

~ 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 \$16 Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

**Correction**

In last week's letter to the editor, "Priorities need to change at MCHD," Stuart Dick wrote that "virtually every person I contacted shared MCHD was in danger of collapsing." Mr. Dick has asked that the statement be corrected to read "most people I contacted shared MCHD was in danger of collapsing."

**DOGE or DOCT?**

I knew better than to turn on the news tonight. Now I'm ticked...and perplexed. Not to be rude but, are people really that stupid?

A bunch of people in NYC holding signs and hating on Elon at a Tesla dealership...and I bet none of them could clarify what they're really protesting. I guess calling everyone Nazis is what you do when you don't have a logical complaint.

Maybe they should hold up "Stop saving us money!" and "Leave the criminals alone!" signs. Or even "We don't like green anymore!" Might make more sense.

Maybe instead of DOGE, they'd rather have DOCT...Department of Covering Tracks. After all, criminals need jobs too, right?

I love what Elon is doing, and it's been a long time coming. Our government has grown way beyond what our forefathers intended. To quote John Adams, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

The lack of "moral and religious people" in our government has brought about a monster that's gone unchecked. Take a look at where tax dollars have gone. It's criminal. And the fact that people are against taking out the garbage brings my faith in humanity to a new low.

But I shouldn't be surprised. The Bible says that things are gonna get ugly.

"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people."

It's almost like the Apostle Paul has been watching our nightly news.

So, if we know all this is coming, why not just say, "Oh well," and watch the show? Here's what comes to mind.... What do we do with evil? Ignore it? Just stand by silently and let it be? Nope. We are to defend what's right...fight for it, remembering that the battle is spiritual. Prayer is essential.

The fate of America may be unknown, but your fate doesn't have to be. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me."

None of us are good enough to get into heaven. God's not gonna let the other stuff go because you never murdered anyone or went to church 500 times. It's not a point system. Sin requires payment because God is just. Jesus died as payment for our sin....for your sin.

But you need to repent (turn from sin) and accept Him. (A gift isn't yours until you actually accept it). Tell Jesus you're sorry for rejecting Him. He will forgive you. If you give Him your life, He will change it like no other. And no matter what happens to our country or our planet, you will spend eternity in a place better than you can ever imagine.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life," (John 3:16)

Susie Crosby  
Prineville, OR

**Housing authority to meet**

The next meeting of the Heppner Housing Authority for the Heppner senior center will be Tuesday, April 8, at 4 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Senior Center lobby.

For more information, contact Kay Rene Qualls at 541-980-2836.

**Marriage Licenses**

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has announced the following marriage licenses issued for the month of March:

**March 12, 2025**—Jacob Wayne Lentz, 20, of Heppner and Hailey Ann Cunningham, 21, of Heppner.

**March 24, 2025**—Mark Oliver Looyen, 63, of Irrigon and Kerri Ann Nelson, 61, of Irrigon.

**Heppner Community Foundation to host first community dinner**

Heppner Community Foundation (HCF) is hosting its first community dinner at the new Willow Street Innovation Hub on Thursday, April 10. The HCF board plans to offer community dinners quarterly.

Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a family-style Italian dinner at 7 p.m. The menu includes from-scratch focaccia, spring raspberry salad with balsamic vinaigrette, chicken parmesan, semolina gnocchi and, for dessert, Marcella's butter almond cake.

The cost of the meal is

\$30 per person and space is limited to 60 people. Brokers Spoke is bartending.

Please purchase tickets in-person at the Willow Street Hub at 188 W Willow Street, Heppner, OR 97836.

Heppner Community Foundation (HCF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established to support economic opportunity and innovation in South Morrow County. In addition to managing community spaces and a business innovation hub, HCF strives to be a guiding and mentoring force for the community it serves.

**Elks raises funds for veterans through Hides for Veterans**



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #358 had another successful year, raising more than \$2,400 for the Hides for Veterans Program.

The program was started over 40 years ago by departed member and long-time lodge secretary Glen Ward.

Throughout the years, countless volunteers have worked to continue this

legacy of charitable contributions to our veterans. Hides for Veterans Chairman Donald Matthews explains how the program works.

"Successful hunters drop their game hides off at designated locations and then they are trimmed and salted to preserve them for sale," said Matthews. "The money raised is used to purchase needed supplies for the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles, OR."

Miller & Sons Disposal and Morrow County Grain Growers are also instrumental in donating their time and supplies to the program.

The hides are purchased by Centralia Fur & Hide Inc. in Centralia, WA, which uses them to craft Native American-styled drums and other items.



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**\$550,000**

More than meets the eye! There is plenty of room in this 3,680 sq. ft. 5 bedroom 4 bath home on 5.29 acres located on Dee Cox Rd near Heppner. Has family/game room, office space and a deck for summer barbecuing. Beautiful bamboo floors with an open kitchen and dining area. Top of the line induction cook top convection oven with air frying included. Daylight basement opens out to the backyard, where there is an outbuilding & chicken coop. These small acreage homes are hard to come by, so come and have a look soon. Property is located in the flood zone. 61476 DEE COX RD Heppner MLS#: 639453591

**Upcoming Events**

**Ladies Night** - April 3rd, ER Donald Matthews and Shelby will be preparing Teriyaki Chicken and Pork Fried Rice

**Fisherman's Night** - April 17th - Oysters and Catfish Dinner starting at 6pm Lodge 8pm

**Easter Egg Hunt** - April 19th at the Fairgrounds

**Lodge Hours:**

Wed 4pm to close with dinner at 6pm

Thurs 4pm to close (Lodge at 8pm)

Fri & Sat 4pm to close with dinner from 5pm to 8pm off the menu



**HEPPNER ELKS 358**

676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

Members and their Guest

**Seniors Matter March/April Menu**

**April 1** - Chili Relleno, Refried Beans, Cinnamon Rolls, Peaches



**April 7** - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Mixed Veggies, Dessert

**April 14** - BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans Mac/Cheese, Cucumber Spears and Dessert

**April 21** - Taco Soup, Chips, Salad and Dessert

**April 28** - Stuffed Baked Potato Bar and Dessert

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**Ione/Arlington Golf Scramble & Dinner**

May 31, 2025

China Creek Golf Course

**Golf Scramble- TBA based on registration!**

**Doors Open- 5PM**

**Dinner- 5:30 PM**

PRICING	MENU
GOLF- \$200 per team CARTS- \$30 per cart DINNER- \$30 per person	Peka's Famous BBQ Chicken Rice Vegetables Dessert Water & Pop

**REGISTER NOW!**

Registration deadline is May 1, 2025 or until filled, whichever is first.

Registration forms available at

**Bank of Eastern Oregon - Ione and Arlington Branches**

Join us for a fun day of golf and/or a tasty dinner in support of the Ione/Arlington Football and Boys Basketball programs!



Questions or for a copy of the registration form: email jj.rosenberg@ionesd.org



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**\$165,000**

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