~ 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.

Hybrid wolves released

To the editor:

ute, the Idaho legislature or Idaho citizens, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife released Rocky Canadian wolves. "New research shows the wolves now living and hunting (in the Pacific NW) are different from those that lived more than a century ago. These wolves are hybrids." (Rebecca Heisman, Hakai Mag. Aug. 10, 2018).

The introduction of the Canadian Grey Wolf was Endangered Species Act. increasingly undermined. severely undermined big game hunting and the cattle

In Idaho, environmental activists thwarted through the courts every attempt to manage these killer wolves for well over a decade after their introduction. Today in Idaho you can purchase five tags to hunt wolves, there is a bounty up to \$1,000 dollars, they can be trapped and baited and still out of control. This fiasco we force a change of policy,

These wolves now have inhabited and colonized much of eastern and southern Oregon and in due season the entire state. They ning at age one

in bring productivity to the Blue Mountains. They elk were introduced and along with deer hunting. Big game industry in eastern Oregon brings in tens of elk and deer herds. millions of dollars to the local economy. The improper

and illegal introduction of In 1995, without the wolves is forcing big game approval of Idaho state stat- out of the national forests and has irrefutable undermined the heritage and way of life of the citizens Mountain grey wolves and that depend on our national the next year brought in forest for hunting and cattle allotments.

In the Heppner unit, as all eastern Oregon units, the impact of elk being hunted and killed by wolves has already forced most of the elk off the national forest. Our cattle and deer population will be next. Wolves have colonized the Heppner unit and the elk forced to private in direct violation of the range land has significantly undermined cattle forage, The impact of these wolves costing our ranchers tens on elk, deer, cattle and the of thousands of dollars. destruction of natural re- The cattle on forest grazing sources and the economy allotments are no longer of associated businesses in safe from wolf depredathe Pacific NW has been tion which will cause great stress to our ranchers, their These hybrid wolves are cattle dogs and undermine apex predators. They have cattle health and produc-

Our forefathers estab-

lished our heritage with their blood, sweat and tears. The big game belongs to the American people not the U.S. and Oregon Fish and Game. The national forest belongs to the American people, not the Forest Service. These agencies work for us. Our forest and big game are not being managed properly. These these wolves proliferate hybrid killer wolves cannot be managed by governis coming to Oregon unless ment agencies or environmentalists and must be removed from our forests and heritage. An example of environmental stupidity is illustrated by Southern Oregon Defenders of Wildlife, a nonprofit environmental kill three to five ungulates group. They donated two for every one eaten. They neon green and yellow have extremely high rates waving tubes to stand guard of fecundity producing five over a rancher's cattle. We to nine pups per year begin- need to be reminded of the others. She loved to bake to either the American Canexample of our forefathers. cookies at Christmas and cer Society or Ronald Mc-In eastern Oregon, our They understood they could pass them out to friends Donald House Children's forefathers were the first pi- not co-exist with wolves and neighbors. She had Charities. oneers to inhabit and there-that would destroy their way of life.

I will be producing a eliminated the wolves from documentary, with the supthe mountains so they could port of like-minded citiprosper and their fami-zens, called "Pacific NW lies and livestock would wolf depredation" to illusbe safe. Rocky Mountain trate why we must act with urgency to save our heritage, and protect our cattle industry and our belabored

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Obituaries

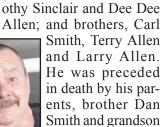
James Harold Smith

James Harold Smith, of grandchildren; 14 great 76, died at his home in Hep-grandchildren; sisters, Dorpner on November 17, fol- othy Sinclair and Dee Dee lowing a seven-year battle Allen; and brothers, Carl

with cancer. He was born August 6, 1943 at Coos Bay, OR. James was an

Army veteran, former police officer and former wildland firefighter. He loved mu- James Harold sic and the outdoors. Smith

He is survived by Darla Smith, Shannon Boor, Tracy Smith and Marcie Millerick; sons, James Smith, Richard Stiles, Terry Whitten, Andrew Scott of arrangements. and Shane Cady; dozens



there will only be a small private cerehis wife, Donna Smith; mony. Memorial contribudaughters, Dana Westfield, tions may be made in the name of his wife, Donna Smith, at the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care

Patrick Stiles.

At his request

Barbara Ann Harnett

Barbara Ann Harnett of lasagna feeds for Balloon Walla Walla, WA, died No- Stampede/Mother's Day vember 16, at the age of 80, surrounded by family. She friends; sometimes having was born November 16, up to 60 people attend. She

NY to Helen Stewart Pike and Arthur William Pike. Barbara gradu-

1939 in Brooklyn,

ated from William H. Maxwell Vocational High School Barbara Ann June 25, 1957. She Harnett married Melvin Joel Harnett October 6, 1962

in Brooklyn, NY and they were married for 57 years. Barbara was a trustee and part owner of the Harnett Ranch at Upper Creek Road.

She worked at McDonalds in Walla Walla for 17 years and was considered a valued employee. Barbara loved to read, bake and spend time with her children and grandchildren. She participated in Amvets Post 1111 women's auxiliary, planted flowers, worked on latch hook rugs, Tri-chem painting, was the bookkeeper for the family trust and loved traveling and visiting friends.

Barbara made friends wherever she went and she was always doing things for

weekends for family and always kept busy and

> she did not feel well. According to her family, "She was loved by all and loved her family fiercely. She was small but feisty. She will be greatly missed."

moving even when

She is survived by her husband, Melvin Joel Harnett; daughters, Dawn Harnett and Sheree Lobdell and son Sean Harnett and his wife Darcie Harnett. She has four grandchildren, Madeleine Lobdell, age 24, Luke Lobdell, age 19, Alexa Harnett, age 14 and Colby Harnett, age 11. She had three siblings and is survived by her brother William Pike. Her other two siblings were Jean Wilkens and Arthur Pike.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, December 7 at 3 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Golf Course, 201 E. Rees Ave, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Barbara Harnett

Chamber lunch meeting scheduled

of the Heppner Chamber Lutcher, OSU Extension. of Commerce will be held It will also be all entities Thursday, December 5 from reports. noon to 1 p.m. in the Heppner City Hall conference room. The meeting will include a short crop up-

Advance notice of

the test was distributed to

area residents so as to not

surprise or cause alarm

to citizens. The test was

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working order. The two

organizations plan to repeat

the test on an annual basis.

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The next lunch meeting date presentation by Larry

Lunch will be provided by Tacos Hometown for \$10 per person and RSVPs are required. Lunch will consist of a chicken or beef burrito, chips and salsa 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.

DEADLINE: MONDAYS at 5pm

Bank of Eastern Oregon opens new branches

The Bank of Eastern Oregon has opened a new branch in Hermiston at 1475 N First St and another in La Grande at 2514 Cove Ave. Both branches will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number for the La Grande branch is 541-624-5040 and the Hermiston branch can be reached at 541-303-8274.

The La Grande based lending team of David Stirewalt, Kristy Nelson and Craig Nightingale also have new quarters in the La Grande branch. The Hermiston based commercial lending team of Lucas Wagner and Jared Lathrop and mortgage officer Kaitlin Orcutt, also have new quarters in the branch.

"Since our beginning in 1945, Bank of Eastern Oregon has focused on providing quality banking services to the rural communities of eastern Oregon," stated Jack Wright and Melissa Samms, the new branches local operations managers. "We look forward to meeting and making new friends with the residents, business owners, farmers and ranchers of Hermiston and La Grande."

Bank of Eastern Oregon is a full-service commercial bank specializing in agricultural and small business lending, municipal and special district deposit services and offers a wide variety of consumer and business accounts and

Firewood season ends for the winter

cutting on the Umatilla National Forest will end Saturday, Nov. 30. Firewood permits will not be available again until May

The public is asked to take additional precautions when cutting firewood late in the fall when road and soil conditions become slick, soggy and saturated. Firewood cutters should be prepared for winter weather conditions. Mountain travel will require extreme care to avoid getting stuck in the mud or snow and causing resource damage to the land and vegetation.

Another concern for late season firewood cutting from National Forest lands is the misidentification of during the calendar year.

Personal-use firewood live or dead western larch, a highly prized firewood also known as tamarack. Larch needles turn yellow and fall off at the end of the growing season, which can cause the tree to appear dead when in fact it is only dormant. Tips on identifying live larch are located in the firewood guide that accompanies each firewood permit.

Firewood permits can be purchased at any Umatilla National Forest office or at several local businesses in the community. Permits cost \$5 per cord with a minimum purchase of four cords for \$20. A maximum purchase of 12 cords total, per household, is allowed

Heppner Celebrate Christmas event schedule announced

December 12 to be re-

deemed at the event. A meal consisting of sweet corn and garlic breadby Gateway Café, will cost held at 7 p.m. \$7 per person for adults

coffee will be available

The Celebrate Heppner throughout the evening. Christmas event, organized Tickets will be sold for the by the Heppner Chamber penny board and raffle prizwill be held Thursday, De- es. Rewards cards can be cember 12 at the Gilliam placed in prize bags for the and Bisbee building in Hep- prizes a person would like pner. Doors will open at to win. Scrooge will be in 5:30 p.m. Rewards cards the crowd being his grumpy can be collected through old self but will have \$10 rewards cards for those who can talk him out of one.

Pictures with Santa, spaghetti with meat sauce, Mrs. Claus and the elves will be held on the stage stick will be available for from 6 to 7 p.m. for \$5 each. purchase for the first 120 Drawings for rewards, penguests. The meal, prepared ny board and raffles will be

For additional informaand \$5 for children 10 and tion contact the Chamber at 541-676-5536 or heppner-Cookies, water and chamber@centurytel.net.



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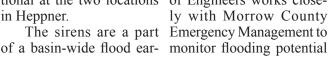
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of Engineers and Morrow collects rainfall and stream County Emergency Mandata from Balm Fork and agement conducted a live Willow Creek above Wil-

The U.S. Army Corps ly warning system which in the Willow Creek Basin. ly with Morrow County

siren test of the Heppner low Creek dam as well as flood evacuation warning Shobe and Hinton Creek, system last Thursday, Nov. which flow through Hep-21, at noon. The test was to pner downstream of the ensure the sirens are funcdam. The U.S. Army Corps tional at the two locations of Engineers works close-

Flood siren test successful

Wheatland is hosting our annual food drive. We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items until December 17th. Please stop by your local Heppner and Ione offices and help us help our neighbors in need. All donations will be donated to the Neighborhood Center and distributed throughout South Morrow County. Office hours 8 – 5 Monday – Friday

