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Ione library board to meet

The Ione Library District Board of Directors will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 26, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. 2nd Street. The public is welcome to attend.

OTLD board to meet

The Oregon Trail Library District Board will meet Wednesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. at the OTLD Heppner branch. The board will review financials for the district, and time will be set aside for public comment. The next board meeting of the OTLD will be Wednesday, June 15, at the Boardman branch.

Park district to meet

Willow Creek Park District will hold a regularly-scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 24, at 5:15 p.m. at Heppner City Hall. This meeting will be the regular quarterly meeting to discuss park district business and pool opening operations. It is open to the public.

RURAL HEALTH

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sicians down the line," said Paul Gorman, M.D., assistant dean for rural medical education, OHSU School of Medicine.

There is a desperate need in Eastern Oregon for competent, caring and dedicated health care providers who truly want to invest in the region. Rural communities want doctors who are just as excited to create a life and work in their rural town as the teachers, loggers and firefighters for whom they provide care.

Medical students will be immersed in rural health care delivery by participating in job shadows and having dinner with hospital leaders and providers. They will interact with local high school students and get a feel for why rural Oregon is a great place to live and play by enjoying extramural activities unique to the

region. On their last day, students will come back together to discuss the experiences they had in the communities.

"Each medical community has been so gracious to invite students to shadow in their hospitals or clinics and provide dinner with an opportunity to meet with hospital administration and providers," said Meredith Lair, executive director of NEOAHEC.

Grande Ronde Hospital, St. Anthony Hospital and Morrow County Health District will be hosting these medical students at their facilities.

"Giving my classmates the opportunity to learn more about and hopefully fall in love with rural Oregon, like I have, is what this trip is all about," explained Huddleston, OHSU MD candidate 2019, from Seaside, OR.

Obituaries

Janet Nadia 'Jani' Beamer-Wilson

Janet Nadia "Jani" Beamer-Wilson, 81, of Heppner, died Friday, May 13, 2016 at her home. A graveside memorial service will be held Wednesday, May 25, at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born September 15, 1934 at Pendleton, OR, the daughter of John Wesley and Nadia Renee

Lasure Scroggins. She was raised mostly in the Portland area, where she graduated from Milwaukie High School. She attended beauty college and worked for a time as a hairdresser, and later in life she worked in the hospitality field as a waitress.

Jani was a longtime member of the Elks Lodge. She enjoyed doing ceram-

ics, horseback riding and working in her yard, and she loved the outdoors.

Survivors include her children, Douglas Preston, Wallace Johnston and Carrie Vernon; a brother, Edmund Scroggins; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Neil Beamer; son, Gerald Johnston; and sisters, Joan, Dorothy and Frankie.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR, 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

~ 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.

Lower manager's salary would alleviate city's money problems

To the editor,
In a recent city council meeting I read that the city was having financial woes. It is my suggestion that the city manager donate some of her salary to alleviate this. I understand she makes close to \$75,000 per year.

As people know, the city had a survey done which leaves me with no flat space for a burn pile. Through a mutual acquaintance I am told the city manager said that if were to get rid of my dog statue, she would issue me a burn permit. If this is not blackmail, I do not know what it is.

(s) Thomas A. Gonty, Heppner

County organizations receive Wildhorse Foundation grants

Pendleton, OR—The Wildhorse Foundation, a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) as a result of its gaming operation, hosted its annual Recipients Luncheon Thursday, May 5, in Cayuse Hall at Wildhorse Resort and Casino. The City of Heppner Fire Department was among several county organizations to receive grant funding for the first quarter of 2016.

Over 150 grant recipients from 2015 enjoyed a specially-prepared lunch as Wildhorse Foundation Chairperson Kathleen Peterson presented details on funding for the last year. The Wildhorse Foundation awards grants to applicants that cover the areas of public health and safety, education, the arts, historic preservation, gambling addiction services, salmon restoration, environmental protection and cultural activities. A heavy emphasis of the giving fell under the education category, followed by public health, and public safety.

Following the lunch, the foundation board, con-

sisting of Peterson, Vice-Chairman Phil Houk, Secretary/Treasurer George Murdock, Debra Croswell and Aaron Ashley, met to discuss the 2016 first quarter grant applicants. A total of \$196,200 was awarded to 33 organizations, including four from Morrow County.

Morrow County recipients were:
City of Heppner Fire Department, \$10,560 to be used toward the construction of a fire hall and needed equipment and furnishings.

Boardman Fire Fighter Association, \$5,484 to be used for firefighter fitness and wellness equipment.

Irrigon Community Park & Recreation District, \$5,000 for marina moorage dock replacement.

Irrigon Junior-Senior High School, \$5,000 to be used to build a press box at the Football Field.

The quarterly deadlines for requests are Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1. For more information on Wildhorse Foundation guidelines or to receive an application, visit www.TheWildhorseFoundation.com or call the Foundation Administrator, Tiah DeGroffit, at 541-966-1628.

Heppner Day Care to hold preschool registration

Heppner Day Care will be holding preschool registration this evening, May 18, by appointment only.

Registration will be for all incoming three-year-old students (must be three by Sept. 1) and new four-year-old students.

Appointments will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be

approximately 15 minutes long. Bring your student to the appointment with you.

Confidential scholarships for monthly tuition assistance may be available and will be based on family need.

Please call 676-5429 to request an appointment.

Free pre-K vision screenings offered at library

Children ages seven and younger who need their vision checked before school starts can get a free screening May 19 or May 20 in Irrigon, Boardman or Heppner. See to Read screenings in Heppner will be Friday, May 20, at 10 a.m. at the Heppner branch. The Oregon Trail Library District is holding several See to Read vision screenings for three- to seven-year-olds starting Thursday.

See to Read is a program dedicated to "the sight and the success" of Oregon's children and will be providing free vision screenings at public libraries across the state. The Elks Children's Eye Clinic at Oregon Health & Science University's Casey Eye Institute is joining with the Oregon State Elks, Oregon Library Association and the Oregon Lions to detect vision problems in three- to seven-year-olds before these vision disorders unnecessarily threaten a child's development.

At least 15 percent of all preschoolers have an

undetected vision problem that needs to be treated with glasses, which is why Oregon's legislature has mandated a new law that requires all children entering kindergarten to show proof of a vision screening.

See to Read is a part of this state-wide initiative, aiming for earliest detection. Trained screeners from the Oregon Elks and Oregon Lions will be administering these free vision screenings at public libraries to children ages three to seven years old. See to Read is a program driven by the notion that no child should begin learning to read and write with an undetected vision problem.

See to Read screenings will begin at the OTLD Irrigon branch, 490 NE Main Street, Thursday, May 19, at 1 p.m. Boardman screenings will be at the Morrow County Children's Fair, 3:30 to 6 p.m., located at the Port of Morrow.

Parents or caregivers with any questions may call OTLD Director Kathy Street at 541-481-3365.

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, May 25, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, garlic roasted carrots, broccoli salad, hot rolls, and lemon bars.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Saying Goodbye Is never easy we know!


Please join us as we bid a fond farewell to **JEAN BRAZELL**, choir director, baker of communion bread, organizer of all things music and much, much more!
She and husband Al will be moving away at the end of the month.



A reception in her honor will be held Sunday, May 22, following the 10:30 a.m. service at the **Heppner United Methodist Church**
175 W. Church St., Heppner
Everyone Welcome!

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