a great little corner of the world

Letter to the Editor:
Hopefully there are other towns that are as community-minded as Heppner and the surrounding area. For example, our local students spend a dedicated day to enhancing the community through clean up chores, assisting elderly citizens or doing projects to improve the area.

Then there are the adult volunteers of the Heppner Odd Fellows Lodge who performed the back-breaking chore of cleaning up the rural Hardman cemetery prior to Memorial Day, providing their own personal tools, mowers, etc. It is back-breaking work to improve that site that can harbor weeds and dead grass. I'm sure that people who come to pay their respects at the graves of their deceased family members truly appreciated the effort. Remembering how the Masonic cemetery above Heppner once looked before it had full-time care makes one appreciate the carefully-tended grass and gravesites that now look so nice.

As the community launches another fine group of high school graduates, it is so great that our local newspaper, for the most part, only has good news to print. In the outside hectic world with much raw violence, we are truly grateful for our own peaceful and caring corner of the world.

Merlyn Robinson, Heppner

Obituaries

Ray Clayton Ayers Sr.

Ray Clayton Ayers Sr., 90, of Pendleton died at home on May 21, 2014. A Celebration of Life service will be held 11 a.m., May 28, at the Pendleton Nazarene Church with Pastor Chris Clemons officiating.

Mr. Ayers was born July 15, 1923 in Heppner to Clayton and Bertha (Ritchie) Ayers. He attended school in Heppner, where he lived most of his life. On December 28, 1941, he married Maxine Pettyjohn in Heppner. She preceded him in death in 1972.

On January 26, 1973, he married Kerry (Kay) Kelly, at which time he moved to Pendleton. He and Matt Hughes were co-owners of M & R Floor Covering and Heating in Heppner. He later owned and operated Ray's Heating & Refrigeration, Inc. in Pendleton.

He loved to make unique clocks and was an avid numismatic. There wasn't anything Ray couldn't fix. In his early years, he worked at ranching and loved to fish. He was

also a faithful volunteer at the Salvation Army meal site for many years.

Survivors include: his wife, Kay Ayers of Pendleton; daughter, Roseann Tetric and companion Augustine Turrissi of Pendleton; son, Rodney and wife Cheryl Ayers of Lynchburg, VA; daughter, Rae Cathleen Ayers of Pendleton; son, Ray Jr. and wife Brenda Ayers of Tigard, OR; sister, Juanita Widmer of Gresham, OR; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two nieces; and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Maxine; and grandson, Drew McClintock.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Anthony Hospice or The Church of the Nazarene in Pendleton in care of Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, 131 SE Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com.



Ray Clayton Ayers Sr.

Cutsforth to graduate from Western Oregon

Stephanie Cutsforth, daughter of Jeff and Missy Cutsforth of Lexington, is graduating from Western Oregon University with a Bachelor of Liberal Arts in business and a minor in environmental science.



Stephanie Cutsforth

Commencement exercises for the class of 2014 will be at the university's McArthur Field on Saturday, June 14, at 11 a.m.

Over the Tee Cup

Eighteen players enjoyed a beautiful, sunny morning of golf May 20 during the Willow Creek Country Club ladies play day.

Low gross of the field was taken by Pat Edmundson. Pat Dougherty had low net, while least putts of the field was a three-way tie among Sarah Rucker, Darcee Mitchell and Judy Harris.

For flight A, low gross was a tie between Virginia Grant and Karen Thompson.

For Flight B, low gross was taken by Jan Paustian, while Lorrene Montgomery

had low net. On Flight C, Laura Rogers had low gross. Betty Burns and Jackie Allstott tied for low net, and least putts saw another three-way tie among Jennifer Jaca, Jill Miller and Betty Carlson.

In special events, long drive was a tie between Pat Dougherty and Jill Miller.

K.P. (2nd shot) and long putt went to Sarah Rucker.

Pat Dougherty and Laura Rogers each had a tee-shot on #4 green; Pat Dougherty had a chip-in.

For upcoming events, the Ladies' 18 Hole Invitational is planned for Tuesday, June 3.

Calling all Morrow County cultural, arts, historic and literary organizations

The Morrow County Cultural Coalition, funded by Oregon's Cultural Trust Foundation, is now accepting proposals for the next grant period.

Categories for qualifying groups or projects are: literary, historical preservation, visual and performing arts, or humanities and cultural organizations. Last year grants supported Windy River Writing Festival, Oregon Trail Library

District historical books, Morrow County Historical Society Chronicles, Hampstead Stage Co., school artists in residence and rhythm instruments. Grants in the past have included quilting and art groups, art displays, cultural entertainment structures and kid's activities for parks.

The Coalition invites county organizations to submit completed Funding Proposal Request Forms to

the Morrow County Cultural Coalition by August 1, 2014. Complete guidelines and grant applications for 2015 can be obtained by contacting Susan Russell at 541-481-4277 or smsel@hotmail.com.

Proposals must meet criteria noted on the application and include a timeline with project to be completed no later than July 30, 2015.

Funding for the Morrow County Cultural

Coalition originates from contributions and donations to the Oregon Cultural Trust Foundation. To learn more about supporting culture in Oregon through the trust, visit www.culturaltrust.org.

Ideas and suggestions for cultural activities in Oregon from concerts and theater to workshops and museums can be found at www.oregonculturefieldguide.org. Grants can be awarded up to 50 percent of total project cost.

WCCC benefit tournament dubbed a success

A large turnout on a beautiful day for golf raised a total of \$2,150 toward the completion of the new patio at Willow Creek Country Club.

Thirty eight golfers playing in a "red, white and blue" scramble format said they had a lot of fun, enjoyed a nice lunch and were able to watch the work crew volunteers raise the roof on the awning section of the patio.

Scores were tightly bunched between 55 and 61 for 18 holes, with the winning team being Derek Gunderson, Stefan Matheny, Randy Carmine and Chris Carmine.

Winners received free rounds of golf with carts at other courses in the area.

The funds raised during the tournament will cover over 25 percent of the project cost.

The patio pavilion is expected to be ready for the first major tournament of the year, the Jo Pettyjohn Tournament, scheduled for the weekend of June 13-15.

WCCC benefit sponsors included Brannon's Auto Repair, Peterson's Jewelry, Heppner Family Foods, Les Schwab Tires, Wheatland Insurance, Community Bank, Morrow County Grain Growers, Green Feed, Pettyjohn's Hardware, Devin Oil, Allstott Construction, Markel Manufacturing, Miller & Sons, Windwave Communications and Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Men's Sunday play results for May 25

Twenty-two men played in the regular Sunday men's play on May 25.

Results were as follows: Gross: 1. Matt Scrivner - 65, 2. Greg Grant - 67, 3. Barry Munkers - 69.

Net: 1. John Edmundson - 59, 2. (tie) Dave Mitchell and John Bowles - 60.

Least Putts: Scrivner - 25.

KP#5/14 - Erin Mason,

KP 2nd Shot #6/15 - Erin Mason.

Next Sunday will feature the annual Ryder Cup Matches. This activity will be hosted by Matt Scrivner, Ron Bowman and Duane Disque. The committee requests that men who plan to play please sign up in the WCCC Club House prior to next Thursday evening.

SAGE center celebrates one year

BOARDMAN—The SAGE Center is kicking off summer and celebrating its first year operating with free admission all day and Tillamook ice cream samples May 31.

The SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, will also begin its summer hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through

Thursday. "The first year has been incredibly successful and all visitors have left with a new understanding of what goes on in our region," said Kalie Davis, SAGE Center manager.

The event will also kick off the SAGE Center's ice cream sales with free Tillamook ice cream samples all day.

Graduation
Heppner May 31st
Ione June 6th

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WEDDING TABLES

Jim Schlaich & Amber Steinhoff
Wedding - June 21, 2014

Keith Scott & Lynan Bingham
Shower - May 25, 2014
Wedding - July 5, 2014

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The VA provides five years of free healthcare for veterans who served in combat locations, beginning with their separation from duty. This benefit covers all illnesses and injuries except those clearly unrelated to active military service.

State Workforce Agency offices assist veterans to find jobs by providing free job counseling, testing, referral and placement services. Veterans are given priority when these offices refer applicants to job openings and training opportunities if they are qualified.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 541-922-6420

Hunter Education

Courses to be held June 10th, 12th, 17th and 19th

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Heppner High School

With a field day Saturday June 14th at Lexington Gun Club 8am -12 noon

Any person under 18 who wishes to hunt must pass this course in order to acquire a hunting license in the State of Oregon. Any person wishing to hunt out of state must also hold a valid Hunter Education Card. The course is being taught by Jim and Darlene Marquardt. Questions, call Jim at 541-969-4845.

To register for the class go to <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/education/hunter/> and follow registration instructions.

The fee for the course is \$10 and is set by ODFW