

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.

Fine people forced to leave town

To the editor
I would like to respond to "A heartfelt letter to my community," published in last week's letters to the editor. While we appreciate a response from Emily Roberts, I believe for her to say, "Gosh, it's been a long two years," seriously miscalculates what the MCHD staff have known for several years. The careers and livelihoods of many excellent people have been terribly disrupted over the last couple of years. Her declaration of "gosh," speaks either of complete ignorance or thoughtless reflection. Further, many fine people, and many of the patients and families previously served by the MCHD, have been forced to leave town.

We have all heard that it is wrong to be negative. But I ask you, the reader, if the responses in the letters to the editor over the last couple of years has been negative. Rather, are they the voices of those whose lives have been disrupted finally speaking up, if not for themselves, then

for the future of Morrow County? For me, I choose to speak up. I am motivated by the words of Winston Churchill, who said, "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

No one doubts the quality of MCHD staff. However, there were many staff either forced to or given the option to quit. There were stories of a toxic work environment, of being managed by fear, etc. So many stories, that anyone would be forced to question the circumstances and the leadership of the organization.

So, yes, there has been a need for change and building each other up for a very long time. There is definitely a need for mending fences between the MCHD admin and the current staff and community. How they respond to this will be of the utmost importance.

Sincerely,
Dr. Carmelo A.
Di Salvo
Lexington

Citizens doing great job keeping town litter free

To the editor
We are finally getting some nice days and it is time to give some attention to taking care of community litter pick up around town and on the entries to town. Our citizens that are doing walks for good health in town are doing a great job of keeping our town litter free.

Also, the cooperating organizations that do litter pick up on the entries to town are adding to the good appearance of Heppner as a community which cares about having a litter free town for ourselves and our visitors.

Good work everyone.
John Edmundson
Heppner

An appeal to the residents of Morrow County

"See something, say and do something"

To the editor;
I have become more aware of the declining transparency of our government in the last five years than in any other time in my life. I've heard over and over again, that each of us must stand up in our own cities, counties and states, if we want to save our country. I am going to do just that when and where I can. And, I hope that many others will, too.

In our county, good working Morrow County residents have been victims of harassment. It is forcing them to lose jobs, and/or be forced out of employment, because of unchecked and unreported behavior by our officials. I believe if those who were aware of this had

used their voice and notified the proper authorities, it could have been stopped. (And still can be.)

I have observed the unchecked behavior in our state government, as well as in D.C., and, unfortunately, time doesn't heal; it just allows more of the same. One avenue open to us is the Oregon Ethics Committee (503-378-5105). "Preserving the public trust" is one of their messages to us.

Once more, please use your voice to help support the men and women who bravely stood up for what we each value in our government officials.

Respectfully,
Carol Mitchell
Heppner

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

May 3, 2022: - Juan Trujillo Ramirez, 30, Irri-gon, and Hiranía Vera, 24, Irri-gon.

May 4, 2022: - Malee-na Shae Moore, 21, West Richland, WA, and Madison James Clark, 29, West Richland, WA.

May 5, 2022: - Mariela Carrillo, 27, Stanfield, and Martin Raul Herrera, 27, Boardman.

May 17, 2022: - Corey Scott Baker, 45, Ione, and Gina Marie Jepsen, 54, Ione.

May 20, 2022: - Kelly May Wilson, 25, Heppner, and Lukas Kenneth Barnett, 29, Heppner.

May 26, 2022; - Tyrone Lee Meligan, 53, Heppner, and Michelle Lynne Vaughn, 46, Heppner.

May 27, 2022: - William Ray Bogart, 42, Heppner, and Jennie Arlene Ohlde, 40, Heppner.

Thank you commissioners

To the editor;
As the Morrow County elected board member for Blue Mountain Community College, I wanted to personally and publicly thank each of the commissioners for your recent decision to send a portion of the Amazon "gift" dollars (\$672,517) to BMCC. In particular, Commissioner Lindsay, who in leading up to her final decision, took advantage of the opportunity to visit with President Mark Browning on multiple occasions to ensure the "who and what" these funds would be expended for by BMCC in Morrow County.

I know that each of our commissioners understand the importance and

value that our Workforce Development Center in Boardman brings to Morrow County and the local industries who are all supported by our training opportunities across the entire region.

Ultimately, BMCC may soon make some changes to the curriculum there, but the presence of a viable program and our instructor will remain, and in large part the support of these additional Amazon dollars made that pending BMCC Board budget decision much easier when it comes to our future or any discussion of faculty/program retrenchment in Morrow County.

Chris Brown, Heppner

Good News Only

By Doris Brosnan

Melissa Jo Monaco reports that "a fall in my yard resulted in my first ride in an ambulance. First responders, ER, neighbor ladies, my pastor and church family have brought about a 'good news' ending to this story. Grateful to you all..."

Omitted from the former report on the "Cinderella" production in Pendleton was that also on stage was Andrew Lindsay, brother of Cori Jo. Andrew is not new to the stage and ballet, as he has performed

in "The Nutcracker" more than once. Kudos, Andrew.

The swimming pool opening is around the corner. Maybe by the time a full staff of lifeguards and support personnel have been trained, the rainy weather will have eased up and warmed up.

Congrats to all the area graduates and their parents - both have maneuvered through the past twelve years and reached a milestone in the lives of parents working to "do the right thing" and children curious to know more....

Any positive newsy notes to share with the GT readers? Please send them to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490.

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

DEADLINE:
MONDAYS
AT 5PM

Justice Court Report

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

- Zach E. Brown, 33, Heppner, was convicted of dog as a public nuisance, fine \$265.
- Dylan K. Howey, 21, Heppner, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$265.
- Jered L. Wicklund, 46, Heppner, was convicted of dog as a public nuisance, fine \$265.
- Juvenile, 16, Heppner, was convicted of driving while suspended, fine \$440; failure to carry registration, fine \$115 and driving uninsured, fine \$265.



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