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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.

Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision

To the Editor:

In the next few months we anticipate the release of the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision (BMFPR). This revision by the US Forest Service (USFS) is a rewrite of the 1990 forest plan that currently sets policy for management of our lands administered by the USFS in eastern Oregon.

The revision will cover all three national forests and calls for a monumental shift in how eastern Oregonians enjoy our mountains and access natural resources we have utilized for over 150 years. That shift will take place in adoption of a "closed unless open" forest model.

This new model will adopt motorized access restrictions known as "designated routes" and "closed cross country travel."

When adopted, eastern Oregonians will no longer be allowed to access natural resources via a motorized means if they are not within a "designated route."

You will not be allowed to retrieve your big game

with an ATV off a road and if your private property isn't on a "designated route" you will have to request permission from the USFS to access it. These are but a couple of examples.

Any motorized use off a designated route could lead to a fine of up to \$5,000 and/or up to one year in jail.

To be clear, the BM-FPR does not itself close the forest, as that will happen thru the travel management plan. The BMFPR will allow the USFS to change current policy cutting off cross country travel, then justifying travel management plans restricting motorized access to public lands.

Please, participate in the upcoming objection process and let the USFS know these restrictions are unacceptable, and you, as a resident of the area, expect your public lands to remain open to full multiple use, not to the segregated system currently being proposed.

Sincerely,
John D. George
Bates, OR

Births

Tiller Dean Rosenbalm—Jeremy and Madison Rosenbalm announce the birth of a son, Tiller Dean Rosenbalm. Tiller was born Feb. 6, 2018 at 11:32 a.m. in Pendleton, weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 ½ inches long.



Tiller joins two sisters, Tenley and Tymber. Maternal grandparents are Ken and Kaedene Bailey and maternal great-grandmother is JoyceKay

Hollomon, all of Heppner. Paternal grandparents are Ric and Pam Rosenbalm and paternal great-grandmother is Jan Eason, all of Arlington.

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be a baked potato bar with bacon, cheese, sour cream, onions and ol-

ives, mixed vegetables and roasted broccoli, hot rolls and brownies for dessert. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Public invited to attend road and transportation town hall meeting

Anyone interested in the future of Heppner's roads and other transportation systems is invited to attend a public meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Heppner City Hall from 4 to 6 p.m.

The meeting will in-

clude an overview of the existing transportation network in Heppner, a presentation of the current conditions of roads and transportation and a look at potential projects for the future. Public comment and input will be accepted.

Economic group elects 2018 officers

The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) elected its slate of 2018 officers at its annual meeting last Thursday.

Elected president for the next two years was Kim Cutsforth. She will replace David Sykes, president for the past two years. Rounding out the slate was Nancy Snider, vice president, Marcia Kemp, secretary and David Sykes, treasurer. The rest of the board of

directors for WCVEDG are Bob Houser, Darrell Green, Edie Ball, Jeff Bailey and Ed Rollins.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Port of Morrow General Manager Gary Neal who gave a presentation on the expansions and building activities going on at the Port. It was also reported that WCVEDG will continue to focus on trying to alleviate the housing shortage in the Heppner, Ione and Lexington area.

Chamber lunch meeting to be held

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held at noon on Thursday, Mar. 1, in the Heppner City Hall conference room. This meeting will be all entities reports. Tom Wolff of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op will provide an update.

Cost of lunch is \$10 and chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than Feb. 26 at 541-676-5536. Breaking

Grounds will be catering the lunch, serving a Rueben sandwich, beef stew and dessert.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.

Obituaries

Maynard Jackson Struthers, Jr.

Maynard Jackson "Jack" Struthers, Jr., 78, of Heppner and La Grande passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at a local care facility. A graveside service will be held at the Skyview Memorial Park Cemetery in Pendleton on Friday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.

Jack was born Oct. 16, 1939 in Walla Walla, WA to Maynard and Sarah (Gillock) Struthers. He resided in Heppner and a short time in La Grande. Jack graduated from Heppner High School and later served our country in the United States Army. He was married to Joylene F. Derrick.

Jack was a truck driver for Morrow County Grain

Growers and a farmer. He enjoyed coffee club and watching his great-grandchildren.

Jack is survived by his daughters, Maria Moulton (Brent) of La Grande and Robyn Struthers of Rainier, OR; step-mother, Edna Wilson; brothers, William Struthers, Gary Struthers and Joseph Struthers (Sara) and sister, Dena Wiese (Lyle); three grandchildren; six great grandchildren and 10 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joylene and parents, Maynard and Sarah.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.

Jane Elizabeth Akers

Jane Elizabeth Akers of Boardman was born Jan. 10, 1943 in Lufkin, TX, the daughter of John and Alverna (Allen) Grantham. She passed away in her home on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the age of 75.

Jane grew up in Corvallis, OR where she attended school through her junior year. She then moved to Portland where she graduated from Wilson High School in the early 1960's. She lived in the Portland area for several years until moving to Boardman in 1978. She worked as a cook for Riverside High School and Sam Boardman Elementary School for twenty three years. She also worked many other part time jobs in the area.

Jane was a member of the Boardman First Baptist Church and she was the cofounder of the Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner in Boardman. Jane was also a charter member of Boardman Fire Corps. She was easy to get to know and made many lasting friendships. For many years Jane delivered The Oregonian newspaper. A route that should have taken forty-five minutes often took hours as she stopped and greeted her many friends along the way. She loved spending time

with her family especially her grandchildren.

Jane married Ivan R. Akers on Mar. 9, 1978. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan and both of her parents.



Jane Elizabeth Akers

She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne (David) Gray; son, Glen (Annie) Whitson; brother, Al (Bev) Grantham; sister, Grace Grantham; grandchildren, Shawn Akers, Nick and Zach Whitson and Josh and Ari'el Gray. Along with these, numerous people who called her sister, mom, grammy and closest friend are recognized. Jane held each in her heart. The family would like to acknowledge with deepest gratitude those who surrounded Jane with love around the clock during her final days.

Services will be announced at a later time.

It is the families wish for donations to be made to the First Baptist Church in Boardman. To leave an online condolence for the family visit www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Ione library participates in book gifting program

The Ione Library District will be participating in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL), a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until their fifth birthday.

The Ione library will be gathering the names and addresses of children in the 97843 zip code area who meet the age criteria. Books are mailed monthly and there is no charge to the family or limits on income. DPIL was first launched in 1995, distributing the first books to children liv-

ing in Sevier County, TN where Dolly grew up. It became such a success that in 2000 a national replication effort was underway. By 2003, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library had mailed one million books. It would prove to be the first of many millions of books sent to children around the world.

For additional information on the program or to sign children up, contact the Ione library at 541-561-9828 or by email at ionelibrary@gmail.com.

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{lunch & learn}

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Riverfront Conference Center ♥ Sand Hollow Room
(2 Marine Drive, Boardman, OR 97818)

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