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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.

Volunteers keep Heppner litter-free

The Heppner community is getting ready for our annual St. Patrick’s Celebration.

I want to recognize in advance the organizations which help by picking up and disposing of roadside litter on the entries to town. These are the Heppner Lions, the Bank of Eastern Oregon, the Morrow County employees and the Heppner Elementary School staff.

One of the features that distinguishes our town is our good, litter free appearance for ourselves and for our visitors.

And, I also want to express appreciation to everyone who helps with the preparations for St. Paddy’s Day.

(s) John Edmundson,
Heppner Chamber of Commerce
ODOT Adopt a Highway Litter Pickup Coordinator

Obituaries

Gordon Thomas O’Brien

Gordon Thomas O’Brien, 93, of Heppner, died Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at his home on Little Buttercreek. A memorial graveside service will be held Saturday, March 5, at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

He was born November 18, 1922 at the home of Mrs. Green, a Heppner midwife. Gordon was the son of Thomas and Lucybella Corrigan O’Brien. He attended the Pine City School for 11 years, then graduated from Heppner High School in 1940. He attended Oregon State University, majoring in agriculture business.

Due to the loss of an eye, he was unable to join the military. Following World War II he formed a partnership with his brothers. Gordon raised cattle, wheat and hay. In 1955 he married Helen Shafer at Vancouver, WA. Helen



Gordon Thomas O'Brien

preceded him in death, and Gordon continued to live on the ranch. He later developed a love relationship with Jeanie Shockman, who also preceded him in death.

Gordon was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge, and obtained the longest active membership of 71 years.

He was also a member of the Eagles Lodge.

He was preceded in

death by his parents; sisters, Isabella and Katherine; and brothers, James, Malcom and Pat.

Survivors include his 14 nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, PO Box 633, Heppner, OR, 97836 or to the Alzheimer’s Association, 1650 NW Naito Parkway, Suite 190, Portland, OR 97209.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Marjorie Harriet ‘Marge’ Burgess

Marjorie Harriet “Marge” Burgess, 97, of Heppner, died Friday, February 5, 2016. A graveside memorial service with military honors will be held Saturday, March 12, at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City, OR.

She was born March 29, 1918 at Baker City, the daughter of Joel Haven and Hattie Isobel Bennet Baisley.

Marge married Russell E. Burgess on April 29, 1934 at Baker City. They

Russell’s death in 1994. Following his death Marge returned to Baker City. In 2000 Marge moved to Heppner, and later she moved into Willow Creek Assisted Living, where she lived for more than seven years.

Marge had many friends and enjoyed people of all ages. She loved sparkly jewelry, red lipstick and living life in general. She will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Alma Lee and

Adeline Williamson; and a brother, Floyd Baisley.

Survivors include her nephew, Keith Lewis and his wife Sharon of Heppner, and also several grandnieces and nephews in Baker City and Phoenix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral Notices

Daniel “Dhel” Hibbard—A graveside inurnment service will be held for Daniel “Dhel” Hibbard, 64, of Heppner, on March 4 at 11 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton, OR.

He was born February 13, 1951, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton to James E. “Slim” Hibbard and Minnie L. Wood Hibbard. Dhel passed away Saturday, December 19, 2015, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Disposition was by cremation. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is handling arrangements.

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