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Envoy a hit at Music in the Park



Envoy performed at Heppner's Music in the Park on July 27. The Lower Field below the grade school turned out to be the perfect venue for locals to spend a midsummer evening with talented musicians. —Contributed photo

August chamber lunch meetings announced

The August lunch meetings of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report on Thursday, Aug. 7, and guest speaker Gary Neal with the Port of Morrow on Thursday, Aug. 21. Meetings are at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room.

Cost of lunch is \$10. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include chili pie casserole with chili, onions, cheese and corn chips; sliced tomatoes, cucumber and onions; tortillas; and bread pudding. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Murray's 18th Annual Beer & Wine Tasting

Thursday, August 14, 2014
6:00 - 10:30 PM
Morrow County Fairgrounds
Fair admission required

Price \$10.00 Starter Pack
2 drink tickets & take home glass
Additional tickets \$5.00 each

Pizza and Salad dinner catered by "Howe's About Pizza"
Non alcoholic drinks available—
Something for everyone!

Join us for our OSU theme and meet BENNY THE BEAVER!
Coming to us all the way from Corvallis to visit Morrow County Fair!

Award Winning Local & Special Italian Wines Featured!

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Be sure to bring lawn chairs!

Live Entertainment:
Jet Teas for the kids

Joe Lindsay Family/Friends:
6:00 - 7:30 PM

John Wambeke & Eric Jepsen:
7:30 - 8:30 PM

Luke Basile with
Jamie Nasario Band:
8:30 - 10:30 PM

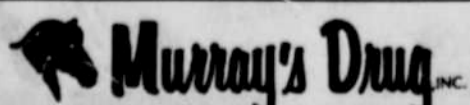
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Jordan Bemrose
Wedding: August 9, 2014

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS



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Birth Announcement

Kathryn June Knowles—Brian William and Genessa Knowles of Heppner announce the birth of a daughter, Kathryn June Knowles, born June 20, 2014 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, OR. She weighed 9 pounds, 15 ounces.

Grandparents are Clark and Bonnie Bombach of New Town, ND, and Butch and Mary Knowles of Heppner.

Great-grandparents are Bernard and Ruth Wanderass of Vida, ND; Neil and June Bornbach of New Town, ND; and Kathryn Healy-Thorne of Heppner.

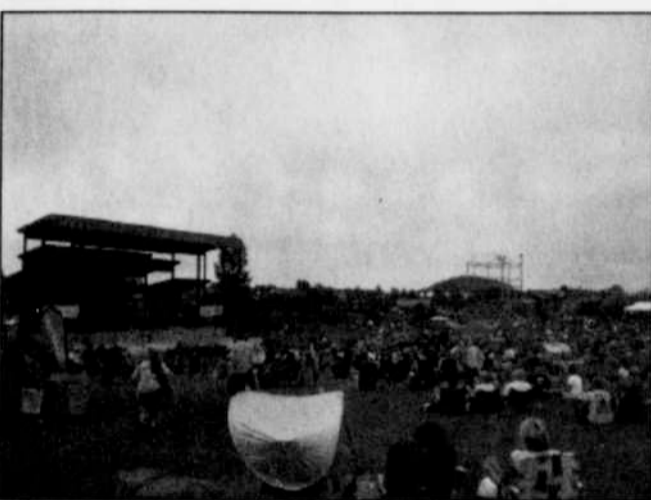
Benefit softball tournament planned for Rystedt

Strike Out for Cancer, a softball tournament to benefit Alex Rystedt, is planned for Aug. 23 in Heppner. Sign-ups begin at 9 a.m. with the tournament to begin at 10 a.m.

Cost is \$200 per team. Other events include a raffle for a Traeger grill and other prizes. Funds raised will go toward medical costs for Rystedt, who has undergone cancer treatment.

For more information, call Josh Henrichs at 541-256-0873 or Sharon Miller at 541-626-1154.

Bend performance makes local grandparents proud



The Dakota Brown Band performed Sunday, July 27, at the Les Schwab Amphitheatre in Bend, OR. Dakota Brown's (vocals/guitar) grandparents are Paul and June Jones of Heppner. Guitarist Luke Basile's grandmother is Joan Robison, also of Heppner. A great turnout of a couple of thousand—and an outstanding performance by the band—filled the amphitheatre's atmosphere with fun, excitement and catchy, sensational tunes for this free Sunday-afternoon event in Bend. The band originated in Pendleton. Check out future performance dates on www.dakotabrownband.com. —Contributed photo

Christian Life Center to host guest speaker

Terry Abbott will be the special guest speaker at Christian Life Center, 535 W. Morgan St. in Heppner, Sunday, Aug. 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Abbott is lead pastor at River of Life Assembly in Hood River, OR. He says he has a passion for "the gospel in shoe leather," wanting to "see the good news of Jesus Christ walked out...." His favorite things are fishing, hunting, golf and computers.

LIGHTNING STRIKE

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just over my house," Wilson says.

He says he was just about to turn off some running water when a pickup rolled up. In it were neighbor girls Miranda Taylor, 17, and Emily Taylor, 14, the daughters of Joe Taylor and Glenda Taylor. The girls had come to warn the elderly couple of some immediate danger the Wilson's couldn't see.

"They seen that lightning strike and a big fire, and the fire was coming right down over the hill on us, only we couldn't see it from the house," says Wilson.

"We didn't see the strike but we felt it. It was close. (Then) I saw the

fire," says Miranda Taylor, adding that they didn't even think about the danger to themselves. "It was close to their house and I didn't know if they knew about it. I didn't want it to...burn their house."

"I was so grateful they come. It would have given us just time to get the hoses and sprinklers going that we keep around the house just for a situation like this," Wilson adds.

Wilson says they all went outside to see where the fire was, and then a sort of miracle occurred.

"We went out there to see where the fire was, and there was a big gush of rain, and that rain put that fire out."

Be it blessings from

~ 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.

Don't yield liberty to bogus fishing rights claims

Editor's note: Mr. Dick previously submitted this letter to the East Oregonian, which ran it with edits. The letter as it appears below is the unedited version.

To the editor:

In the July 8 (East Oregonian) headline, "CTUIR leadership says fishing rights not for sale," regarding Ambre Energy's efforts to form a partnership with the tribes based on "mutual respect, shared benefits, collaboration and cooperation," the CTUIR claims the new dock would interfere with fishing rights reserved by the treaty of 1855 and their fishing rights are "not for sale." CTUIR chairman Gary Burks claims the Port of Morrow is a "productive fishing area, and tribal resources must be protected. Our creation story teaches us...we have always lived here and we always will."

Ambre Energy would be in the midst of two miles of existing operating docks at the Port of Morrow. The Port of Morrow owns two and a half miles of the Columbia River out to the old high-water mark before the John Day Dam was built. The land was purchased and set aside for industrial and economic development and transportation of goods and commodities. The Port of Morrow provides 60 percent of the tax base for Morrow County (more than \$12,000,000), plus 6,850 jobs and \$48,000,000 in local and state taxes. Ninety-eight percent of the Columbia River shoreline of the John Day Reservoir has been set aside for wildlife habitat and recreational use. In other words, the Native Americans have 98 percent of the Columbia River to claim ancient fishing rights. The Port of Arlington spent \$2 million building a dock on land they owned, set aside for industrial and economic development, only to have the Native Americans claim fishing rights. For the past seven years the Port of Arlington project has been stopped, deadlocked in courts due to the bogus claims of ancient Indian fishing rights.

The E.O. editors have sided with the CTUIR, arguing that \$800,000 per year "wasn't very considerate" and "came off as garish money waving." When one comprehends a conservative estimate of over a billion dollars of revenue per year generated by the Wildhorse casino complex on which the tribes pay no state or federal tax benefits to the American way of life and intra-structure, then yes, \$800,000 to the tribes is chicken feed. To those who work to sustain our American heritage in Morrow County, \$800,000 for our schools and the \$3,000,000 per year that Ambre Energy pays in local taxes and 25 full-time permanent jobs is a godsend.

In conclusion: To the CTUIR, you have not always been here. Your forefathers left no written records of your heritage. You migrated here just like the rest of us. Yes, you ceded your land in the treaty of 1855...land your forefathers never claimed they owned. Land that was never cultivated or economically developed. You are not guaranteed to always be here. Our liberty and freedom is only one generation from being lost, and we all have a responsibility to exercise our liberty as Americans to protect our liberty and freedom. You may economically own Pendleton but you do not own the Columbia River, and I urge Morrow County and Oregonians to not yield our freedom to another phony claim of ancient Indian fishing rights.

(s) Stuart Dick, Irrigon

Be proud of the Terrace

Dear Editor,

I want all the people in Heppner and surrounding communities to know they should be very proud to have Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living. It is a wonderful place for us older citizens to spend our lives with such wonderful care.

(s) Marjorie Batty Dale, Heppner

heaven or the alignment of the lucky stars, the rain ended the danger posed not only to the Wilsons but also to nearby neighbor Bob Perry. The strike site, says Wilson, was only about an eighth of a mile from their house.

"It would have got both of us, I'm sure," he says. "Another five, ten minutes, if it hadn't of been for that rain, that fire would've been all around our place. You can still see that big teardrop up there."

The heavy rain ended the fire and any danger it posed, but Wilson says he

is well aware of the risk the two girls took in warning them of the threat.

"I didn't even know them girls, and they came over here and warned us of the fire and everything. If that rain hadn't of hit when it did, that would've been more than a teardrop, it would've been the whole... valley," said Wilson. "If it hadn't rained that fire out, as dry as everything is, them girls would have been trapped right here with us. It was a risk they took."

"That's what I call neighbors of the best kind."

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