

~ Letters to the Editor ~

Obituaries

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. Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

## Commend Sergeant Todd Siex

To the editor:  
*Editor's note: This letter was sent to Sheriff Matlack commending Sgt. Siex.*  
 Dear Sheriff Matlack:  
 I would like to commend one of your officers, Todd Siex. On the afternoon/evening of September 20<sup>th</sup> I had a flat tire on my motorcycle about 35 miles east of Heppner on Willow Creek Road. As I'm sure you know, there is no cell phone service that far out. My riding buddy rode into Heppner and contacted the Sheriff's Office regarding my situation. Sergeant Siex arrived at my location shortly thereafter and had me join him in his truck as we were waiting for a tow truck to arrive. It was dark and getting cold and the wait with Sergeant Siex was comfortable and warm.

In my experience of waiting for the tow truck with Sergeant Siex, it was actually enjoyable under the circumstances. After about an hour of waiting, we had conversations about many topics (current events, weather, sports, etc.). When the tow truck arrived, he helped load and secure my motorcycle on the truck.  
 Please let Sergeant Siex know what a professional and friendly person he is. He went way beyond the call of duty to make a tough situation much better. You should be proud to have Sergeant Siex on your staff and I hope you can give him a pat on the back for a job well done. He is a true gentleman and a great ambassador for your department.  
 Best Regards,  
 Mike Daly

## DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:  
 Mitchel Ryan Gabriel, 20CR24895, Convicted of Unlawful Possession of Meth, Class A Misdemeanor offense. Defendant completed inpatient drug treatment and made a required payment of \$1,500 to the Morrow County Neighborhood Center. Sentenced to discharge by the court after completion of his conditions.  
 Shavon Lee-Onne Erickson, 20CR25058, Convicted of Unlawful Possession of Meth, Class A

Misdemeanor offense, 24 months of former supervision with Morrow County Parole and Probation Drug treatment and conditions imposed. No association with any persons known to use, sell, manufacture, deliver, or possess illegal controlled substances.  
 Bobbi Jo Fleetwood, 20CR50131, Convicted of Theft in the Third Degree (value of less than \$100). Terms of treatment, community service, and restitution was added to a formal supervision case. Sentenced to discharge after conditions transferred to other case.

## New lube shop opens in Heppner



Heppner's new full-service vehicle maintenance shop, The Lube Shop will be open for business November 2. Heppner Auto Parts owner, Jason Patterson, is opening the newly renovated garage, located at 148 East Center Street. The new shop will provide

routine vehicle maintenance needs, including oil changes, fluid checks and fills, light and wiper replacements and more. Appointments can be made by calling Heppner Auto Parts at 541-676-5009 or in person at The Lube Shop.

## Elect Glen Diehl

To the editor:  
 I have known Glen Diehl for many years. Glen was originally with Morrow County, then went to work for Umatilla County, and ultimately retiring from there. During his time with UCSO, Glen was involved with nearly all aspects of the criminal justice system. He worked in general patrol, as a supervisor, and ultimately as an administrator for the Sheriff's Office. He was involved with all divisions to include civil, corrections, parole and probation, detectives, court security and the list goes on. His experience is well rounded to say the least. He has been present in courtrooms in one capacity or another most of his career. For most of the past year he

has served as the Morrow County Justice of the Peace. A job I recommended him for. A Job the previous JP endorsed him for. A job that the State Dept Of Justice recommended him for. He has served in this capacity honorably, effectively and with no complaints that I have heard. Glen has the knowledge, the real, first-hand criminal justice experience, and the mindset that makes him the best choice to continue as Morrow County Justice of the Peace. Please join me in electing Glen Diehl, Morrow County Justice of the Peace. He is the only choice in my mind.  
 Sincerely,  
 Steven L Myren

## Support Diehl for justice of the peace

To the editor,  
 We are writing in support of Glen Diehl for Morrow County Justice of the Peace. Glen has 35 years of criminal justice experience. He is fair, impartial, empathetic and punitive, as needed. Glen displays a high degree of integrity in his professional and personal life. He shows sound judgement and is able to make informed decisions.

We have seen this firsthand in his role as the current Morrow County Justice of the Peace. Above all, to fill this position you need experience, knowledge and compassion to do the job. Glen exhibits all three. Retain Glen Diehl-Morrow County Justice of the Peace. Thank you, Gabriela Perches and Robin Jones, Hermiston

## Expressing support for Diehl

To the editor:  
 We would like to express our support for Glen Diehl, Justice of the Peace for Morrow County. Glen and Tracy have been really good neighbors. We have

known Glen for several years, and with his experience, believe he should be retained as justice of the peace.  
 P.C. Ferguson,  
 Heppner

## HJSHS to host virtual Veteran's Day celebration

Heppner Jr/Sr High School (HJSHS) has announced they will not be hosting an in-person Veteran's Day celebration this year due to COVID restrictions. Instead there will be a virtual tribute to veterans on the HJSHS website and

Facebook page. The tribute will be available on the website at <https://hhs.morrow.k12.or.us/> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HeppnerMustangs> the week of November 9-15.

**ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.**

## Cleo B. Childers

Cleo B. Childers was born September 9, 1935 in Wapato, WA to parents, Jesse Glen Childers and Coy Ethel Bowman Childers. He died October 22, 2020 at his home in Ione at the age of 85 years. He was raised and attended school in Mabton, WA, graduating in the class of 1953.



Cleo B. Childers

Cleo was united in marriage to Marilyn Bechtel on June 5, 1955 in Helix, OR. He worked for the Lester King Ranch before settling in Ione in 1961 where he has lived since. He worked for the Charles Carlson farm until 1969. Cleo owned and operated B & C Repair for 30 years as well as farming in various locations until his passing. He was a member of the Hermiston Gun Club, the NRA, Oregon Wheat League and Morrow County Grain Growers. Cleo enjoyed trap shooting, varmint hunting, playing cards, visiting at morning coffee and loved farming. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mari-

lyn Childers, Ione; sons, Harvey Childers (Bobbi), Ione and Roger Childers (Barbara), Roseburg, OR; daughter, Laurie Barrow (Cris), Lexington; grandchildren, Maci (Chris), Kacy (Alisha), Molly (Josh), Sarah (Leon), Matthew, Lucas and Payton; 10 great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins.  
 Cleo was preceded in death by an infant son, John; his parents; brother, Max Childers and a sister, Glenna Childers.  
 A graveside service following state guidelines will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 1 p.m. at the Highview Cemetery, Ione.  
 Those who wish may make contributions in Cleo's memory to the Hermiston Gun Club c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.  
 Please share memories of Cleo with his family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

## \$300,000 in grant funding announced for businesses and nonprofits

Together, Morrow County Board of Commissioners and Tillamook County Creamery Association (TCCA) have announced the availability of \$300,000 in grants to local businesses and 501(c)(3) nonprofits that were severely impacted as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant is an equal match of \$150,000 from the TCCA's Hometown Resilience Fund and federal CARES Act funding provided by Business Oregon. The grant is limited only to Morrow County businesses and to 501(c)(3) nonprofits and must meet the following criteria:  
 -The business must have 25 or fewer employees.  
 -The business must be headquartered in Oregon and have its principal operations in Oregon.  
 -If required by Oregon law to be registered with the Oregon Secretary of State to do business in Oregon, the business must be registered.  
 -The business was affected in either one of the following ways: 1.) Prohibited from operation as directed by Executive Order 20-12 or 2.) Can demonstrate a one-month decline in sales of 50 percent or more, beginning in the month of March 2020. Funding amounts range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 depending on the number of employees and amount of 60-day fixed expenses, and the funds can be used for any business-related operating expenses.  
 "Local businesses make up the fabric of our community and they are hurting due to the impacts of COVID-19," said Melissa Lindsay, commissioner and chair, Morrow County Board of Commissioners.

"Businesses can now access these funds, and we encourage everyone who meets the criteria to apply as soon as they can."  
 The grant submission deadline is November 13, 2020. Application details and other information can be found at <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/>. Contact: Gregg Zody at 541-676-5605 or email [gzody@co.morrrow.or.us](mailto:gzody@co.morrrow.or.us)  
 Certain businesses and 501(c)(3) organizations may be ineligible to apply for the grant. Among them are those that have already received grant funds through the State of Oregon COVID-19 Emergency Business Grant program or from the Statewide Business and Cultural Support Program. Please review grant application for all restrictions and non-eligible conditions.  
 "As a company, we always look for ways to strengthen the places where we operate and where our farmer-owners or employees call home," said Paul Snyder, executive vice president of Stewardship at the Tillamook County Creamery Association. "We built our second manufacturing facility in Morrow County over 20 years ago, so this community comprises an integral part of our family and we remain committed to do what we can to support it through our Hometown Resilience Fund."

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*Retain*  
**Glen DIEHL**  
 Justice of the Peace  
 \*Appointed Justice of the Peace January 2020\*  
 \*Over three decades of Criminal Justice Experience\*

*"Having known and worked with Glen for almost 33 years I have been able see his dedication to the public and how he deals with people. Glen has vast knowledge and experience in many facets of the criminal justice system. I believe he is the most experienced and capable candidate for Justice of the Peace." - Terry Harper*

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