

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 177 N Main St. Telephone (541) 676-9228. E-mail: editor@rapidservice.net or sykeschris@hotmail.com Web site: www.heppner.net. Postmaster send address changes to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Subscriptions: In Morrow County \$36/year. Outside Morrow County \$41/year. In County Senior Rate (65 years or older) \$31/year. 9 month Student student subscriptions \$36/year.

Chris SykesPublisher
Andrea DiSalvoEditor
Cindi Doherty.....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 \$5.65 per column inch. Cost for classified ad is 55¢ per word. Cost for Card of Thanks is \$16 up to 100 words. Cost for a classified display ad is \$6.15 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 \$16

Obituaries

David Wayne Denton



David Wayne Denton, 75, of Heppner, OR, passed away peacefully at home on June 15, 2025. He was a devoted husband, father and friend, known for his strength, kindness and a realism with a great sense of humor.

At David’s request there will be no service.

The Dentons moved to Kinzua, OR in 1946. David was born Aug. 7, 1949, to Frank D. Denton and Dena Bethene Swanson in Walla Walla, WA.

David attended grade school at Kinzua, OR, where he felt fortunate to be raised in God’s Country within the Kinzua community and all it offered. He laughed often about his favorites, like climbing Castle Rock and stinging nettle sword fights, his dad rolling into town on the railroad and the crew laughing while watching a large tire rolling off the hill at a high rate of speed, bouncing high and finally landing at the bottom and hitting a car, until dad realized his two boys had rolled the tire, kids all over town loading up in M. Boring’s station wagon heading to Boy Scout activities, playing baseball, swimming at the mill ponds or Condon’s pool, golfing but disqualified after winning the father-daughter golf tournament, fishing, and Dave loved hunting whether it was squirrels, deer, elk or just plunking cans. His eighth-grade class, consisting of three girls and seven boys, versus the Brookings freshman class of ‘90. A lifetime of memories.

The family moved to Brookings, OR, where Dave excelled as a catcher in baseball, enjoyed track and basketball, and graduated from Brookings High School.

David served in the US Army 1968-1970, stationed at Rhein Main in Frankfurt, Germany as a Hawk Missile fire control operator and

Automatic Weapons repair in the counter insurgency division. He was a recipient of National Defense Service and Good Conduct medals and received an honorable discharge SPE4.

He spent eight years at Brookings Plywood in all facets of production and was self-motivated to learn boiler operations. He moved to Heppner for employment with Kinzua Corporation for 18 years, as a boiler operator for production of electricity to the plant and steam drying lumber products. He was promoted to head operator of the new cogeneration 10-megawatt turbine-steam generator for production of electricity for Kinzua Corp. and PGE—all phases of production, repair, training and compliance reporting.

With the closure of Kinzua Corp., David’s journey led him to Roseburg Forest Products as a senior operator of five steam turbines/three boilers for generation of electricity, fired by gas, sanderduct and waste oil. His experience was utilized in the startup of satellite plants at Weed, CA, and Riddle, OR. He went to work for the Oregon Department of Corrections as a boiler operator in Wilsonville. Desiring to return to Eastern Oregon, he transferred to the DOC security department for the startup of the newly-constructed prison at Umatilla, OR. He stayed there for 11 years and retired early.

David received the Harrison Hale award and umpired Babe Ruth American Legion seven years, as well as high school baseball.

He was a lifetime member of Heppner Elks Lodge #358, NRA, Regional Boiler Assoc. with a second class engineering license, Kinzua Safety committee and team leader of ODOC class #142.

Remaining to cherish David’s memory are his wife of 44 years, Terri; two children, Tandi Schatz (Shane) of Harrisburg, OR and David Denton Jr. (Kari) of Shoreline, WA; six grandchildren, Danial, Emmaleigh, Zackary, Gretta, Jim and Ruby; three great-grandchildren; and his brother, Verlin Denton (Andrea) of Pendleton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Bethene Denton, as well as several aunts and uncles.

The family asks that donations be made to Heppner Elks children’s charities and Heppner Pioneer Memorial Hospice instead of flowers or other gifts.

Obituaries

Dorothy Mae Green

Dorothy Mae Green, 101, of Lexington, OR, passed away on June 12, 2025, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, surrounded by her family. A graveside memorial service will be held on July 26, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. All are welcome to attend.

She was born September 30, 1923, in Heppner, OR. She grew up in the town of Eightmile (a town that no longer exists) near Heppner. Dorothy was the third child born to Homer and Pearl Green. She had four brothers and two sisters.

Her family was constantly on the move from farm to farm, renting land from the Federal Land Bank to sustain farming for a living. Eventually she moved to “town” to work part time as a housekeeper and childcare giver. While doing so, she completed high school, graduating with honors in May of 1942.

After graduating, Dorothy continued a career as a housekeeper, a harvest cook, and childcare provider to many long term employees in the area. This enabled her to buy a house in Lexington, where she moved her mother, aunt and three brothers from Eightmile to live with her.

Dorothy loved her family. She dedicated herself to caring for her mother and siblings when they fell ill. She never forgot a birthday and took time to write letters to those she cherished. She also kept an ongoing journal that she made daily entries in for many years.

Her love for cooking, quilting and gardening turned into many first place ribbons over the years at the county fair. The fruits of her labors of love will be cherished by her family and friends for generations to come.

Dorothy also was active in her community, volunteering as a Sunday school teacher. She was also a member of a square dancing club, where she designed outfits and hand-made them for the team.

Remaining to cherish Dorothy’s memory are brother Jerry Green; nieces Wilma (Billie Lou) Henriques, Diana Greiner-Easton, Nancy Marvel, Ellie Green and Betty Green Voss; and nephew Virgil Marvel.

Preceding Dorothy in death are father, Homer Denver; mother Mary Pearl, Aunt Mural, sisters Myrtle Van Schoick and Lucille Marvel; brothers Harry, Kenneth and Floyd Green; nephew Everett Marvel; and niece Linda Maggi.

Sweeney Payton Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please leave your condolence messages for the family at sweeneypaytonmortuary.com.

profoundly affected those around him.

Dick is survived by his devoted wife of 65 years, Margo (Bartalamay) Sherer, whose love and companionship formed the cornerstone of his life. Together, they raised three sons: Scott Sherer of Irrigon, OR (wife Alice), Todd Sherer of Suwanee, GA (wife Jennifer), and Brett Sherer of Tillamook, OR (wife Kristi). He also leaves behind a legacy comprising of 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was a devoted father and a trusted source of guidance and wisdom for his family.

Additionally, he is survived by his loving sisters, Kay Barnhart of Redmond, OR and Judy Ripka of Tillamook, OR, who shared countless memories and milestones with him throughout his life.

Dick’s legacy is one characterized by grit, dedication, and quiet integrity. He will be profoundly missed by all who had the honor of knowing him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Dick’s memory to a charity of your choice.

Sweeney Payton Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please leave your condolence messages for the family at sweeneypaytonmortuary.com.

Death Notice

Alferd “Al” Willard Parret—Alferd “Al” Willard Parret, 88, of Heppner, OR passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. At his request, no public services will be held. Sweeney Payton Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please leave your condolence messages for the family at sweeneypaytonmortuary.com.

Marriage Licenses

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers reports the following marriage licenses issued for the month of June:

June 12—Denise Lynn Hindman, 51, of Heppner and Chadd Norman Robinson, 53, of Heppner.

-Gricelda Lozano, 30, of Irrigon and Jose Esequiel Araujo, 26, of Irrigon.

June 18—Jose Alfredo Maldonado Herrera, 33, of Boardman and Landy Yazmin Velasco Ramos, 29, of Boardman.

June 20—Christina Ann Davis, 46, of Pendleton and Dundee Lee Dunfee, 63, of Pendleton

June 26—Breanne Lynne Oleman, 42, of Boardman and Brooklyn Mae Andrews, 50, of Boardman.

SAVE THE DATE!

AUGUST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13	14	15

Mark your calendars! Murray’s annual Beer & Wine Tasting is happening Thursday night of Fair Week! Join us for a summer event you won’t want to miss. Stay tuned for the details!

SINCE 1959

Murray's Drug

HEPPNER | CONDON | BOARDMAN

217 North Main St., Heppner, OR
Phone 676-9158 Floral 676-9426

murraysdrug.com

Hours: Mon-Fri 7am-6pm • Sat 8am-6pm • Pharmacy- Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Espresso Hours: Monday - Friday 6am to 6pm Sat 7am to 4pm/Sun 8am to 1pm window only

BUCKNUM'S TAVERN

146 N Main Street Heppner 541-676-5274

Lunch & Dinner Menu
7/3 - 7/9

Thursday - 1/2 order biscuits and gravy, sausage, and hashbrowns
Friday - Closed. Happy Independence Day. Be smart and safe.
Saturday - Buffalo steak salad
Sunday - Closed
Monday - Turkey cream cheese bagel sandwich and chips
Tuesday - chicken bacon ranch wrap with salad
Tuesday Night 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday - Fish tacos and coleslaw

Verna's HEARING CARE CENTER
WHERE YOUR HEARING IS MY CONCERN

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED

"EARS"OF EXPERIENCE

Ready to help with your hearing healthcare needs

405 N Fisrt St.
Suite 106
Hermiston, OR 97838
P.S. Ask us about our financing options! (541) 371-1900

Call Verna 541-371-1900
Offering complimentary hearing evaluation and/or to have your current hearing aids cleaned & checked, schedule today!
verna@vernashearingcarecenter.com

Verna Taylor, HAS

Print & Mailing Services
*Design *Print *Mail
Sykes Publishing 541-676-9228

WISHING YOU A PLENTIFUL HARVEST



AMBER SCHLAICH
270 N. Main Street
Heppner
(541) 676-9125
Ag/Commercial Loan Officer



SHANE LAZINKA
280 Main Street
Jone
(541) 422-7466
Ag/Commercial Loan Officer



PERSONAL BANKING / BUSINESS BANKING / LOANS

Bank of Eastern Oregon

MEMBER FDIC