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Births

Tomlin Nahenahe Ayumi—Dianne and Tom Henrich of Richland, WA and Jona and Jesse Masagatani of Hawaii are very excited to announce the arrival of their granddaughter, Tomlin Nahenahe Ayumi, born on January 22, 2015. She weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long.



Tomlin Nahenahe Ayumi

The proud parents are Tatom and Christopher Masagatani of Portland, OR. Great-grandparents are Ernesta and Frank Masagatani and George and Cathy Gonzalves of Hawaii and, at rest, Stanley and Shirley Cox and Bob and Marge Henrich.

Evan Jon Kates—Jon and Brooke Kates of Boise, ID are proud to announce the birth of a son, Evan Jon Kates. Evan was born January 20, 2015 in Boise; he weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. He joins older brother Cole, 4.



Evan Jon Kates

Grandparents are John and Kelly Boyer of Lexington.

Uncle Tyler Boyer is a graduate student at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR.

Benefit planned for Aleska/Lehn family

A benefit soup supper for the Lehn family, who recently lost their son, Wyatt Aleska, an Ione student, will be held Sunday, March 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Ione School cafeteria.

Anyone who would like to help with the super, with the silent auction to be held during the supper, provide a meal for the family or donate other food items may contact Erin Heideman, 541-561-0081, or Glenda Taylor, 541-571-4533. Meals will be delivered to the family through March 14.

Wyatt, 13 died at his home on February 27. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 7, at 12:12 p.m. at the Ione Community Church.

Obituaries

Wyatt Patrick Aleska

Wyatt Patrick Aleska, 13, of Ione died Friday, February 27, 2015 at his home. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 7, at 12:12 p.m. at Ione Community Church in Ione, OR.



Wyatt Patrick Aleska

He was born May 6, 2001 at Troutdale, OR. The family lived in Washougal, WA before moving to Arlington, OR in 2010. In 2011, they settled at Ione, where he attended school. Wyatt participated in football, basketball and 4-H. Wyatt was also active in the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps, a Columbia Basin Platoon out of Finley, WA. Wyatt loved to go fish-

ing, camping and hiking. He loved animals and always had one under his arm, whether it be a chicken, turkey or a cat. Wyatt was loved by many and always had a smile on his face, and he made people happy.

Wyatt is survived by his mother, Jana Aleska Lehn; father, Joe Lehn, older brother, J.D. Aleska; younger brother, William Lehn; and grandparents, Jerry and Linda Aleska, Joyce Aleska, Patti Krahn, Frank Lehn, and Bruce Kincaid.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Lois M. Allyn

Longtime Lexington resident Lois M. Allyn, 86, died Tuesday, February 24, 2015 in Richland, WA. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 7, at 1 p.m. at the Community Bible Church of Lexington.



Lois M. Allyn

She was born May 9, 1928 at Lewiston, ID, the daughter of Ira and Doris Hanchett Jenks. The family lived near Dent, ID until her father died in 1934. Her mother moved the family to a small farm near Orofino, ID, where she attended school. In 1943, they moved to Portland, OR. Lois graduated from Franklin High School in 1946 and then attended Lewis & Clark College for one year. She first married in 1948 and moved to Boardman in 1951 and then to Pendleton in 1954. The couple divorced in 1967.

On February 14, 1969, she married Melvin Lyle "Pinky" Allyn at Portland.

They lived in Boardman for a time and moved to Lexington in 1971.

Lois did office work for most of her life, for the Corps of Engineers, Umatilla Army Depot, Empire Machinery Company and the Pendleton Extension Service Office. While in Lexington, she worked for the Morrow County Planning Department for four and a half years and was the mail carrier for the Lexington Rural Route for 11 years. She was also city recorder for Lexington from 1976 to 1981. She became a member of the Lexington Baptist Church in 1991 and also served as its treasurer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brothers, Dalton and Norman.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Community lunch menu

Hope and Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, March 11, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include corned beef and cabbage with potatoes, carrots and onions, broccoli salad, black rye bread, and cake. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Retirement party planned for Luther

A retirement party is planned for Marlana Luther, former owner of the Victorian Rose Gift Shop, on March 12.

Community members and friends are invited to come wish her well and share in cake and punch during an open house from 4-6:30 p.m. that day in the new Silver Fox Banquet Room at Sweet Productions, Main Street, 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.

Road closures or timber?

When did we come to the point in Eastern Oregon that we found ourselves negotiating our access to public lands for timber harvest, and why is this an acceptable model for our elected officials?

The answer lies directly under our noses, but for the fact that a great deal of us don't know it exists.

Collaboration and the bringing together of "interested" parties to negotiate projects is killing our individual rights each and every day.

The Grant County Court, as one example, has decided to align itself with the financial interest of Iron Triangle and its ability to realize a profit from the "stewardship contract" given throughout the county. In order for Iron Triangle to move forward with getting its projects completed, they must keep the Forest Service happy.

Mr. Beverlin, newly appointed Forest Supervisor for Malheur National Forest, made this very clear in early February when he

informed the American Forest Resources Council that any interference or preventing the Forest Service from performing road closures will jeopardize timber outputs on the Forest.

That, my friends, is where we have come as a region and where the FS has come to as an agency. You don't support what we want to do, we'll break you. Period. End of story.

So, what other choice do these companies have? Either Hells Canyon Preservation Council litigates a timber project if it's not closed afterwards, or the FS simply does not allow the project because you can't keep the public shut up about it.

This isn't just in Grant County; it's throughout the Eastern Oregon counties, and the only way to address it is to tell the commissioners that our motorized access is not to be negotiated.

We're being held hostage, friends. Who stands up and says 'Enough is enough'?

John D. George, Bates, OR

Get ready for a litter-free St. Pat's

To the editor: It is time to get our town ready for our St. Patrick's Celebration. I made a "windshield inspection" of the Chamber of Commerce's ODOT Adopt-a-Highway route through town. It looks great. We just need to continue doing what

all of us are doing, which is pick and dispose of any items of litter we see. The organizations that do the highway segments leading into town may want to do a quick "tidy up" of their respective segments. Keep up the good work Heppner.

John Edmundson Heppner

Engagements

Wenberg, Faley plan March wedding



Trevir Faley and Mindy Wenberg

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wenberg of Heppner announce the engagement of their daughter, Mindy Roselle Sarah Wenberg of Arlington, WA to Trevir David Gairdion Faley of Mount Vernon, WA.

Mindy, the daughter of Kenneth and Bonnie Wenberg, graduated from Puget Sound Adventist Academy in Kirkland, WA before attending Union College in Lincoln, NE. She is currently employed at Loving Stitches Quilt Shop and

Fine Baskets in Marysville, WA.

Trevir is the son of Brian and Laura Faley of Mount Vernon, WA. He graduated from Mount Vernon High School and then attended Skagit Valley Community College in Mount Vernon. He is employed as a foreman for White Construction in Burlington, WA.

The couple plans a March 22, 2015 wedding at Riverfront Park, Sedro-Woolly, WA.

Ione to hold medical marijuana hearing

The City of Ione will hold a public hearing on March 10 at 6 p.m. at Ione City Hall, 385 W 2nd Street, Ione. The purpose of the hearing is to present for public review and comment proposed changes to Zoning Ordinance number 158 to meet the needs of medical marijuana.

Copies of the proposed changes are available at Ione City Hall. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

ST. PAT'S IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. DON'T FORGET TO THINK GREEN!

IRISH MINT YO SHAKES
IRISH MINT YO SUNDAE
IRISH STEW FRIDAY THE 13TH

The pharmacy Department will close Thursday at 4:45 for the playoff game!

WEDDING TABLES

Travis Bellamy & Hannah Bankford
Wedding - April 11

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH
DINNER: 6:00 PM
PIN CEREMONY / LODGE: 8:00 PM

BBQ New York steaks prepared by the officers
Side dishes of garlic mashed potatoes, roasted broccoli, mixed greens, rolls prepared by Kim Cutsforth