

Obituaries

Henrietta Anna Schwarzin

Henrietta Anna Schwarzin was born February 5, 1935 in Jetmore, Kansas, to parents George William Mayberry and “Sue” Henrietta Gage-Mayberry-Heath-Vinson. She passed away February 29.

Anna married Felix Helmut “Pete”



Henrietta Anna Schwarzin

Schwarzin August 26, 1965 and they had four children: William, David, Edward and Kathy.

She is predeceased by her husband Pete and is survived by her four children, six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Plenty of entertainment scheduled

There will be plenty of entertainment to go around for the St. Patrick’s weekend celebration, including the Old Time Fiddlers, the Local Children’s Talent Show and the Gothard Sisters. No admission will be charged for any of the evening entertainment thanks to funding provided by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

The Old Time Fiddlers will be back again this year, performing at the Morrow

County Fairgrounds dance hall starting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14.

At the Gilliam and Bisbee building from 6 to 7:20 p.m. the Local Children’s Talent Show will be held. Following the talent show, the main entertainment for the evening featuring the Gothard Sisters will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dessert, provided by the St. Patrick’s Altar Society, will be available by donation during the intermission.

Chamber Chatter

Now through March 20, Morrow County is holding a junk vehicle clean-up program for the entire county. Types of vehicles allowed are cars, pickup, motorcycles, flatbed trailers and utility trailers. The price will be at a reduced rate and the amount will be decided on a case by case basis. Morrow County deputies will be on the lookout for these types of vehicles on properties and will contact the landowner about possible code violations. Those interested in taking advantage of this program, contact the Morrow County Sheriff’s Office 24-hour dispatch at 541-676-5317. Names, addresses and phone numbers will be added to a list to be contacted by a deputy to arrange pickup.

Tuesdays at 7 a.m., Weekly Video Conference Session with Morrow/Umatilla County House and Senate Representatives. Local Chambers from Boardman, Heppner, Hermiston and Boardman have coordinated a Weekly Legislative Video Conference Meeting with Morrow/Umatilla Counties Oregon House Representatives Greg Barreto and Greg Smith and Senate Representative Bill Hansell. The video conference session will be held during the short session, starting every Tuesday at 7 a.m. from Tuesday, February 4 to the end and possibly wrap up calls in March. Heppner video conference will be held in the upper conference room of the Bartholomew Building. Please join us and keep up to date with the discussions that are going on at the State Capitol.

Fridays, March 6 and March 20, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Free In-Person Tax Preparation Service at the Lexington Town Hall. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation to anyone of any

age – especially if you are 50 or older or can’t afford paid tax preparation. AARP membership is not required. There are no scheduled appointments, it is first come first served. Be sure to bring your ID, social security cards and last year’s tax forms.

March 11 at 6:30 p.m., Crafty Nights at the Heppner Library. This craft night is for adult crafters only and you will be making a holiday Gnome. Register online at <https://oregontrail.ploud.net/> or contact the library at 541-676-9964 for more information.

Thursday, March 12 through Sunday, March 15, 38th Annual St. Patrick’s “Wee Bit O’ Ireland” celebration. See the schedule in this week’s issue of the G-T.

Friday, May 15 at 12 p.m., Morrow and Gilliam County Crop Tour. Meet at Starvation Farms, 73117 Strawberry Lane, Lexington. This is a bus tour and will hold seating for 58. There will be direct seed drill demonstrations, OSU and USDA Plot Tours. Live music from the Corey Peterson Band and dinner to follow. Sponsored by PNDSA, OSU Extension, Morrow and Gilliam Wheat Growers. For more information or to RSVP contact Larry Lutchter or Erin Heideman at OSU Extension office at 541-676-9642.

Friday, July 17-Sunday, July 19, Heppner High School class of 1965 will be sponsoring a “splendor of the 60’s” class reunion. Event schedule and activities are being organized. There will be a no host fellowship Friday evening, dinner and music on Saturday evening; Shot gun golf will be held on Saturday at noon at the Willow Creek Country Club. Everyone is invited to help make it happen. Contact Stuart Dick at 541-377-5451 or Ken Evans.

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, March 4 at St. Patrick’s Senior Center. Lunch will be Shepherd’s pie, wheat bread, herbed cauliflower, unsweet applesauce with cinnamon and ice cream.

St. Patrick’s Parish volunteers will serve lunch on

Wednesday, March 11 at St. Patrick’s Senior Center. Lunch will be spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli, tossed salad and grapes.

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

Oregon Wheat stands with Oregon Republicans

The Oregon Wheat Growers League is disappointed in the breakdown of process that led to SB 1530, Cap and Trade, being pushed out of committee without adequate consideration given to the impacts such legislation would have on rural communities. We support our Senate Republicans in their decision to deny quorum in order to prevent the passage of this legislation.

Under the proposed Cap and Trade bills, we would see no significant reduction in Oregon’s carbon emissions. Money would be extracted from rural Oregon’s natural resource industries and redistributed to programs that have little to do with carbon reductions/adaptation. The legislation does not take practical steps for climate adaptation, such as supporting agronomic practices like no-till and precision ag which further reduce our carbon footprint. Instead, it imposes significant costs over time. As an industry with many centennial and sesquicentennial family farms, we are keenly aware that these delayed costs will eventually come due. Including but definitely not limited to, higher fuel and energy costs that increase further over time, higher costs for all our farm inputs, and higher transportation costs to ship our crops to markets. This is on top of significant regulatory cost increases, tax increases and higher wage and benefit costs already inflicted on our growers by legislative actions in the last few years. Further rise in our costs will simply drive wheat farmers, especially smaller operations and new and young farmers, out of business in the years ahead.

The short session does not provide the time for necessary and meaningful discussion on important topics. We appreciate all the legislators who have worked so diligently, but with little success, to amend Cap and Trade to reduce the impacts to agriculture and rural Oregon. Leaving Salem was a last resort and only employed when there were no other options available to ensure the voices of all Oregonians are considered in the political process. We support our Senators for taking action to prevent this legislation from moving forward.

OWGL is the primary representative for Oregon’s wheat growers; working to enhance the profitability of wheat growers by communicating with and educating growers and the public, assuring markets, conducting important research and advocating for sound business, trade and environmental policy.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Glen Diehl, has released the following Justice Court report:

-Tosha Ann Kidwell, 41, Heppner, was convicted of driving while suspended, fine \$440 and driving uninsured, fine \$265.

Correction

In the February 26 issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times it was reported that county commissioner candidate Mike Sweek was a Vietnam veteran. In fact, he was a Vietnam war era veteran. The editor apologizes for this error.

LCAC to meet

Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC) will hold a meeting Thursday, March 5 at 9 a.m. in the Bartholomew Building upper conference room at 110 N. Court St., next to the Courthouse.

Coming Soon...

Murray’s Irish Beer & Wine Fest

Come join us at the newly remodeled Gilliam & Bisbee building!

Friday, March 13th
8pm - 12am

\$5 Cover Charge
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Guest Editorials

All we want are the facts

By Senator Bill Hansell

Because my family didn’t have television on the farm, for most of my growing up years, it was a special treat to watch TV when I would stay with my grandparents in Walla Walla during the summer. One of my favorite shows was Dagnet. Sergeant Joe Friday played by Jack Webb was the star.

The best-known quote from the TV series was “All we want are the facts ma’am.” Later comedian Dan Aykroyd shortened it to “Just the facts ma’am. Just the facts.”

The Oregon Legislature is dealing with a massive bill called Cap and Trade. What are the facts? Can you get the facts without the political spin? KGW News in Portland reported some facts which I believe have been lost or ignored in the Cap and Trade discussion. Here are a few facts you might find interesting.

-Fact #1 Being opposed to the current Cap and Trade Bills does not mean you are a “Climate Change Denier.” I and my fellow Republicans have been willing to work on bipartisan bills to address the issue. But at every turn we have been rejected. It is this bill or nothing.

-Fact #2 Do the Math

The Cap and Trade legislation, before it is done, is estimated to have billions of dollars in increased energy costs, with no measurable reduction in greenhouse gases. Oregon produces 65 MMT (million metric tons) of greenhouse gases per year. The United States produces 6.4 billion metric tons for their annual carbon footprint. Do the math and Oregon’s contribution is 1 percent. The entire world’s carbon footprint is 36.8 billion metric tons. Oregon’s part of that is 1/10 of 1 percent. Even the proponents of this piece of legislation say Oregon’s contribution to world greenhouse gas emissions is unmeasurable. We are asking Oregon businesses and Oregon citizens to fall on their swords for no measurable result.

“Do the math ma’am. Do the math.”

-Fact #3 Oregon has already passed significant legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

1. Low carbon fuel standard legislation
2. Coal-to-clean legislation
3. Renewable Energy Portfolio legislation
4. \$2,000,000,000 spent in upgrading efficiency through Energy Trust of Oregon, which Oregon ratepayers have funded.

“Do the math ma’am. Do the math.”

-Fact #4 Oregon’s population grew from 1990 to present from 2.8 to 4.2 million. Over that same period of time our emissions grew from 56.2 to 64 MMT. We experienced a 50 percent growth with only a 15 percent growth in emissions. Oregon actually has experienced a 22 percent reduction per capita since 1990 in greenhouse emissions. I believe the facts show that what we have done legislatively is working, and the citizens are already heavily investing in the reduction.

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-Fact #5 Oregonians are an intelligent lot. To state the Cap and Trade legislation is too complicated for citizens to understand as my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have done, is insulting. The people of Oregon are intelligent enough to determine for themselves if the proposed Cap and Trade legislation contains the facts they require to cast an affirmative vote. What is the reason the Democratic majority rejects having the people decide? Could it be the facts aren’t there to support the vote? I certainly think that is the reason.

“All we want are the facts ma’am.”

-Fact #6 The Republican legislators have been trying to get the facts. We have time and time again, throughout the process, asked questions to try and get the facts.

1. What are the actual costs of this program? Answer: We don’t have the time or resources to determine it.
2. Is it a tax? Answer: Don’t think so but let the courts decide.
3. Will Oregon businesses have to leave Oregon? Answer: We hope not.
4. With no measurable impact on either the world’s or the United States carbon imprint, why should Oregonians and Oregon companies be required to pay such a massive cost? Answer: We have a moral obligation and if Oregon leads, other states will follow.

“How do you get the facts ma’am when there aren’t any to be given?”

In a court of law, both sides present the facts as they see them. Our state constitution also provides the same format with legislation, where the facts can be presented and debated in the court of public opinion. The citizens of Oregon become the jury that decides the outcome. The Cap and Trade legislation needs to be decided by a vote of the people of Oregon. To do anything else is wrong. Let the people decide ma’am, let the people decide.

Senator Bill Hansell is in his 38th year of elected office. In both his 30 years of being an Umatilla County Commissioner and eight years in the Oregon Senate, his goal has been to always make informed decisions. To do that, you need the facts, just like Sergeant Joe Friday.



Senator Bill Hansell