

~ 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. All letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Hats off to Heppner residents

To the editor:
Two situations have finally penetrated my consciousness, though they have been occurring for some time, and I just wish to acknowledge them and to say, "Hats off."
First: Many newcomers are moving in, some renting, some buying, all hopefully, added assets to our community. Growth in our population surely means growth in our economy, in our potential circles of friends, possibly in new businesses and, hopefully, in our schools. Opportunity is moving into Heppner with these new faces, so "Hats off" to you who have chosen to move to Heppner.
Second: Many homes recently moved into by renters and buyers have benefited from some renewed attention, some TLC, which means that

Heppner has also benefited. And some long-time homeowners have found, for about five months now, the time and encouragement provided by forced idleness to make home improvements. Yards are being cleaned up and cleaned out. More plants now add to the "curbside appeal," and grass now grows where dirt and weeds ruled. New paint and repairs are making big differences for so many homes. Again, I say, "Hats off" to our citizens who care.
Of course, not everyone, new resident or previously established, cares about the looks of a house or yard but as a member of our small society, I appreciate the efforts of those who do care and again say, "Hats off."
Doris Brosnan

A View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

The sunny, hot day was enjoyed by 15 lady golfers at their playday held June 23 at Willow Creek Country Club.

Low gross of the field went to Nancy Propheter. Low net of the field was split between Pat Dougherty and Virginia Grant. Jeanne Creswick had the least putts of the field.

Low gross for flight B was a tie between Karen Haguewood and Tiffany

Clement. Pat Edmundson had low net and Shirley Martin had the least putts.

Flight C's low gross went to Bunnie Lindsay, low net to Sue Edson and Lorrene Montgomery had the least putts.

Tiffany Clement got a birdie on hole number 13 and Nancy Propheter got a birdie on 18.

The ladies played in a two-person tournament on June 27 and 28.

Mutual Aid Network seeks help

The Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network (MAN) was created to assist folks and food pantries in eastern Oregon who have been affected by COVID-19. This program connects community needs with community volunteers and resources. The Mutual Aid Network operates in 12 Eastern Oregon counties, including Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler Counties.

Ways you can support:

Volunteer at your local food pantry, sign up and support members who need your help or donate to the Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network GoFundMe.

Some current needs include: General personal hygiene items in local food pantries and donations to support CAPECO food pantry operations.

For more information about how to request support or offer support, please visit our website at <http://eohla.org/easternoregon-mutualaid>.

Take a preventative approach to campfire safety

As weather conditions get warmer and drier, National Forest officials would like to remind the public to use safety precautions when building campfires.

All campfires should be in a fire pit surrounded by dirt, rock or commercial rings, in areas cleared of all flammable material within a three-foot radius from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Forest visitors should also carry a shovel and at least one gallon of water while building and tending campfires. These guidelines apply to the use of charcoal briquettes as well.

While lightning is the number-one cause of wildfires in Blue Mountains forests, human-caused fires are also unpredictable and can stretch firefighting resources thin, especially when lightning-caused fires require firefighters' attention at the same time. By following tried and true campfire safety practices now, we can all do our part to prevent wildfires this summer and fall.

As fire danger levels increase, the National Forests will implement Public Use Restrictions, also known as PURs, which limit the use of campfires, chainsaws, smoking and off-road motorized travel. PURs will be implemented in phases,

based on increased fire danger, hot and dry weather conditions and concern for public safety.

Forest officials recommend the following campfire safety precautions:

-Always abide by local campfire laws.

-Only adults should build and maintain campfires.

-Find a shady spot away from dry logs, overhanging branches, bushes, needles or leaves.

-Use existing fire-rings where it is safe to do so. Don't build fire-rings in roads.

-Keep campfire rings small and use wood no bigger than the ring.

-Keep tents and other burnable materials away from the fire.

-Never leave a campfire unattended. Those leaving campfires unattended can be billed for the cost of fire suppression.

-Drown the campfire with water and stir charred material.

-When leaving, make sure your fire is dead out. Very carefully feel all sticks and charred remains. Make sure no roots are smoldering. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

-Find more campfire safety information at <http://www.smokeybear.com/campfire-safety.asp>.

Pioneer Memorial Clinic welcomes back Betsy Anderson, MD

Morrow County Health District welcomes back Betsy Anderson, MD on a part-time basis at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Clinic in Heppner. Dr. Anderson previously worked for the clinic from 2007 - 2015.



Betsy Anderson, MD

Dr. Anderson grew up in Oregon and spent about 10 years as a high school science teacher before receiving her Doctor of Medicine (MD) at Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) in 2000. "My medical career has taken me to urban and rural regions across Oregon," Dr. Anderson reflects. "I have returned to the best place I have ever worked, and to a community I make connections with, in a meaningful

way, every day."

Dr. Anderson values the ability to spend more time with patients and their families in a rural healthcare setting and believes good communication is one of the most important aspects of patient care. "It is a credit to the amazing support of Morrow County residents and the staff of MCHD that we have a solvent, stand-alone health

care system here. The future is bright for Morrow County." In her spare time, Dr. Anderson enjoys skiing, biking, boating and flying airplanes.

Visit HealthyMC.org

for more information on providers, hospital and clinic locations. Connect with Morrow County Health District on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.



Danielle Mateleska, PA-C and Betsy Anderson, MD welcome patients back to healthcare as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Neighborhood Center closed for holiday

The Neighborhood Center in Heppner will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. The store will reopen Monday at 9:30 a.m. The regular hours for the Neighborhood Center

are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Donations of paper and plastic bags for the food pantry are needed at this time.

New Baby in Your Family? Engagement? Wedding?
We want to share your life events!
Stop in the Heppner Gazette office or email us with details and photos.
All birth, engagement and wedding announcements are always free!
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G-T closed for Independence Day holiday

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed for Independence Day on Friday, July 3 due to the holiday falling on Saturday.

The deadline for all news and advertising for the July 10 issue will remain as Monday, July 8 at 5 p.m. Normal business hours will

resume Monday, July 8.

The G-T wishes everyone a happy and safe Independence Day.

Heppner Rural Firemen receive new turnouts and equipment



The Heppner Rural Firemen wearing the new turnouts recently received. -Contributed photo.

Thanks to a grant from the Howard and Beth Bryant foundation and other organizations, the Heppner Rural Fire Department recently received 20 new sets of turnouts, the protective jackets, pants, boots, gloves and helmets worn by firemen while fighting fires and responding to

accidents. The turnouts are expensive, costing around \$3,209 apiece, and addition to the Bryant foundation grants were received from Wildhorse Casino and the USDA. The department also received 15 new breathing apparatus packs for using in smoke filled structures. Cost of those

was \$130,210, says Fire Chief Steve Rhea.

The old equipment and turnouts do not get thrown out, however, says Rhea. They are given to an equipment company in the Willamette Valley, which in turn sees that they are donated to South American countries that need them.

Nursery Sale

20% off All Perennials, Trees & Shrubs

50% off All Annuals

Morrow County Grain Growers Green Feed & Seed
242 W Linden Way, Heppner 676-9422

July Frame and Lens Sale:
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