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## Gates, Newman announce engagement



Charissa Gates and Jim Newman.

Charissa Gates and Jim Newman of Pendleton are happy to announce their upcoming marriage. The couple plans to unite their families in an outdoor wedding ceremony at Lone City Park on Saturday, August 2, at 11 a.m.

Over the past 12 years, Charissa and Jim say they have built a strong family foundation. Their plans to marry will solidify their commitment to each other and to their children. Emily, 16, Christopher, 15, Sierra, 8, and Xander, 5, say they are very excited to "get married," and will participate in the ceremony.

Charissa is a 2001 graduate of Lone High School. She is currently enrolled in the Blue Mountain Community College/ Oregon Health &

Science University nursing program. She was accepted into the program while working at Blue Mountain Recovery Center, which closed in March of this year. Her parents are Tom and Arlynda Gates of Lone.

Jim graduated from Mt. Hood Community College with his general education degree in 1995. He is currently a purchasing manager at Keystone RV, LLC. He is also a volunteer for Pendleton Cattle Baron's Association. His mother, Karen Newman, resides in Phoenix AZ.

The happy couple wishes to invite family and friends to "save the date" and share their special day with them. A formal invitation will appear in area newspapers closer to the wedding date.

THE LONE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR SUPPORT:  
**Smitty's Ace Hardware, Morrow County Parks, Morrow County Unified Rec Dist., Morrow County, Bank of Eastern Oregon, The Gazette Times, KOHU/ The Q, KUMA/K-WHEAT, The Hermiston Herald and the East Oregonian.**  
Thank you to all those businesses and individuals who helped sponsor: 1000 Yard TV Shoot Red, White & Blues Poker/ Cribbage Tournament & BBQ Chicken Dinner

## Obituaries

### Marvin V. Casebeer

Marvin V. Casebeer, 96, died Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at his home in Prairie City, OR. A graveside service with military honors will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, July 3, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at noon at the Heppner Elks Lodge, with a reception and meal at the lodge immediately following the memorial.

He was born on April 13, 1918 at Sand Hollow, near Heppner, the son of Alvin and Prudy Holcomb Casebeer. After attending several schools, he graduated from Heppner High School.

Sometime after graduation, he owned a bus route throughout Eastern Oregon. He drove the route until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. He bravely served under General George S. Patton in the African - European theater during World War II.

After returning home, he married and raised a family. In the late '50s he met Ruth Ann Bovard and they were married at Heppner on July 1, 1958. They lived happily for 55 years until her death in 2013.

Marvin worked in the logging industry doing various jobs both in Heppner and Bates, OR.

He was very involved and loved his community, volunteering in various organizations. He served as a city commissioner, and was involved in Community Connections and Northeast Oregon Housing Authority for 20-plus years. He led the Senior Citizens program in Prairie City up to the time of his death.

Marvin was a lifelong member of both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign wars. He was an active member of the Heppner BPOE #358 for 69 years.

He leaves a daughter, Kathy Thompson and her husband David; sisters, Alvina and Joyce; grandchildren and spouses, Lori and Michael, Matthew and Rebecca; great-grandchildren, Kala, Shane, Skyla, Harley, Miranda, Christian, Adam, Michael and McKinzie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Marvin was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Ann; his only son, Marvin Casebeer; and a sister, Gladys.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Prairie City Senior Citizens Program, PO Box 873, Prairie City, OR 97869.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

## Methodist church welcomes new pastor

Heppner United Methodist Church will welcome a new pastor on Sunday morning. Mike Lamb, a Lay Pastor with the Northeast Oregon United Methodist Cooperative, will serve the Heppner church twice a month from July through September, according to Lowell Greathouse, District Superintendent. The Northeast Oregon Cooperative is based in La

Grande.

Lamb is originally from England and has been a lay speaker for many years. His first service will be held Sunday, July 6, at the Heppner United Methodist Church, 175 W. Church St. His sermon is entitled "Oh, this Modern Generation." The service begins at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by a potluck lunch. All are welcome.



Mike Lamb

## Struckmeier graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Haley E. Struckmeier graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, TX.

Struckmeier is the daughter of Donita Counsell



Haley E. Struckmeier

of Hermiston, and granddaughter of Cindy Greenup of Lexington.

She is a 2011 graduate of Heppner Junior/Senior High School.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

## ~ 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.

## Addressing concerns over the Neighborhood Center

Dear Editor,

The purpose for my letter is to clear up some of the misconceptions that are circulating in the community. The Neighborhood Center is a non-profit organization that is to be governed by a board of directors from South County. The Neighborhood Center exists to serve the needs of the poor and low-income families in the community.

I became very frustrated and decided to bring my concerns of accessibility and accountability to the board. I made it very clear that my concerns were not personal but that, as a board member, I have a responsibility to identify areas that I feel need consideration. The following are a few of those concerns.

1. Board meetings would last 15 -20 minutes and no real action would be taken.
2. When questions, requests or suggestions were brought up, the reply was always, 'This is the way we have always done it.'
3. Days and hours of operation; a 28-hour week, benefits, closed Fridays and holidays.
4. Audit and board training to become a more effective board.
5. We serve 67 low-income families at Christmas but only do six to eight food boxes per month the rest of the year. Where are these families the rest of the year?
6. Why are the churches giving out food boxes, if this is our commitment to the community?
7. Documentation/receipts of donations.
8. Financial information provided showed that every month the center was in a negative position. As a non-profit we are not going to make tons of money, but we should not be showing a negative every month.
9. Funds from United Way and the county are not guaranteed funds.
10. We requested a cash register with a tape instead of a cash box, and a daily input sheet so we could evaluate days of operation and changes, and make decisions on how to be more efficient as a center.
11. Boxing/storing donations for a four-hour rummage sale twice a year and then packing up leftover items and sending them on to Yakima doesn't make sense to me.

These are a few of the things that I brought up to the board; I still feel these are things that need to be addressed. My feeling is our mission is to be accessible/available to those needing assistance in our community.

Sincerely,  
(s) Arletha Brannon, Heppner

## Tea Party is about freedom, not politics

Letter to the Editor:

"This, too, shall pass." Perhaps you have heard this often repeated quote. Sadly, it can be said of the Willow Creek Tea Party. Not only is there lack of interest for meeting attendance but there is lack of community attendance at public forums they present.

The Tea Party does not have a bias for any one of the many political parties one can pick from today. We do have conservative values which are in line with our Founding Fathers, whose grave concern for this nation was freedom.

Our candidate forums hosted candidates from all parties so you could hear what they believed in, would stand for. The turnout was a very small number of citizens. We hosted a forum addressing water rights in the State of Oregon—not a political issue, a people issue.

We tried to help people get registered to vote. We didn't try to tell them how to vote or who to vote for. We just tried to help them know who was running and what they stood for.

Another quote, "I don't discuss politics or religion." That is what has gotten our country into this mess. Our freedoms have been taken away incrementally and no one has been speaking up. Oh, we have talked about it amongst ourselves but not spoken up.

The Tea Party is the voice for freedom, not for politics. Why such judgment has been passed on the Tea Party without anyone attending our meetings to get informed is also indicative of the sad state we are in—misinformed, ignorant and in bondage.

Just because it is said on mainstream TV or other mainstream media does not make it so. If you like living in America, enjoy it while you can because, at the rate we are going, it can't be free much longer.

(s) Norman L. Lee and Wanda J. Lee, Heppner

## AMAZING MUSIC LINE UP!!!

Performing live at the lone Amphitheater  
**Friday, July 4, 2014**

**TALENT SHOW**  
AT 3:30pm

**MUSIC FOLLOWING**  
**TALENT SHOW**



**SHE'S NOT DEAD**  
**RHYTHM CULTURE**  
**LLOYD JONES STRUGGLE**

lone's 4th of July celebration is sponsored in part by Morrow County Unified Recreation District



## BURNING BAN

Effective June 26, 2014, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner is imposing a **CLOSED SEASON** for open burning based on local fire safety concerns. **This burning ban is for the City of Heppner. A reminder that open burning also includes a "burn barrel."**

The closed season will remain in effect until further notice this fall as per ORS 478.960.

## HHS class of '57 to reunite

The Heppner High School class of 1957 will be celebrating their 57th class reunion in the city park on July 26.

Everyone is invited to stop by and renew old acquaintances and memories.