

The Official Newspaper  
of the City of Heppner and the County of Morrow

Heppner

## GAZETTE-TIMES

U.S.P.S. 240-420

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper  
Published weekly by Sykes Publishing, LLC and entered as periodical matter at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon under the Act of March 3, 1879. Periodical postage paid at Heppner, Oregon. Office at 188 W. Willow Street. Telephone (541) 676-9228. Fax (541) 676-9211. E-mail: editor@rapidsolve.net or david@rapidsolve.net. Web site: www.heppner.net. Postmaster send address changes to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Subscriptions: \$30 in Morrow County; \$24 senior rate (in Morrow County only; 65 years or older); \$36 elsewhere; \$30 student subscriptions.  
David Sykes ..... Publisher  
Andrea Di Salvo ..... Editor

All News and Advertising Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.

For Advertising: advertising deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Cost for a display ad is \$5 per column inch. Cost for classified ad is 50¢ per word. Cost for Card of Thanks is \$10 up to 100 words. Cost for a classified display ad is \$5.75 per column inch.

For Public/Legal Notices: public/legal notices deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Dates for publication must be specified. Affidavits must be required at the time of submission. Affidavits require three weeks to process after last date of publication (a sooner return date must be specified if required).

For Obituaries: Obituaries are published in the Heppner GT at no charge and are edited to meet news guidelines. Families wishing to include information not included in the guidelines or who wish to have the obituary written in a certain way must purchase advertising space for the obituary.

For Letters to the Editor: Letters to the Editor MUST be signed by the author. The Heppner GT will not publish unsigned letters. All letters MUST include the author's address and phone number for use by the GT office. The GT reserves the right to edit letters. 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.

## PROCTOR RETIRES

-Continued from PAGE ONE  
Beautification Committee, she isn't retiring from public life altogether. She plans to stay active in the community, volunteering her time where needed.

"I love volunteering. This community has done a lot for my family," she says. "There's always something to volunteer for."

As for the decision to retire now, "Sixty was a magic number, I guess," she says, but adds that she also retired to spend more time with her three grandchildren. That includes taking care of two of her grandkids for daughter Julie, who also works at Bank of EO.

With a little more free time, she says she hopes to

catch up on some projects and maybe learn to play the piano.

"Maybe I'll write that novel I've had in my head for years," says Proctor.

She also says she has been fortunate to do a lot of travelling, but would like to do more.

"When Mike retires, I'm gonna drag him around to finish seeing every state in the Union.

"I'll tell him we'll go fishing in every state in the Union," she jokes. "That will make him happy."

For now, though, she's says she's content where she is.

"I'm very blessed, very lucky to live in South Morrow County."

## Heppner class of '65 celebrates the '60s

The class of 1965 is extending an invitation to all Heppner classes of the 1960s to their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion July 24-25 in Heppner.

Also on the calendar is a second planning meeting for the "Celebrate the '60s" reunion on Tuesday, March 31, at 6 p.m. at The Barn restaurant in Lexington. Each class has a representative to help notify their classmates. Any Heppner

classmates from the 60s are invited to attend the meeting to help plan the event.

A game of shotgun golf and pizza feed at the Willow Creek Country Club, as well as a dinner and dance at the Heppner Elks Lodge with Heppner/local home-grown entertainment, will be the centerpieces of the reunion.

Questions, contact Ken Evans, 541-922-3949, or Stuart Dick, 541-377-5451.

## Marriage Licenses

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

March 19, 2015: -Euell Dwayne Hickam Jr., 67, of Boise, ID and Sylvia Lee Anderson, 65, of Chino, CA.

## Births

**Finnley Marie Palmer**—Spencer and Krystal Palmer of Rexburg, ID are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Finnley Marie Palmer. Finnley was born Feb. 20, 2015. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Larry and Tina Palmer of Heppner and Chuck and K'Lynne Wagner of Phoenix, OR.

Great-grandparents are Jerry and Janet Kloepfel of Vernal, UT; Shirley Palmer of Heppner; and Kent and Karen Hugh of Cedar City, UT.



Finnley Marie Palmer

## Valby plans Palm Sunday, Easter services

All are welcome to attend services at Valby Lutheran Church on Palm Sunday and Easter, March 29 and April 5.

Palm Sunday—March 29—Pastor Wes Sackmann will lead the service, which begins at 10 a.m. Coffee hour and fellowship time will follow. The old wooden cross will be veiled in black and displayed at the front door of the church.

April 5, Easter Sunday, Rev. Lea Mathieu will lead the 10 a.m. Easter service. An Easter breakfast will follow. The old wooden cross again will be displayed at the front of the church but will be unveiled and decorated with fresh flowers to declare, "He has risen!" Those who wish to may bring flowers and place them on the cross.

## HUMC this week

Palm branches and a processional lead the journey into the Palm Sunday service at Heppner United Methodist Church this week.

Rick Drake will lead this week's service with his message, "Keeping the Passion of Palm Sunday."

The choir will sing "Take Me to the Cross." Liturgist Ellen Rollis will read from the books of Mark, Isaiah and Philipians.

Hymns will include "Hosanna, Hosanna, Ho-

sanna in the Highest," "I Will Enter His Gates," "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus," "King of Kings, Lord of Lords" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

A fellowship time will be held in the community room following the service.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. The Heppner United Methodist Church is located at 175 West Church St. For more information call 541-676-9224 or e-mail heppneroregonmethodists@gmail.com.

## WCCC men's club results

Twenty men participated in the Sunday men's club kick-off breakfast and play. Breakfast was served by the Willow Creek Country Club board.

Results were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Low Gross-Matt Scrivner, 64; 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Gross-Erin Mason, 66; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Gross-Derek Gunderson, 67.

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net- Dave Pranger, 54; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net-Kelly Fox and Tom Shear, 56.

Special Events: KP 4/13, Mike Doherty; KP 2<sup>nd</sup> shot 8/17, Matt Scrivner; Least Putts, Charlie Ferguson, 28.

Next men's play will be March 29. Ron Bowman, Duane Disque and Dave Gunderson will be hosting the 8 a.m. tee-off time.

## Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish members will serve lunch on Wednesday, April 1, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include an Easter spread of ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, carrot salad, hot rolls and cake. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

## Kinzua Lunch Group

The first Kinzua lunch of the year was held at Service Creek on March 20.

Those attending were Betty Breeding, Monument; OL and Jean Ann Adams, and Bonnie Campbell, Heppner; Gael Liptak, Condon; James Craig, Stanfield; Pat Hyatt, Rollene Allen, Bob and MaryLee Britt, and Marilyn Garcia, Fossil; and Frank and Melba Cecil, Spray.

The next lunch will be April 17 at Service Creek at 11:30 a.m.

## Deaths

**Sam Hornbeck**—Heppner resident Sam Hornbeck, 76, passed away March 20, 2015. He was born March 4, 1939. A full obituary will follow at a later time.

## Op/Ed

## Wolf attack a cow man's nightmare

*Editor's note: Reprinted from the Wallowa County Chieftain. Mack Birkmaier, a past president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, is a lifetime rancher on Crow Creek and Joseph Creek in Wallowa County.*

Wolves attacked and stampeded 250 head of very pregnant cows (calving start date March 1) on the Birkmaier private land on Crow Creek pass Feb. 12, 2015. The cows were wintering on the open bunch grass range receiving one-half feed of alfalfa hay. This 1,700-acre piece of land is about 10 miles northeast of Joseph. These cows were to be moved to the Birkmaier home ranch at the mouth of Crow Creek the last of February (the ranch is about 20 miles north).

With no warning from agency people, who normally warn producers of wolves in the area, the wolves attacked in the night. The herd split into three groups. One group of about 70 cows went east, running in total panic, obliterating several barb wire fences. These cows ran about two miles to the Zumwalt road, then south and west about five miles down the OK Gulch road to the Wallowa Valley, then north to the Birkmaier ranch land, about three miles, then reversed and ran about three miles south where they were stopped. These cattle were wet from the condensation of cold air on their overheated bodies. Their tongues were out gasping for air.

Another bunch went north through several fences to the Krebs ranch, about four miles, then back and were going in a large circle still running when they were stopped. A third bunch stayed in the pasture, but were in a high state of panic. The cattle could not be fed for two days. They ran away from hay and the pickup trying to feed them. None were killed, no broken legs or stifled joints; some cuts from barbed wire, not serious. We thought we were lucky. The rest of the story, we feared, would be told at calving time and maybe before. By the way, the attacking wolves, from the Umatilla Pack, were at Dug Bar on the Snake River the next day (32 air miles away and over a mile climbing and descending).

Now about fladry and why it wasn't used. Fladry was not an option under these conditions on a large area with cattle grazing out in the winter time. Fladry is an electric wire with strips of colored plastic attached. Wolf cheerleaders, both local and everywhere, claim this cureall is the answer to end all wolf depredations. Our experience: It may have a place on small acreages; we find it hard to keep it electrified. Wet snow will take it to the ground, wind blows tumbleweeds and mustard plants into it and if you use existing fences to put it on, wind blows it into the wires of existing fence and shorts it out. To use it on larger acreages requires a separate fence and many electric fence controllers and it's just impractical.

In the early days of the wolf debate, fladry was offered as a tool by the agencies and enviro groups to suck stock producers in to thinking they could use this to protect their animals. If it was practical it probably wouldn't be stacked up in the courthouse. Talking to other ranches in other states confirms our belief that most ranchers know it doesn't work, and so does the wolf.

As I write this on the 11th day of March, 50 cows have calved. Our worst fears are coming true: one aborted a few days after the attack; three backwards hind feet first; one upside down and backwards (the hind leg of this calf penetrated both the vaginal and rectal walls); one more upside down and backwards; one tail first (breech); two with legs turned back; one with head turned back. Several vaginal prolapses probably caused by improperly positioned calves. Is this indirect loss or what?

My son Tom and his wife Kelly have had to deal with this horrible task night and day, 31 miles from vet clinics and assistance. What kind of people support turning the terrorist of the animal kingdom loose on these defenseless animals and inflicting this kind of pain and loss? When I think of my family out in the barn trying their best to save these poor animals — it takes hours with good luck to straighten and get them out — I get damn mad. Who do I blame? After devoting about 10 years of my life to fighting this invasion of wolves from neighboring states through the political system, attending numerous ODFW hearings and workshops all over the state and participating in the largest "no wolf" hearing in the state of Oregon at Enterprise, and losing it all when we were slam-dunked by the ODFW commission in Troutdale (who, by the way, didn't have guts enough to attend the Enterprise hearing) yea, I'm bitter.


We lost eight calves this summer, we were compensated for one. If we aren't compensated for indirect loss from wolves, our ranch and all others are in serious jeopardy.

**HOP RIGHT IN AND LET US  
FILL YOUR EASTER BASKET!**



**WE WILL CREATE A  
CUSTOM EASTER BASKET  
FOR ANY PRICE RANGE**

**Pre-Order Your  
Easter lilies today!  
541-676-9426**

**2014 PRESCRIPTION PROFILES  
AVAILABLE FOR TAX PURPOSES** 

**WEDDING TABLES**

*Travis Bellamy &  
Hannah Bankford*  
Wedding - April 11

*Trent Miles &  
Josie Miller*  
Wedding - May 29



**Murray's Drug**.INC.

217 North Main St., Heppner • Phone 676-9158 • Floral 676-9426  
Serving Morrow, Wheeler & Gilliam counties Since 1959

**WANTED**

**Your Household Hazardous Waste  
look for label marked "Warning" and "Danger"**

**Turn Them In! FREE**

**Friday April 10, 2015 Northend Transfer Station 69900  
Frontage Lane, Boardman, OR  
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**



**Items not accepted: Empty containers, Ammunition, explosives, biological waste and radio active waste. Question please call 541-989-9500**