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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.

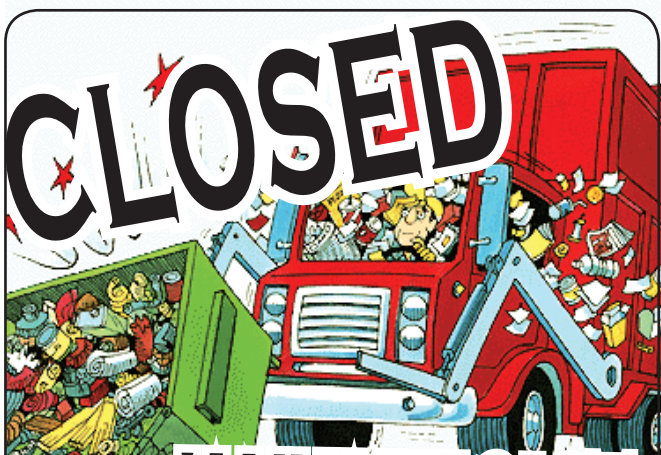
Guest says the Landing provided a needed service

To the Editor,
I have been reading the recent articles in your paper regarding the controversy around renewing the contract for operating the Lodge at the Landing restaurant at the Morrow-Grant County OHV park. I wonder what Grant County feels about this matter.
My son and I rented a cabin at the park in late October for a few days and enjoyed eating at the Lodge. We found the menu to be varied and affordable, and most of all the quality and quantity of food served was great, along with very friendly service.
It is a shame to read that one Morrow County commissioner does not recognize the value of social media commenting on

county business matters - is he afraid of contrasting opinions? Furthermore, it is also a shame that new management feels it always has to change something to mark their presence (shame on Kim Cutsforth).
The Lodge at the Landing provides a needed service to a portion of the county that is underserved, and contributes to making the OHV park an attractive recreational enterprise. I hope the Morrow County commissioners will come to their senses and renew the contract of the Harris's to continue operating the restaurant if they are not already disgusted with dealing with county management.
David Anderson
Sisters, OR 97759

Gazette-Times to be closed Monday

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1 for New Year's day. The deadline for news and advertisements will be Friday, Dec. 29 at 5 p.m. Contact the Gazette-Times at 541-676-9228 or email editor@rapidsolve.net.



CLOSED

JANUARY 31ST

MORROW COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS. SOUTH END 57185 HWY 74, LEXINGTON AND NORTH END 69900 FRONTAGE LN, BOARDMAN. WILL BE CLOSED SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2017

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IT ALLOWS OUR ATTENDANTS TO BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. MORROW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS 541-989-9500.

LA ESTACION DE TRANSFERENCIA DE EL CONDADO DE MORROW EN LAS SIGUIENTES LOCALIDADES, 57185 HWY 74, LEXINGTON, Y 69900 FRONTAGE LN EN BOARDMAN ESTARON CERRADOS

Y TAMBIEN DOMINGO DICIEMBRE 31, 2017
GRACIAS POR SU COOPERACION, ESTO LES DA TIEMPO PARA QUE LOS EMPLEADOS TAMBIEN PASEN TIEMPO CON SUS FAMILIAS DURANTE LAS VACACIONES. CONDADO DE MORROW SERVICIOS PUBLICOS 541-989-9500

Obituaries

Carol Ehrmantraut

Carol Ehrmantraut, 62, of Lexington, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 at her home. A memorial graveside service will be held on Jan. 13, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Lexington Cemetery with a bereavement lunch to follow at the Lexington Odd Fellow Lodge.
She was born on Sept. 28, 1955 at Heppner, the daughter of Wayne and Donna Robinson Papineau. Carol was raised in Lexington and attended school in Heppner where she graduated from Heppner High School.

After high school she married Delbert Nash, the couple divorced in 1977. She then met the love of her life, Roger Ehrmantraut and they married on July 3, 1978. The couple was happily married for 39 1/2 years.
Carol loved to go to the rodeos that her two boys participated in. She later enjoyed going to her two granddaughter's soccer, volleyball, softball and basketball games. Carol also enjoyed bowling, making quilts and doing embroidery work on her sewing machine. She also enjoyed

going to the mountains to hunt or just riding around in the RZR side by side.
Survivors include her husband, Roger; sons, Rodney of Michigan, Corey of Lexington; granddaughter's, Elaina and Emily; stepdaughter, Bettina Ehrmantraut, her two sons Kelly Page and Braiden Conner and great-granddaughter Brandy; step son-in-law, Bryan and Kara Ehrmantraut and their two daughters Cyra and Taylor; uncles and aunts, Earl and Edith Papineau, Ray and Gay Papineau and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wayne Papineau; mother, Donna; sisters, Penny Hoffman and Debbie Sharp; brother, Donny Papineau and her grandparents, Frank and Ruth Robinson.
Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Oregon Division Inc., 0330 SW Curry St., Portland, OR 97239.
Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

Death Notice

Kenneth R. Davis, 60, of Lexington died, Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017. He was born on Feb. 14, 1957 at Portland, OR. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Windy River receives donation honoring former Boardman student

A recent donation to Windy River Elementary will help feed a student and honor a former Boardman student.
Starr Caswell recently contacted the school's principal, Brandon Hammond, because she wanted to donate some money in the name of her friend, Pamela Kuhn. Kuhn attended Boardman schools while growing up there and is now a well-known opera singer, radio talk show host and music director/conductor who lives in Greenwich, Connecticut.
Caswell donated about \$300 in Kuhn's name to honor her. The funds will be used to pay for lunch

for a student for the entire school year. In her letter to the school, Caswell said, "To give this gift in Pam's name is an honor and privilege. Through all her accomplishments, Pam has never forgotten her roots and often speaks of her beloved home town, Boardman!"
Principal Hammond said the gift truly represents the meaning of the holidays and he is grateful for what the donation means to a family. "Boardman is a special place to raise a family, and to see the lasting effect that the area has had on Pamela (Kuhn) is a testament to this town," Hammond said.

Community lunch menu

Nazarene volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be a sloppy joe sandwich, calico beans, broccoli salad, mermaid salad and brownies for dessert.
Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Top local weather events for 2017

Here are the top local weather events for 2017 as voted by staff from the National Weather Service in Pendleton.
-Severe winter: It was a top 5 cold January for many locations, such as Hermiston (1), Pasco (1), Dayville (1), Sisters (2), Long Creek (2), Pelton Dam (2), La Grande (2), Meacham (4), and Walla Walla (5). The Winter Severity Index which tracks snow and temperatures and compared to previous winters at selected locations showed the winter of 2016-17 to be extreme at all points in the Inland Northwest, including Redmond, Walla Walla, Pendleton, and Yakima. Interstate-84 was closed between Boardman and Baker City on 16 days during December and January.

-Wet water year: Pendleton, Yakima and the Tri Cities each earned top 10 ranking for wet water years ending September 30. Nearly all of this moisture came in the October through June period.
-Bye bye drought: In early March, the drought monitor showed all of Washington and Oregon drought free for the first time since October 2011, a period just short of 5 and a half years. At the end of March, mountain snowpack was 100 to 140 percent of normal in the Cascades, Blues, Ochocos, and Wallawas.
-Central Oregon hail storm: On May 4, a late evening severe thunderstorm traveled through northern Deschutes and Jefferson counties and produced large hail between 1 and 2 inches in diameter northwest of Bend and Terrebonne, before moving into the Madras area.
-Hot dry summer: Many locations recorded the average temperatures in the top 5 for warmest on record for June through August. The Long Creek average summer temperature of 66.5 degrees barely beat the previous record hottest by 0.1 degree set in 2015. Most locations only received 25 to 75 percent of normal precipitation with the Pendleton area being the exception at 131 percent of normal. It was dry for 54 consecutive days in Easton, Washington and for 61 days in Redmond, Oregon. Hermiston and Yakima had the driest July on record. It was the hottest August on record at Ellensburg, Hermiston, Bend, Easton, Yakima, Pelton Dam, Long Creek, and Condon.
-Union County blizzards: On January 7 and 18, the LaGrande, Oregon airport reported visibility less than 1/4 mile due to blowing snow creating blizzard conditions. On the seventh, all roads in Union County, including I-84, were closed as winds gusted to over 60 mph.
-Damaging winds: On April 7, a strong low pressure system created a tight gradient and produced wind gusts in the 60 to 70 mph range at Walla Walla and Ellensburg, Washington and also at Shaniko, Heppner, La Grande, and Pendleton. Snapped trees and power outages were reported in the Bend area.

-Smoke: Wildfires, in and around the Inland Northwest, produced long durations of poor visibility and unhealthy air quality. Beginning in early August, smoke poured into the region from fires in British Columbia. At the end of August and early September, smoke from fires in the Cascades and Columbia Gorge enveloped the region. Stagnant air conditions and a light easterly flow even allowed smoke from Idaho and western Montana to drift into the region.
-Solar Eclipse: On August 21, it was a once in a lifetime event when the long anticipated total solar eclipse occurred. What made it weather worthy was that the sky conditions were nearly perfect for viewing. On the previous day, there was a weak disturbance that produced clouds and then, the day after the eclipse, the smoke from regional fires returned to many areas.
-June 26 flash flood and severe thunderstorms: The largest severe weather outbreak in nearly 4 years produced eight severe thunderstorms which pounded central and northeast Oregon and southeast Washington. Large hail up to golf ball sized was observed near Warm Springs and Clarno, Oregon. The Pendleton airport received its largest 1 hour rainfall on record with 0.97 inch. Flash flooding was reported near the airport and also in Kennewick and Richland. Winds gusted 60 to 65 mph at Pendleton and also Richland and Kahlotus.



Annual Crab Feed

NEW YEARS EVE
Sunday, December 31st
at 6:00pm

We will also be serving ham with all the fixins for members and guests only

HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main



NEW YEARS EVE PARTY PLEASE JOIN US! ALL WELCOME!!

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FAMILIES WELCOME GAMES, REFRESHMENTS AND A MOVIE.

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