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Death Notice

Carol A Ehrmantraut, 62, of Lexington, Oregon died Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at her home. She was born September 28, 1955, at Heppner. A graveside memorial service will be held January, 13, 2018 at the Lexington Cemetery. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

Births

Marissa Lynn Carlson—Kyle and Brenda Carlson, Pendleton announce the birth of a daughter, Marissa Lynn Carlson. Marissa was born Dec. 12, 2017 at 1:03 p.m. at the St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Kevin and Cathy Gleason of Dorris, CA. Paternal grandparents are Phil and Kathy Carlson, Heppner.

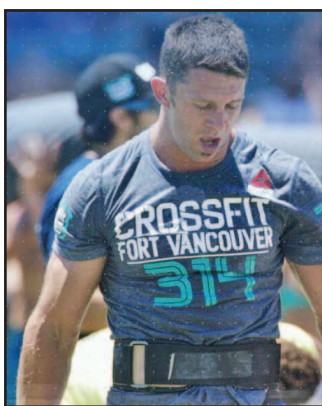


Marissa Lynn Carlson

Marissa joins a brother, Derek, age 2 1/2.

Adam Neiffer represents USA in CrossFit Australia Invitational

A new face joined the USA team at the 2017 Reebok CrossFit Invitational in Australia, Adam Neiffer, formerly of Ione.



Adam Neiffer

Neiffer, a 2002 Ione High School graduate, has competed in the Affiliate Cup since 2009 with CrossFit Fort Vancouver. The team took third place this year in Madison, Wisconsin.

The 2017 Reebok CrossFit Invitational was held Nov. 5 at the Margaret Court Arena in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

The Invitational is CrossFit's all-star game, with the fittest men and women from each section

of the globe coming together to compete.

The two-hour competition was streamed live to Games.CrossFit.com.

No chamber lunch meeting Jan. 4

The next Chamber lunch meeting will be the annual luncheon, which was moved from the first Thursday, Jan. 4, to the third Thursday, Jan 18, to accommodate the Christmas and New Year's holi-

days. The luncheon will be held on Jan. 18 from 12-1 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room. Heppner Market Fresh will be serving the lunch. RSVP will be required.

~ 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.

Landing Lodge contractor refutes county comments

To the editor:
In response to your article about the Landing Lodge and the county, I feel compelled to correct some of the information. Firstly, the county is paid 10 percent, not 5 percent. It has been that way the entire time we were operating it. I have a signed contract that shows that.

I have emails from Kim Cutsforth stating the changes they wanted to make at the restaurant including making park guests a priority, changing our hours while adding to our menu. While it is true that we kept the balance of the gross sales, from that balance came our suppliers, staff, insurance, donations to the Heppner Mustangs etc. We employed two people who now are unemployed.

Basically, they wanted to change a business that was privately owned and that had an increase in sales of 26.5 percent from 2016. As far as "doing things outside the contract", that is a mystery. My contract shows no provisions like that. I am interested to know what that is. Supporting the local booster club? Employing locals?

They did mention that they did not know we were feeding firefighters while they were staying at the park. Would that not make them park guests? However the county gladly took the 10 percent commission from those sales and has for the past three years. There are so many untruths about how this came about, but enough is enough. After being told by a commissioner to stand our ground, Kim stated in her last email to us that "I can add that it would be difficult for the county to continue under this program." A private meeting? No public? People who have never set foot in there deciding what a private business needs to do? At that point we knew they didn't want us.

We worked hard, did well, and yes we are insulted to say the least. I hope the county finds what they are looking for in a vendor. I wish the new vendor much success. I will miss all my customers, but I have the memories, pictures and all the new friendships to take with me. Barbara Richmond Harris, Heppner

Community lunch menu

United Methodist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be scrambled eggs with ham, bacon and sausage, hash browns, slice tomatoes, spiced peaches, biscuits and gravy and monkey bread for dessert.

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

City purchases new sewer truck



The city of Heppner recently obtained a newer sewer truck. The replacement truck has many features, including the ability to vacuum lines, clean with jets of water, do hydro excavation and has a recirculator so the equipment can be used without freezing.

Marriage Licenses

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

December 14, 2017: - Erica Arellano, 27, Umatilla and Jose Delatorre, 23, Umatilla.

Justice court report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

-Shelton Daniel Sharp, 22, Hermiston, was convicted of failure to obey traffic control, \$260 fine.

Inmate requests letters from home this season

To the editor:
Hello, my name is Aubrey and I am an inmate here in Sheridan. I am from your area, have no family left and lost contact with everyone out there years ago.

Just last week at work in maintenance, I was unpacking some parts and ran across an issue of your paper and immediately I was flooded with memories, wonderful memories.

Now, at 65 years old I feel like a little boy writing his first letter to Santa. I guess one thing I never did was grow up, I just grew old.

Each year when the

holiday season comes I am filled with hope and listen intently as they call names at mail call each evening. Well, one just never knows what the wonderful power of longing to hear from home might strike in the heart of someone a world away.

Well, this year I wanted to put an address on that need to write to someone. That someone is me. May peace and joy fill your holidays. Aubrey Elwood 26839-064 FCI Sheridan PO Box 5000 Sheridan, OR 97378

South county students make OSU honor roll

Five Heppner, Lexington and Ione students have been named to the Scholastic Honor Roll at Oregon State University for the fall term.

Heppner students, McKayla S. Kindle, a senior studying Human Development and Family Science and Kane P. Sweeney, a freshman studying Political Science; Ione students, Oskar M. Peterson, a senior

studying Mechanical Engineering and August H. Peterson, a senior studying Agricultural Sciences; and Lexington student, Logan S. Grieb, a freshman studying Pre-Business were named to the honor roll.

To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work and maintain at least a B-plus (3.5) grade point average.

BMCC releases fall term honor roll

Blue Mountain Community College has released the 2017 fall term honor roll which includes the following

- full-time students:
- President's List, 4.0 GPA: Kolby Currin, Edgar Guzman, Jessica Kempken, Lily Mills, Kevin Murray, Jose Romero, Brock Rosen.
- Dean's List, 3.40 to 3.84 GPA: Parker Blakley-Miller, Timothy Brown, Dawn Eddy, Casandra Fleming, Felix Hernandez, Bailly Hogenkamp, Jake O'Brien, Brandy Queza-

da-Hermosillo, Johnathan Roberts, Andruw Sorensen, Adara Spring, Colton Walker,

Honor Roll, 3.0 to 3.39 GPA: Alma Angulo-Nunez, Samson Beckman, Chanse Bennett, Harley Burgener, Anthony Campbell, Collette Cason, Daniel Doherty, Ivan Escobedo, Anthony Landeros, Kaelyn Lindsay, Rita McElligott, Joseph O'Brien, Gina Olson, Paulina Pena, Rafael Salas Garcia, Angela Tip-ton, Ruben Villa

Alumni Basketball games set for Dec. 23

Sign up for the seventh annual Heppner High School Alumni Basketball games is set for Saturday, December 23, at 3 p.m. at Heppner High School. The games are a fundraiser for the HHS men's basketball program.

The games are open to HHS alumni and their spouses or "significant others". Former teammates and friends are encouraged to play and attend. The spectator admission fee is \$2.

Games are typically two 20 minute halves with a running clock. If there is a large turnout, sometimes additional halves are added. Teams are split depending on numbers and ages of participants. Cost is \$25, which includes a t-shirt.

To sign up or for more information, message Jeremy Rosenbalm or send him an email at Jeremy.rosebalm @morrow.k12.or.us

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