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Funeral Notice

John Shepherd—A Celebration of Life is planned for former Heppner resident John Shepherd this Sunday, Sept. 28, at 12:30 p.m. at Mallory Seed Orchard, past Ditch Creek, Heppner.

John passed away July 16, 2013. Heppner Ranger District Forest Service employees will be presenting a plaque in his memory.

To reach Mallory Seed Orchard, follow Forest Service Road 21 and then turn off at the Thompson corral to FS Road 2104. Call Joyce Shepherd, 253-970-8557, for further directions or more information.

Death Notice

Marlene C. Peterson—Marlene C. Peterson, 82, of Heppner died Monday, September 22, 2014 in Portland. She was born April 22, 1932 in Fairfield, CA. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Gazette-Times. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

It's game night fun and Rick Drake at the pulpit this week at HUMC

It's stacking up to be a busy week at Heppner United Methodist Church.

Wednesday at noon, Wednesday from HUMC, will help prep and serve lunch at St. Patrick's Senior Center on Main St.

Wednesday night, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Last Wednesday Game Night resumes after a summer hiatus. This is a community event and all are welcome to attend. Board and card games, along with Mexican Train dominoes, are just some of the games available for play. Pinochle players are needed. Refreshments are served and this event is free of charge. Families are welcome.

On Sunday, Rick Drake leads the service with his message, "Power??? For What??" Jean Brazell will lead the choir in "Come, Now is the Time for Worship" and liturgist Ellen Rollis will read from Exodus, Philippians and Matthew. Hymns will include "Guide Me O Great Jehovah," "O God Our Help in Ages Past," and "All Hail the Power."

Following the service, coffee hour will be held in the community room.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. The Heppner United Methodist Church is located at 175 West Church St.

Births

Addison Ann Bellamy—Clint and Misty Bellamy of Bistard, OR announce the birth of a daughter, Addison Ann Bellamy.



Addison Ann Bellamy

Addison was born September 9, 2014 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, OR. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Addison joins older sibling Dakota Durfey at home. Grandparents are Ken McCullough and Matt and the late Joy Hughes, all of Boardman, and Sam and Mary Kay Bellamy of Lexington.

Hailey Jo Morter—Brian and Courtney Morter of Bonners Ferry, ID announce the birth of their daughter, Hailey Jo Morter.

Hailey was born July 6, 2014 at 9:53 p.m. at Bonner General Hospital in Sandpoint, ID. She weighed 6 pounds, 15.5 ounces and was 18.5 inches long.



Hailey Jo Morter

Hailey joins big sister Hadley. Grandparents are Roger and Carla Morter of Heppner, and Don and Jeanne Hanson of Hermiston, OR. Great-grandparents are Perry and Kathy Morter of Lone, Dexter and Corinne Miles of Heppner, and Wilbur and June Hanson of Lincoln, NE.

The View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

On Sept 16, 17 ladies enjoyed beautiful weather for one of the last play days of the season at Willow Creek Country Club. Low gross of the field went to Virginia Grant, low net to Pat Dougherty, and least putts to Nancy Propheter.

For flight A, Loa Heide-man took low gross.

For flight B, Karen Thompson took low gross, Judy Harris low net and Jan Paustian least putts.

For flight C, Connie Jones had low gross, Betty Burns low net and Sue Edson least putts.

Betty Burns had a chip-in on #17, Nancy Propheter

on #15 and Shirley Martin on #16.

Shirley Martin had a long putt on #14 and Connie Jones had a long putt on #17.

WCCC Tuesday Ladies Club will be holding their last play day on Tuesday, Sept. 30. The last day of play will be hosted by the Ladies Club Board of Directors. The fall annual meeting, yearly awards, and election of officers for the 2015 year will be held prior to the day's play. A luncheon will be served, following play, to the ladies enjoying one last day of organized golf.

Cross-country golf tournament results announced

Tournament co-chairmen Dave Gunderson and Dave Allstott report that 26 men participated in the annual Willow Creek Men's Cross Country Tournament on Sept. 21. The tournament is devoted to the memory of the late George Waterland, who was one of Willow Creek Country Club's most avid golfers. The results were as follows:

Gross: 1. Greg Grant, 2. Derek Gunderson, 3. Ron Gray.

Net: 1. Dennis Peck, 2.

(tie) Rick Britt and Dallas Harsin.

Special Events: Dennis Peck (2), Dave Gunderson and Charlie Ferguson.

Josh Coiner was elected to the Men's Club Board to replace John Edmundson, who completed three years' service as secretary/treasurer. The next Men's Club Board Meeting will be on Sept. 30 at the WCCC Club House at 7 p.m., when the 2015 officers will be determined.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

September 22, 2014: -Ivin Ernest Turner, 57, of Heppner and Pamela Kristine Dowdy, 48, of Heppner.

~ 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.

Council's 'strong-arm' tactics don't guard citizens' best interests

To the Editor,

After attending last week's city council meeting, I found myself at another quandary concerning the ability of the city council as a whole to run this community, keeping the best interests of its citizens in mind.

Because of the "strong arm" tactics used by the mayor and other members, the citizens are "gun shy" when it comes to questioning such subjects as "fees" imposed on the people by the council. We seem to be afraid to "rock the boat."

The mayor was quoted saying "...the late fee was fair and the city could actually, based on other cities' charges, be justified in charging its users an even higher late fee." Skip Matthews said, "That fee is not a late fee; it is an administrative fee."

If it costs more than \$5 to rebill a customer maybe we need to look at the administrative office's spending habits. Just because "other cities" may charge more on late fees doesn't justify raising them here. We are not "other cities." We are a small rural town, so why bring "city" tactics to gouge the people for more money?

And speaking of other towns, I did some research and was not surprised to find some interesting facts about late fees and water/sewer rates.

1. Baker City: water/sewer \$104.02, billed every two months. The base rate for water usage at

4500 gal. Due dates are 30 days from billing. Late fee of \$35 is imposed if the bill is delinquent more than 40 days past, a total of 70 days past due.

2. John Day: water/sewer \$71, billed on the 1st and due on the 15th. The base rate for water usage is 4000 gal. There are no late fees.

3. Hermiston: water/sewer \$37.63, billed on the 1st, due on the 10th. Water usage base rate is 3000 gal. A late fee of 5 percent is charged after 30 days delinquent.

4. Boardman: water/sewer \$40, billed on the 1st, due on the 20th. Base usage for water is 7000 gal. A late fee of 1.5 percent is charged after 90 days delinquent.

5. Heppner: water/sewer \$49, billed on the 20th, due on the 10th. Base water usage is 2000 gal. A late fee of \$5 is imposed after the 10th.

The sewer rates we pay seem to be high compared to some of these rural towns, too. Hermiston is \$21.78, Boardman is \$25, but ours is \$29.10. And who doesn't use over 2000 gallons of water each month? I know I do. I haven't seen a \$49 water/sewer bill in a long time. How about you?

(s) Glorine Lesperance, Heppner

Historical society plans annual meeting

To its annual meeting in October, the Morrow County Historical Society extends an invitation to individuals who appreciate the importance and influence of history.

Two topics at the Oct. 26 meeting in Boardman will be possible tours to sponsor and subjects to research for the 2015 Chronicles publication. Among its projects, the Morrow County Historical Society periodically offers history-related tours to the general public, as well as publishing the Chronicles collection of articles yearly.

Entrance to the meeting at the SAGE Center on that Sunday will be free. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. The Center will open at 1 p.m., and attendees will

be welcome to arrive early and tour the facility.

Two guest speakers will be one highlight of the meeting. Larry Lindsay will offer some history of the Port of Morrow from its inception when Lindsay became an original member of its board of directors. Gary Neal, manager, will inform the group of contemporary activities at the Port.

A final highlight at the center at 101 Olson Road will be an ice cream feed provided by the society.

Membership in the Morrow County Historical Society is not required for attendance at the yearly meeting, but everyone will be welcome to join the organization. Yearly dues are \$5. More information is available from Louis Carlson, 676-5302.

Community lunch menu

Church of the Nazarene and Seventh-day Adventist church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, winter-blend vegetables, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls, orange tapioca, milk, coffee and tea. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161

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