

Close to home

Mary Ann Cerullo

Perhaps Heppner is an exception, but after living in this community for a short time, I became spoiled in certain ways. Now I'm a little wiser and a little bit sad.

When my husband and I first arrived in the area we were amazed when people went to work and the front door was left unlocked. Where we came from, new places of residences were almost required to have shatter proof glass and steel-plated doors.

We were used to having to prepare ourselves for having our car broken into whenever it was parked on the street. In Heppner we saw people park their vehicle in town and leave the keys in the ignition!

Now I'm amazed at how easily we fell into that same pattern.

It all seemed to start in full force in 1981. Earlier in the year, homes began being broken into near Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Next, cars were being stolen, usually because someone had left it running.

Things started getting a little close for comfort when tales of a strange woman walking into neighbors' houses while they were out began circulating during the Christmas holiday.

Other incidences had occurred, like the owners of the Gazette-Times were burglarized. And the McElligott ranch was cleared out and vandalized.

Finally, last weekend fate hit us. It wasn't a big deal monetarily, but it made two people in this household think.

Last spring, during the rash of thefts and burglaries, the police department advised the public to lock their homes and cars and not to leave the keys in the ignition. Of course, Larry and I, like most, didn't take their advice very seriously.

Last weekend someone helped themselves to a little bit of cash in my wallet as it stupidly sat in the glove compartment of our unlocked car.

It was then that Larry and I shook ourselves, added up the recent occurrences in our community, and have begun locking our doors once more.

It's sad to admit, but we've had to acknowledge that the realities of the city are closing in. Let's hope it is only temporary.

Bowling news

Dime A Dozen
January 10

	Won - Lost
No. Four	6 1/2 - 1 1/2
No. Seven	5 - 3
No. Six	5 - 3
No. One	5 - 3
No. Two	4 - 4
No. Five	3 1/2 - 4 1/2
No. Three	2 - 6
No. Eight	1 - 7

Splits: B. Munkers 5-10;
Joyce Winters 4-10 and 2-7-10.
High series: M. Kindle 606;
and Alvina Padberg 556.
High game: M. Kindle - 236;
L. Massey - 204 and Mary
Wilson also - 204.
High team game: No.
Seven.
High team series: No.
Seven.

Thursday Night Ladies
January 7

	Won - Lost
Gateway	36 1/2 - 23 1/2
Kinzua	35 - 25
M & R	33 1/2 - 26 1/2
Columbia Basin	32 - 28
Bucknum's	31 - 29
Ray Boyce Ins.	27 - 33
B & C Repair	24 - 36
Lebush	21 - 39

High game: June Belenbrock - 225.
High series: June Belenbrock - 556.

Koffee Kup Kegglers
January 7

	Won - Lost
Gutter Dusters	51 - 21
Weary Wives	39 - 33
Three Holers	37 - 35
Three L's	34 - 38
Hi Ho's	34 - 38
Newcomers	33 - 39
The Dregs	31 - 41
The Pytts	29 - 43

High game: Billie Doherty - 190.
High series: Billie Doherty - 500.
High team game: Three Holers - 582.
High team series: Three Holers - 1626.
Splits: Iris Campbell 3-7.

Spartimers
January 5

	Won - Lost
Coast to Coast	7 - 1
Peterson's	5 - 3
Sears	4 - 4
M.C.G.G.	4 - 4
Gardners	4 - 4
Central Market	3 - 5
Les Schwab	3 - 5
S & J Market	2 - 6

Splits converted: LoRayne
Bowman 5-8-10; Millie Hanna
6-7; Joan McDonald 5-8-10;
and Betty O'Neal 5-10.
High game: Janie Pratt - 195.
High series: Donna Moeller - 515.

BMCC to hold engine workshop in Heppner

Locating and identifying problems with an engine's electrical system will be the topic of a special two-day workshop to be held at the Heppner High School shop, according to Nancy Brownfield, South Morrow County area coordinator for Blue Mountain Community College.

The workshop, titled "Engine Electrical System Trouble Shooting," will meet on consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 16 and 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Instructor for the course is Don Hulick, BMCC mechanical department instructor.

Topics to be covered during the two sessions include: batteries, cranking motors and charging circuits, generators, starters, coils and condensers. Electrical circuits and circuit tracing in general will also be discussed.

The course will be of special interest to "anyone who works on his or her own vehicles," Mrs. Brownfield noted. Cost of the one credit course is \$13 which covers both sessions.

Persons interested in registering for the course should contact Mrs. Brownfield as soon as possible by calling 676-5039.

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DMV schedule

The Department of Motor Vehicles office in Heppner will be open throughout January, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. except the following days:

January 20, Fossil office open.

Hedging and futures workshop slated

By BOB COSTA
Morrow County
Extension Agent

Ninety-three percent of the farmers in a recent survey said they should know more about futures trading. Here's your chance.

Morrow County farmers and ranchers are invited to attend a hedging and futures workshop on Wednesday, January 20 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Lexington School.

The workshop will be the first of a three-part series conducted by Carl O'Connor, Oregon State University Extension economist and the Morrow County office of the OSU Extension Service.

The workshop will begin with a basic introduction to futures trading and hedging and continue in the second and third sessions with more advanced topics including hedging strategies in livestock and grain. The second session will be on February 3 at the Lexington School and the third and last on February 17 at the fairgrounds in Heppner.

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School district board to hold meeting Jan. 18

A regular meeting of the Morrow County School District board of directors will be held January 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the school district office, Lexington.

The board will hear reports on actions taken to correct damage to a Heppner Jr. High school ceiling. A report from Bob Abrams, school district attorney, on actions taken to encourage the contractor to complete work on the Columbia Jr. High building in Irrigon will also be heard.

The board will also hold executive sessions to discuss an employee grievance and to consider matters related to negotiations.

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Coast to Coast store loses long-time employee

Long-time Coast to Coast employee Ginger Keithley of Heppner has left employment at the store after 11 years of service, owner Ralph Limanen has announced.

"She was one of our top employees and will be leaving a difficult void to fill," said Limanen.

Oregon Ag. Calendar

Jan. 18 - The Oregon Dairy Products Commission will meet at the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird at approximately 2:30 p.m. in conjunction with the dairy princess contest.

Jan. 20 - A meeting of the Oregon Soil and Water Conservation Commission will be held in Room 44 of the Department of Agriculture building in Salem, at 9 a.m.



The first handball court in the US was built in 1882 by Phil Carey, one of Ireland's great handball players, who had migrated to Brooklyn, New York.

4-H'ers plan annual skating party

By BIRDINE TULLIS
Morrow County
Extension Service

Family 4-H Skating Party

Mid-winter fun is in store for 4-H families on Saturday, Jan. 16 from 3 to 5 p.m., at the fairgrounds in Heppner. That's when all members of

the families are invited to come join the fun of roller skating, followed by pizza.

Costs for the day include \$1 for pizza and soda pop, \$2 for skate rental or \$1.50 if 4-H'ers bring their own skates.

A skating party has become an annual mid-winter event for Morrow County 4-H'ers.

4-H Scholarship Applications Due

Applications for all scholarships available to 4-H'ers who are seniors in high school are due in the Morrow Extension office Jan. 15. Included are Union Pacific (\$500); Leo G. Spitzbart (\$5000); Oregon Wheat Commission (\$500); Harold Cohn (\$1000); Co-ed and Forcast (\$5000); O.M. Plummer (\$225); and Alpha Gamma Rho (\$200 and \$1000).

Information regarding scholarships was included in the December Morrow Extension newsletter, also all high school counselors have been given the information to be made available to students who are enrolled in 4-H.

Extra assistance was given older 4-H members in Heppner and Boardman by Cara Costa, formerly with the state 4-H office. In addition, Cara has offered to individually assist any 4-H member needing help with scholarship or national awards applications if they contact her privately. She may be reached at 676-9912 days, and 676-5444 evenings.

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