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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.

Need to learn flag etiquette

To the editor:

In recent weeks the news media has been filled with the stories of athletes disrespecting our flag. However, citizens of Heppner do not have to go very far to witness a flag that has been and is being disrespected through neglect. My husband and I were walking our dogs around George Waterland Memorial Field near the dam about two weeks ago. As we came around the outside of the outfield fence, I noticed a tattered and forgotten stars and stripes flag dangling from a pole. Growing up, I was taught that there are specific rules for the display of our flag as well as a rule to dispose of it properly when it is worn. That flag at the ball park apparently has been out there through bad weather and darkness long enough that it is in shreds. I was taught that for a flag to be properly displayed at night, it must have a light of some sort shining on it.

I was deeply disturbed by this sight of neglect and disrespect and still am. Do we not teach flag etiquette to people anymore? Either in school or organizations that display a flag? Do the people who put these flags up at our local athletic events not realize that they should be taken down promptly? We have subscribed with the local boy scouts to have them place a U.S. flag in our yard on specific national holidays, and they are very prompt to retrieve them before dusk. If you display the flag for any activity, and need a refresher on flag etiquette, contact the local scout leaders. I'm sure they would be happy to help you. This is the second time I have witnessed a flag on display at one of our ball fields days or weeks after all the activities are over. Show your patriotism, learn the rules for displaying our national flag. Sally Walker, Heppner

Rebekahs to play cards

The Holly Rebekah Lodge, Lexington, will play cards on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Death Notices

Elizabeth P. "Betty" McDonald – Elizabeth P. "Betty" McDonald, 91, former Heppner resident, died Sunday, Oct. 29 at Haven House Retirement Center in Fossil. She was born on March 26, 1926. Funeral mass will be held Monday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Heppner, with concluding service and burial to follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

Bonita L. "Bonnie" Wenberg – Bonita L. "Bonnie" Wenberg, 69, longtime Heppner resident, died Wednesday, Oct. 25 at her home in Camano Island, WA. She was born Jan. 5, 1948 in Little Falls, Minnesota. A complete obituary will follow in next week's Gazette Times. Local arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Local veterans to be honored

Heppner High School will be hosting a program to honor local veterans for their service to our country on Thursday, Nov. 9 at

10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend the program that will be held in the high school gymnasium.

Telephone scam impersonates IRS

Local residents have reported receiving phone calls from callers identifying themselves as IRS employees. Callers may know a lot about their targets and they usually alter the caller ID to make it appear it is the IRS calling.

private information. If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an urgent callback request.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. Victims may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Or victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing

The IRS initiates most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States Postal Service. However, there are special circumstances in which the IRS will call or come to a home or business, such as when a taxpayer has an overdue tax bill, to secure a delinquent tax return or a delinquent employment tax payment, or to tour a business as part of an audit or during criminal investigations.

Residents are encouraged to report telephone scams to local authorities.

HJSHS Booster Club to elect officers

The Mustangs Booster club is seeking individuals who are ready to support the Mustangs and are interested in joining the board. The election of officers for the 2017-2018 school year will take place at the monthly meeting on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the HJSHS library.

Elections will be held for president, vice-president, secretary, publicity director and two at-large members.

The booster club mission is to support Scholastic and Athletic Achievement for all students at Heppner Jr Sr High School.

Marriage Licenses

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

October 24, 2017: -Randy Lee Baker, 62, Boardman and Kathy Darrell Jackson, 65, Boardman.
October 26, 2017: -John Quentin Ferguson, 36, Lexington and Alison Else Vandever, 37, Lexington.

First Friday Friends of Jesus to meet

The next session of First Friday Friends of Jesus will take place this Friday, Nov. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the All Saints Parish Hall. All kids in the community ages four to 12 are welcome. A free lunch is served, and there is no cost to attend.

Ione Legion Auxiliary to hold fundraiser

A turkey bingo fundraiser for the Ione Legion Auxiliary will be held at the Ione Legion hall on Nov. 11 from 4-8 p.m. A bingo packet and dauber can be purchased for \$10. Hot dogs, chili, baked potatoes and all the fixings will be

available for purchase, as well as frozen fruit pies and ready to bake rolls.

For more information, contact Becky Rietmann at 541-422-7230 or Maureen McElligott at 541-422-7156.

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include chicken pot pie, orange-kissed beets, hot rolls and lemon bars for dessert.

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

Community Bank to buy back Halloween candy

Taking candy from children is usually frowned upon, but teaching kids the value of giving back by selling their excess Halloween candy in support of U.S. Troops and First Responders is a win-win for kids, parents, and dentists alike.

from kids for \$1 per pound, up to five pounds. Buy-back dates are during normal business hours from Nov. 1 through Nov. 7.

This Halloween, local trick-or-treaters will join kids across the nation when they bring their Halloween candy and handwritten letters of gratitude to any branch of Community Bank. The goodies will be shipped to Operation Gratitude for inclusion in care packages to U.S. service members deployed overseas in harm's way and to first responders serving here at home.

Americans spend an estimated \$2.5 billion dollars on a whopping 600 million pounds of Halloween candy each year. In 2015 alone, 294 tons of that candy was sent to Operation Gratitude for distribution through its Care Package Programs.

Community Bank is proud to participate in the Operation Gratitude program to reduce excess sugar consumption, prevent dental decay, and teach children the importance of saying thank you to all who serve.

"Operation Gratitude has shipped more than 1.6 Million Care Packages that include items such as DVDs, handmade scarves and hygiene products. Halloween candy is a wonderful addition to these packages," says Operation Gratitude's founder, Carolyn Blashek. "The candy is a great morale boost for the troops, and a means to create positive interaction with local children."

To encourage participation, Community Banks across Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington will be purchasing candy

Candy and handwritten letters or drawings to service members will be collected at all Community Bank branches and shipped to Operation Gratitude for distribution in mid-November.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Three mules, two brothers, and a Jack Russell Terrier. Together they rattle 2000 miles from Missouri to the great American Northwest in a covered wagon.

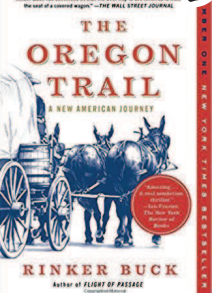

Rinker Buck sets off to explore the Oregon Trail like the pioneers: in a mule-drawn covered wagon. Hear the real life the story of this four month adventure told by Rinker in Honor of the 25th anniversary of the Oregon Trail Library District

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