

~ 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. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$15. Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

WONDERLAND

I really do love the beauty of a frosty morning. Everything's all pretty and glittery like a fairytale. I can dream of log cabins in the woods and the first winter's snow on the ground. I can picture the huge stack of firewood leaning against the house and almost hear the crackle of the fire and smell the aroma of the delicious hot chocolate that my handsome, imaginary significant other so lovingly made me. Yep. L.L. Bean himself couldn't come up with a better, more wonderful winter scene.

So, my mind wanders as I flip the switch on my fake fireplace, smelling the decomposing mouse that obviously didn't make its way out of the heater vent, and wondering how the smell of hot chocolate would go with a 3-day-old dead mouse. As I gaze out the window at my sparkling little farm...I wonder as I wander...

I wonder where the ax is...probably have to use a shovel to break the ice in the troughs. I wonder where the shovel is. I wonder if the goat is frozen to the ground or if he's just choosing not to move. I wonder if it's really 10 degrees and if there's a chance it might warm up to 20 by the time I get to the barn. I wonder at what temperature milk will actually freeze in the udder. I wonder why a dog's tongue doesn't stick to the frozen water in his bowl. I wonder if Rosie would notice if I didn't milk this morning. I wonder what land prices are like in Florida.

Unfortunately, my daydream is rudely interrupted by the sound of a hungry cow and the reality that she will not milk herself. Time to "man up" and start the chore list of a Farm Lady on a cold day... which goes something like this:

1. Check outside temperature.
2. Put on ten layers of clothing.
3. Discover ringing phone is under layer #2.
4. Ignore ringing phone.
5. Imagine every single catastrophe possible that could warrant a phone call.
6. Dig through nine layers of clothing for phone.
7. Curse the Auto Warranty Specialists for their eighth phone call in the last 2 days.
8. Gather milking supplies and head to barn.
9. Notice water is frozen in Rosie's trough and realize that the "leave hose running a bit" thing does NOT work in 10-degree weather.
10. Beat on frozen water with frozen hose.
11. Notice nearby hammer and beat on frozen water with hammer.
12. Wipe freezing water and tears from face.
13. Scoop ice out of trough with hammer and foot
14. Scoop/chip away frozen poo from barn floor
15. Take off wet/frozen gloves, sit on 10-degree stool, and milk Rosie.
16. Put frozen bag balm on Rosie's cracked teats.
17. Consider warming frozen hands in warm milk.
18. Collect frozen eggs and let chickens out to find unfrozen water.
19. Head back to house, place 10-degree hands in warm water.
20. Perform Lamaze Breathing technique to manage Fingers on Fire Syndrome.
21. When fingers become functional again, search Farmers Only for possible victim/mate.

By Susie Crosby
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Morrow County 2024 Planning Commission Positions due Dec. 1st

Are you interested in land use and development? Would you like to be a part of settling land policy in Morrow County? If so, Morrow County is seeking volunteers to represent the Heppner and Ione areas on the Morrow County Planning Commission. As a volunteer, you will be appointed a four-year term ending December 2027. At the end of the term, there is the option for re-appointment for another four-year term, if interested. Planning

Commission meetings are held once per month, with the option of in-person and remote participants with video technology. To apply please submit a letter of interest to the Morrow County Planning Department, PO Box 40, Irrigon, Or 97844, or by email to mramirez@co.morrow.or.us by noon Friday, December 1st, 2023. The next Planning Commission meeting will be December 5th, 2023, in Heppner, OR at the Bartholomew building.

FBLA Pie sales until Nov. 8th

Once again, the Heppner High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) is starting its annual pie sale. Pie order forms are now available and will continue until November 8th. If you would like to place an order you can call Heppner High School and ask for Mrs. Collins or, we can have an FBLA member bring you a form. We will not be selling Pecan this year due to increased prices; however, we will still be selling: Lemon Ice

box, Berry, Apple, Cherry, Pumpkin, and Peach for \$22 each and Oreo for \$15. All pies except for Pumpkin will be frozen. The Pumpkin will be baked on Monday, November 20th. Pies will be delivered by November 20th and 21st, unless we can deliver sooner. Pies just in time to be on your table for Thanksgiving! Remember all pies are made from scratch! We greatly appreciate your support!

Schlaich wins Western Junior Rodeo



Jaylee Schlaich standing with her prizes from winning the Western States Junior Rodeo, her accomplishments include; fastest time for Barrels/ figure 8, Year- End Barrel Racing Champion, Reserve Year-End Goat flanking Champion, Year-end Figure 8 Champion, All-around Champion

Birthright of Morrow County Celebrates their 3rd year anniversary



Volunteers of Birthright, (L R) Julia Finch, Laurie Wood, Mary Ann Elguezabal, Monika Elguezabal, June Rollis, Marge Rolen, pose for a picture during their anniversary dinner. - Contributed Photo

Birthright of Morrow County celebrated their 3rd year anniversary. With about 40 members in attendance, Becky Cherry spoke about her role as a doula, and Julia Finch spoke of the importance of a pregnancy care center, Julia Finch said "it was a special evening." Birthright is an organization dedicated to providing essential help and support to women and girls facing a crisis pregnancy. Their mission is simple: to enable these individuals to carry their fetuses to term by offering them a safe and judgment-free environment filled with love and support. They offer a range of services to meet the needs of those in crisis, including the provision of baby clothing, diapers, wipes, and maternity clothing.

The center is open on Mondays from 10 am to 3 pm, Thursdays from 5 pm to 7 pm, and Saturdays

from 1 pm to 3 pm. As a volunteer-based organization, their schedules may vary from week to week and month to month. It's important to note that while our primary focus is on pregnant women and girls, we also provide friend counseling to men who seek assistance or guidance. We believe that everyone deserves a safe and non-judgmental space to discuss their concerns and receive the support they need.

~ G-T Trophy Corner ~

The Heppner Gazette Times would like to see pictures of your trophy animals from this hunting season. Please send a photo along with your name, age, town you live in, location of the hunt and a description of the animal to editor@rapidsolve.net, upload to Heppner.net or text to 541-215-2274.



Ollie had a hell of an elk hunt. Took down a dream 6x6 bull at 450 yards in steep Blue Mountain terrain with his 6.5 Creedmoor that he's named Grenadine. So proud of him!
- Erin Melton Anderson

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