

The Official Newspaper
of the City of Heppner and the County of Morrow

Heppner
GAZETTE-TIMES

U.S.P.S. 240-420

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper

SEARCH OLD COPIES OF THE HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES ON-LINE:
<http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>

Published weekly by Sykes Publishing and entered as periodical matter at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon under the Act of March 3, 1879. Periodical postage paid at Heppner, Oregon. Office at 188 W. Willow Street. Telephone (541) 676-9228. Fax (541) 676-9211. E-mail: editor@rapidsolve.net or david@rapidsolve.net. Web site: www.heppner.net. Postmaster send address changes to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Subscriptions: \$31 in Morrow County; \$25 senior rate (in Morrow County only; 65 years or older); \$37 elsewhere; \$31 student subscriptions.

David Sykes Publisher
Bobbi Gordon Editor
Giselle Moses Advertising

All News and Advertising Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.

For Advertising: advertising deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Cost for a display ad is \$5.25 per column inch. Cost for classified ad is 50¢ per word. Cost for Card of Thanks is \$10 up to 100 words. Cost for a classified display ad is \$6.05 per column inch.

For Public/Legal Notices: public/legal notices deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Dates for publication must be specified. Affidavits must be requested at the time of submission. Affidavits require three weeks to process after last date of publication (a sooner return date must be specified if required).

For Obituaries: Obituaries are published in the Heppner GT at no charge and are edited to meet news guidelines. Families wishing to include information not included in the guidelines or who wish to have the obituary written in a certain way must purchase advertising space for the obituary.

For Letters to the Editor: Letters to the Editor MUST be signed by the author. The Heppner GT will not publish unsigned letters. All letters MUST include the author's address and phone number for use by the GT office. The GT reserves the right to edit letters. 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.

Obituaries

Noel Gay Harshman

Noel Gay Harshman, 87, died Monday, April 12, 2021 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. A graveside service with Military Honors was held Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.



Noel Gay Harshman

He was born on February 27, 1934, the son of Everette and Elma McDaniel Harshman at Hardman, Oregon, the oldest child and was later joined by two younger sisters. Gay lived in the Hardman area until he turned 17. He joined the United States Airforce during the Korean conflict and was stationed in Texas. He was honorably discharged after serving four years and 27 days.

Gay moved to Alaska where he had several jobs with Alaskan Communication and Commercial fishing. He had a plane while in Alaska that he used for transportation.

In 1973 he came home to Morrow County. He married Patty Mahon Eubanks in 1974 and they raised six children: Noel Jr., Everette, Randy, Lindy, Missy and Andy. Gay and Patty were married 47 years. They were self-employed for many years with the V and

G Tavern in Lexington, H and P Café in Echo, and Ruggs Country Store. The couple were camp hosts for Cutsforth Park and Anson Wright Park. They started the Landing Restaurant at the OHV Park, and at one time they had a Hamburger Wagon, and cooked at the Heppner Elks Lodge at one point. "Harsh was the promoter and Patty was the plotter... and it worked."

Harsh loved the mountains, the Hardman house that he was born in, hunting, fishing, family, friends and life.

Survivors include his wife, Patty, sons: Noel Jr., Everette, Randy, Andy and daughters; Lindy Erevia and Missy Cutsforth, 16 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and sisters, Sandy Rill and Theresa Ward.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to the Ione American Legion Post 95, PO Box 384, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Births

Send birth announcements to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

Klancy Nicholas Fennern

Kelsey and Justin Fennern announce the birth of a son, Klancy Nicholas Fennern, on April 3, 2021, weighing 8 lbs., 4 oz.

Klancy joins a brother, Ketch, and a sister, EllieGene at home. Grandparents are Greg and Janet Greenup, Heppner, Kim Camara, Portland and Eric Fennern, Condon

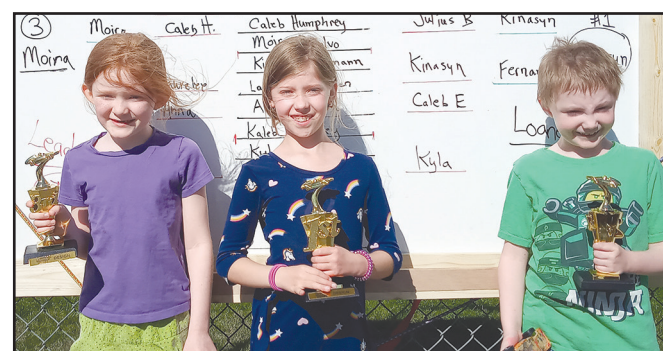


Klancy Nicholas Fennern

AWANA Club ends year with Grand Prix



AWANA Grand Prix speed winners (L-R): Kinasyn Rietmann, first; Keltie Rietmann, second; and Moira Di Salvo, third. -Contributed photo.



Winners of the AWANA Grand Prix trophies for best car design (L-R): Lauralee Jepsen, third; Kyla Byers, first; and Caleb Ensley, second. -Contributed photo

Heppner AWANA Club concluded its club year with its traditional Grand Prix event for members and their families last Sunday in Heppner. Eighteen members from throughout South Morrow County and from as far away as Condon participated in the pinewood derby race contest, along with friends and family who joined in for fun.

In a closely-run speed contest, Kinasyn Rietmann took first place, followed by her sister, Keltie Rietmann, in second place. Moira Di Salvo took home the third-place trophy.

In the contest for best car design, Kyla Byers took first place, followed by Caleb Ensley, second, and Lauralee Jepsen, third.

Along with the Grand Prix races, attendees lined up for hot dogs, cookies,

and ice-cream floats served by volunteers.

The Heppner AWANA program is the combined effort of local churches to teach children what the Bible is all about. AWANA stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed," based on II Timothy 2:15. Games, songs and a Bible lesson are included during a typical club meeting. The AWANA Heppner program met virtually for the 2020-21 club year, but leaders say they are anxious to return to in-person meetings next fall if able.

For more information on the Heppner AWANA Club, contact AWANA Heppner secretary Andrea Di Salvo at awana.heppner@gmail.com, 757-285-5792, or via Facebook Messenger.

Good News Only

By Doris Brosnan

Notice more announcements of newborn babies? Great news for the parents and for "Grandma", "Gramma", "Granny", "Grammy", "Gramsy", "MeMa", "Nanna" and "Nanny," who are eager for some hours of holdin' and huggin'. (And "Grandpa", "Granddad", "Papa", and "Gramps", too, of course.)

Jill Miller reports that 22 Heppner High School sophomores and juniors submitted applications to next year's work experience internship. The applications required a cover letter, resume, and one letter of recommendation. These internships will foster new career skills that students can carry on to their future. Kudos, students, to your hard work and follow-through getting this first step. Next round will be interviews.

"Earth Day" tomorrow. Great reminder to do something special for this old globe. After all, it's the only one we have, and it could really use some extra loving, ongoing treatment so it can continue to take care of our future generations.

"Music in the Park" is returning. Outdoor opportunity to enjoy our corner of this earth while also enjoying some great entertainment. Watch for details before the July, August, and September events.

Eager for the "go-ahead," several Bingo players are waiting for the return of the game at St. Patrick's Apartments. No word yet, reports Manager Nancy Gochnauer, who is eager for permission to reopen to the public, for the senior meals on Wednesdays and for the popular weekly Bingo games.

They run, they jump, they throw and hit. Not talking about elated par-

ents who are jumping for joy, throwing parties, running off for a cuppa or hitting high-fives with other parents whose children returned to local schools last week... The students also started their sports practices last week and are now getting lots of fresh air and exercise at track meets, softball and baseball games, and golf and tennis competitions.

And T-ball is back as of last weekend. Entertaining for spectators; exciting and educational for the four-six-year-olds being introduced to organized sports. What the little "newbies" might lack in skills they make up for with their wonderful enthusiasm. And kudos to the coaches.

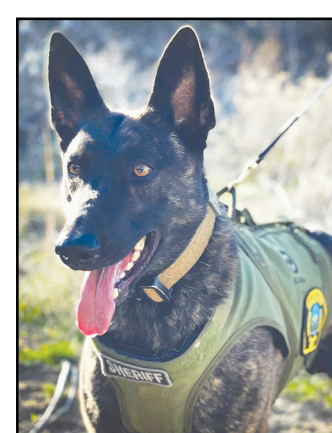
(Just an idea for readers looking for something to do.) Anyone interested in another outdoor activity now that the weather allows, which could be informative for this column and its readers? Stroll, bike, or drive around Heppner, Ione, and/or Lexington and note the benches that have been donated and installed as memorials to individuals who have died but remain in hearts and minds. If you send your lists of names in to be published, we can all take time to honor those so remembered.

Though this was a week of fewer than usual "good news tidbits," we needn't be concerned, right? Good things continue to happen, and we continue to appreciate reading about them. Anyone who has a tidbit is invited to email it to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or to call 541-223-1490 (can leave a message if necessary) or stop me on the street.

As always, hoping some good news comes to everyone reading this.

Oregon House of Representatives allows K-9 ambulance transport

Four years ago, a little pointy eared Dutchie was born. About 7-8 weeks later she went to KnightWatch K9 in Arizona where she learned to become a Police K9. When she was two years old she began working in Morrow County and continues to do great things, said the Morrow County Sheriff's Office



"And a big thank you to the Oregon House of Representatives for Passing HB2650, the bill allowing ambulance transport of

K9s. What a great present," said a MCSO representative.

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!
188 W Willow Street
Heppner, OR
editor@rapidsolve.net

MORTGAGE
541-676-9884
HEPPNER BRANCH
541-676-9125

- ▶ Local in-house draw process for your builder.
- ▶ Local in-house inspections.
- ▶ Borrow money as needed throughout term of the loan.
- ▶ Permanent financing available.

TALK TO US ABOUT PURCHASING A HOME OR REMODELING.

Our Team of Local, Experienced Mortgage Specialists takes the stress out of BUILDING THE HOME OF YOUR DREAMS.

Teresa Hughes, Hailey Shultz, Mortgage Loan Officer Kaitlin Orcutt, Desirae Ruth, and Mortgage Loan Officer Raymond Seastone.

COVID-19 Moderna vaccine clinics
Friday mornings at Murray's pharmacies
Call to schedule an appointment.

Heppner 541-676-9426	Condon 541-256-1200	Boardman 541-481-9474
-------------------------	------------------------	--------------------------

Murray's Drug
SINCE 1959
HEPPNER | CONDON | BOARDMAN
217 North Main St., Heppner, OR
Phone 676-9158 Floral 676-9426
murraysdrug.com

Class of 2021
CONGRATULATIONS, HEPPNER & IONE 2021 GRADUATES!
Join us in honoring and congratulating this year's Graduating classes from Heppner and Ione. We will be publishing photos of the seniors in the May 28th issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times. The cost is \$10 to have your name, business or family included.
Email - graphics@rapidsolve.net
Call - 541-676-9228

Bank of Eastern Oregon
Member FDIC
KAITLIN ORCUTT NMLS # 1043345 / RAYMOND SEASTONE NMLS # 937744 / #414459 / RATES & TERMS MAY VARY. ALL LOANS SUBJECT TO CREDIT APPROVAL.