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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.

**Seeking help for an education opportunity**

Hello,  
I'm Skyler Hawks. I am a senior at Heppner High School. I have had the privilege of being accepted into a musical program called Oregon Ambassadors of Music (OAM). Applicants of OAM are selected by their music instructors and are not only chosen because of their musical abilities but also their good character. On July 3 of 2015 I will have the privilege of going to Europe for 16 days and visiting seven countries.

The only drawback to this program is the expense. This trip costs \$6,500 in order to participate. This program is a very good opportunity for me to experience new culture and to represent Oregon while traveling abroad. This program was set in place 40 years ago for the purpose of strengthening the diplomacy between the U.S. and other countries through music.

As a student who plans to become an audio engineer, an opportunity like this is not just a fun opportunity, it is an opportunity to work with professionals and obtain knowledge that will put me a step above the rest in the music industry. I have an agenda full of fundraisers planned for this summer and I hope I will see you there. Every penny counts and any donations would be much appreciated.

All donations may be made payable to Skyler Hawks at Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Sincerely,  
(s) Skyler Hawks, Heppner

**City fails to rectify its errors**

To the editor:  
It is with great dismay and frustration that I come before you this evening to inform you of the difficulties that have occurred due to the failure of the City of Heppner to rectify the errors made at my property at 260 Water Street. Promises were made by Mitch Ferguson and Kim Cutsforth after I appeared before you in October 2013. I was assured both by Mitch Ferguson, the city engineer, and Kim Cutsforth, on behalf of the city, that these corrections would be undertaken.

Ten months have passed since I first contacted Kim Cutsforth.

Ten months have passed since Mitch Ferguson spray painted the engineering marks on my sidewalk.

Obfuscation and dissembling have been the response, when there has been any response at all.

I fail to understand how representatives of the city can notify citizens they must perform clean-up of their property within five days or face fines, while the city cannot meet its own responsibilities to the citizens. Not only is the work not completed, no scheduling has been arranged for the work here. No contracts have been arranged. No company hired. No attempt to communicate until, prodded, I received a limp e-mail from Kim Cutsforth merely making excuses about the lack of action. The weather card was played in October and whipped out again in July. What nonsense. How shameful.

I fail to understand how anyone who is paid a princely salary, and perks for a management position, seems to have so little ability to implement a proper response to a problem of gross error and negligence. This project received public funds, and should have received a speedy fulfillment of the city's promise to make the necessary corrections. This problem requires only elemental management skills.

I fail to understand why the city is very quick to threaten a big stick thumping when someone misses payment of water bills, or works on an antique car in their driveway. What are the options when a citizen receives no response to the messes the city itself has made? What special clout is needed to get the city management to meet its responsibilities? When do we see the city management working on behalf of the citizens? Rusty's fire department is heroic in what it accomplishes. The police are always responsive and helpful. What has happened to the council and city manager, who are supposed to execute and implement the best interests of the citizenry? When will the corrective work be done at my property? When will the quid pro quo between citizen and government be honored by this body?

Yours truly,  
(s) Carolyn McDaniel, Heppner

**Travis & Kirsten Harrison celebrate 25 years**



Pictured are Travis and Kirsten on their wedding day Aug. 12, 1989. The couple celebrated their 25th anniversary this year by taking a trip to Hawaii. -Contributed photo

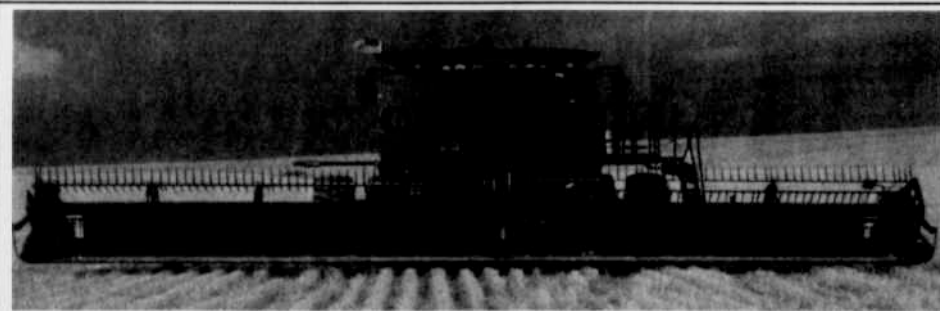
**Benefit softball tournament planned for Rystedt**

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.

**ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.**



2014 Morrow County (OSU) Extension Office Research Report  
Soft White Winter Wheat  
Cooperators: **Chuck Nelson and Tim Holtz--Thank you!**

Variety	Originator	Yield (bu/ac)	Test Weight (lb/bu)	Protein (%)
WB-1529	Westbred	25.4	61.6	12.7
Rosalyn	Oregon State University	20.4	56.4	12.9
Bobtail	Oregon State University	26.1	57.2	12.7
ORCF-101	Oregon State University	24.0	59.6	12.5
Mary	Oregon State University	26.6	59.6	12.5

Hard Red Winter Wheat  
Cooperators: **Starvation Farms--Thank you!**

Variety	Originator	Yield (bu/ac)	Test Weight (lb/bu)	Protein (%)
Brawl	Colorado State University	28.4	61.8	12.9
Byrd	Colorado State University	27.9	60.2	12.3
Norwest 553	OSU/Nickerson	22.9	59.7	13.7
WB-Arrowhead	Westbred	26.4	60.8	13.3
Whetstone	AgriPro Syngenta	24.7	60.1	13.7
Sprinter	WSU	24.7	57.4	14.2
Azimat	Limagrain	22.4	54.7	13.4
Farnum	WSU	23.3	57.5	13.9
Judee	Montana State University	24.2	59.9	14.3
Bearpaw	Montana State University	24.4	60.0	13.8
Legion	AgriPro Syngenta	22.0	56.6	14.6
Rosalyn	OSU/Nickerson	21.8	56.2	13.7

\* Legion and Rosalyn are soft white varieties used for comparison.

**Barbecue to benefit church burned by arson**

Ione Community Church is sponsoring a pit beef barbecue dinner at the church on Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. as a benefit for the congregation of the Arlington Nazarene Church, who lost their building to an arson fire a year ago in July.

Just as the congregation was ready to move back in last November, after making major repairs, the arsonist apparently returned, destroying the entire building.

In April of 1998, following a large thunder storm Ione Community Church lost its own church

building in Ione.

Members of the community church say they have always been most grateful for the kindness and generosity of the members of the St. William's Catholic Parish, who allowed them the use of their church for services for more than two years as they were rebuilding. In addition, many other churches throughout the state made donations to help with that rebuilding.

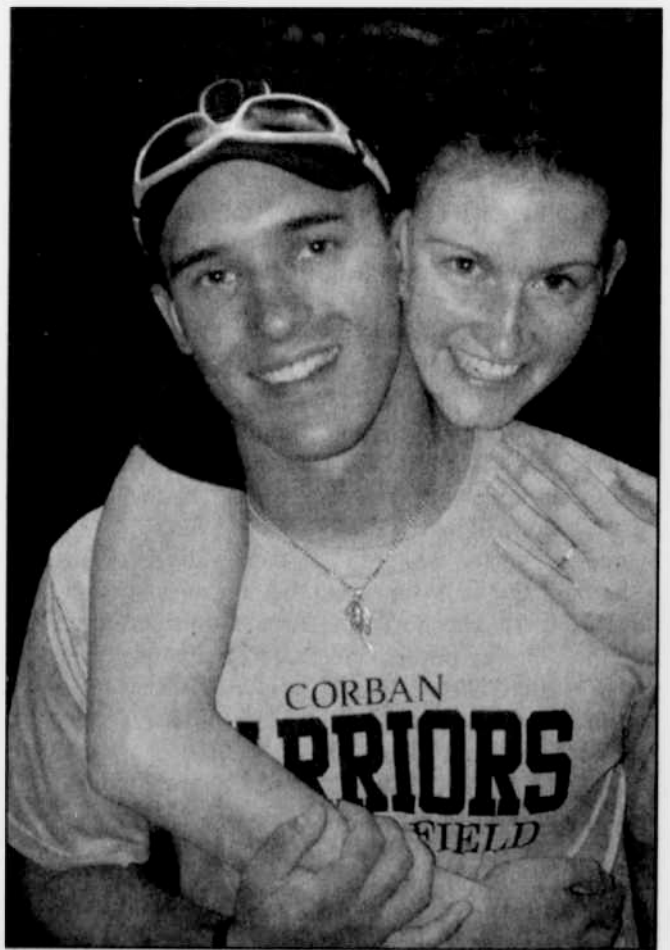
After receiving these gifts, Ione Community Church members say they would like to share the gift; as a favorite song says, "That's how it is with God's love; once you've experienced it, you'll spread His love to everyone, you'll want to pass it on."

For 45 years, the Ione church supplemented its budget through an annual church auction and pit beef barbecue dinner. It was a much-loved event, and the church would like to replicate the dinner to share with its neighbors.

Dinner will cost \$15 for adults, \$8 for kids ages six to 13, and will be free for children under six.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Bank of EO or at the church office.

**Hatfield, Harman to wed this month**



Jordan Hatfield and Jennifer Harman.

Steve and Becky Cherry, Heppner, announce the engagement of their son, Jordan Hatfield, to Jennifer Kaye Harman, Salem.

Jennifer is the daughter of Tuck and Audrey

Harman, Salem. She is a graduate of Sprague High School, Salem, and a 2014 graduate of Corban University, Salem. She currently works in youth ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Salem.

Jordan is the son of Steve and Becky Cherry and Ken Hatfield, Madras, OR. He is a graduate of Heppner High School and a 2014 graduate of Corban University. He is employed with Dynamic Fitness and Performance in Salem, as well as working at Morning Star Community Church as the music ministry leader and youth pastor.

The couple plans an August 23, 2014, wedding in Redmond, OR.

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**9 AM TO 11:00 AM**

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**PANCAKES, HAM AND SCRAMBLED EGGS**  
**WITH JUICE, MILK, COFFEE**  
**OR HOT CHOCOLATE**  
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