

## Around About

By Justine Weatherford

How glad I am that Ground Hog Day is still February 2 and Valentine's Day is still on the 14th. Most of my life I've thought of Abraham Lincoln on the 12th and of George Washington on the 22nd, but in recent years these great birthdays have become flexible. I note that this year Lincoln's Day may have been Monday, February 1 or February 8, however some calendars say the 12th. Washington's Day may be Monday the 11th or 2nd. Please don't ever ask me what offices are closed which days in February—I never guess correctly.

Changing dates about during our second month is based on historic precedent. The name Februarius, in Latin, meant "to purify." It was at first the last month of the year, during which the Romans purified themselves to prepare for festivals at the start of their new year; however, Julius Caesar moved the beginning of the year from March to January, making February the second month. Until J. Caesar's time, the month had 30 days, but he took one day from it to add to the month named after him, July. Then Emperor Augustus took another day to add to August, the month named after him.

"The custom of exchanging greetings on Valentine's Day goes back hundreds of years. Scholars have found records of Valentine notes that date from as early as the Middle Ages," according to the World Book Encyclopedia. Charles Lamb long ago penned these lines, "Hail to thy returning festival, old Bishop Valentine! Like unto thee, assuredly, there is no mitred father in the calendar."

Did you happen to see the picture and article in the February 3, "Oregon Journal" telling about Harold Wright of Rugs Junction and his buffalo? The good photo and substantial article filled several columns on pages one and two of last week Wednesday's paper. From it I learned much about buffalo, such as, "their windpipes are twice as big as cattle have and this is why buffalo can just run and run." The Wrights' 9,420 acre ranch on which the buffalo roam also contains a few llamas, although these South American creatures don't interest Harold as much as the buffalo which he first obtained eleven years ago and which now number 103. Wright has six llamas that he only keeps because his grandchildren like them. He sells a few buffalo for meat each year, he told "Oregon Journal" staff writer James Long.

Money, some say, is the root of all evil. This year with budgets being cut and bleeding profusely everywhere, the lack of money is sickening. Our county officers and budget committee have worked diligently preparing a budget pattern for the coming fiscal year. They have had to cut some appropriations just as the State of Oregon and the U.S. are cutting appropriations. We hear that most of the budget cuts "just hurt the little people—not the folks with lots of money." Possibly this is true in some cases, but in our county those responsible do not aim to hurt any class of people. They labor very hard to try to use our tax monies to the best advantage for all the citizens of the county.

I did not attend any budget hearings, but friends tell me how very difficult it will be for some fine institutions here to carry on after July 1, 1982. Those particularly mentioned to me are the Public Library, the County Museum and the Heppner Neighborhood Center. I truly wish that there was money enough for each of these organizations, and also money to fund a better system of caring for prisoners.

I keep wondering if some of the lands which have been leased to oil companies will ever produce oil. Wouldn't it be exciting to have a few gushers come in and help balance county budgets and provide cash for a new jail and keep up the library, the museum and the Neighborhood Center and contribute more to our schools, too?

This week it turned colder again. But probably the sun shone on the official ground hog last week, because that little woodchuck must have seen his shadow and then crept back to sleep for awhile, putting off the beginning of his springtime activities for a later date. Lately, his message has been loud and clear.

## Cardinal varsity girls defeated by Arlington

By MICHELLE LARUE

The Cardinal varsity girls were defeated 42-62 by the Arlington Honkers on Friday, February 5.

The Honkers jumped out to a 6-15 lead in the first quarter. The Cardinals came back in the second quarter to score 15 points but the Honkers sank 18 to move their lead to 21-33.

The Cardinals outscored the Honkers by one point in the third quarter as they sank 15 points. The score at the end of the quarter showed the Cardinals down, 36-47.

In the final quarter the

Cardinals were outscored by nine points as the Honkers took the win.

Tammy Holtz led the Cardinals with 16 points, followed by Michelle LaRue with 12.

Ione (42) Doherty 3 0-6, Hill 0 5-8, Holtz 7 2-8 16, LaRue 5 2-4 12, Morter, McElligott, Palmer 1 1-4 3, Fetsch, Taylor

Arlington (62) Bailey 5 5-8 15, Griffith 4 3-4 11, Hughes 3 2-7 8, Jordan 2 1-25, Pemberton 5 2-3 12, S. Mitchell, Pettyjohn 1 1-4 3, Burdick 2 0-4, McCauley 1 2-4 4, Mizer, T. Mitchell 0 0-1 0, Borghese

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Morrow County Sheriff's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following calls during the past week:

On January 29, Darrell L. Thompson, 33 of Hermiston was involved in a one vehicle accident at the junction of Interstate 84 and Highway 730. Thompson sustained minor injuries.

On January 30, Cleo B. Childers of Ione reported the theft of about \$1,300 in cash from his office at B & C Repair, Highway 74, Ione. The theft occurred between January 20 and 23. An investigation is continuing.

Also on January 30, Laura J. Boydson, 20 of Pullman, Wash., was involved in a one vehicle accident at the west bound ramp from Highway 730 onto I-84. She sustained minor injuries.

In another January 30 incident, authorities from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office recovered a 1969 Corvette from a Lexington residence. The car had been reported as stolen from the Portland area about 16 months ago. An investigation is continuing.

On February 2, an ambulance was requested at N.E. Second St., Boardman for a man reportedly having chest pain. A Boardman ambulance responded.

On February 4, a chimney fire was reported at 316 W. Columbia Drive, Boardman. The Boardman Fire Department responded.

## Heppner JVs lose two

The Heppner boys junior varsity basketball team ran into a couple of powerhouses and dropped two games over the weekend.

The Mustang JV's lost at Pilot Rock 64-40 Friday night, and fell at home to Sherman County 63-50 Saturday.

Heppner's season record fell to 5-6, while Pilot Rock is now 13-2 and Sherman County 14-2.

A season-high 36 turnovers destroyed the Mustangs' chances Friday night against Pilot Rock, said Coach Brent Eggers. Heppner also committed 22 fouls and made just 2 of 16 free throws.

Red Cole was the bright spot for Heppner, according to Eggers. Cole scored 18 points, grabbed six rebounds and led Eggers' rating system with a +9 rating off the bench.

However, the Mustangs were in much better form against Sherman despite losing, according to Eggers.

Heppner was down 30-26 at halftime, and were tied 42-42 after three quarters, but were outscored 21-8 in the final stanza.

The Mustangs totally dominated the boards, grabbing 55 rebounds, led by Sid Kennedy with 11. Greg Orr with 10, Cole with nine, and Shane Laughlin with eight. Unfortunately, Heppner couldn't put the ball in the hoop when they did rebound, connecting on just 21 of 75 shots for a .280 percentage from the field.

## Cowbelle celebration planned Mar. 20

Plans are underway for a CowBelle Celebration to celebrate the group's 25th anniversary, said a spokesperson for the group. The event is scheduled for March 20 at the Heppner Elk's Lodge and will feature a buffet dinner and

## HEALTH DEPT.

Thursday, February 11 - Sam Boardman Elementary Immunization Clinic, 10 a.m.

Friday, February 12 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Lexington Health Dept. office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, February 16 - free blood pressure clinic, Heppner Neighborhood Center, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17 - free blood pressure clinic, Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 3 to 4 p.m.

Thursday, February 18 - Riverside High School Immunization Clinic, 10 a.m.

Friday, February 19 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Lexington Health Dept. office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23 - free blood pressure and immunizations, Irrigon county offices, 1 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24 - A.C. Houghton Elementary School Immunization Clinic, 10 a.m.

Thursday, February 25 - Columbia Jr. High immunization clinic, 10 a.m.

Friday, February 26 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Lexington Health Dept. office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

## JUSTICE COURT

Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week:

Humberto Lopez, 280 Baltimore St., Heppner - improper U-turn, \$14 fine and no operators' license, \$19 fine.

Lee Allen McKnight, 332 E. Poplar Apt. 4, Walla Walla, Wash. - violation of the basic rule (40 mph in a 25 mph zone), \$22 fine.

Christine Kaye Evans, Akin St., Heppner - exceeding the maximum speed (66 mph in a 55 mph zone) \$34 fine.

Edward Joseph Marick, Kunzie Road, Boardman - driving under the influence of intoxicants, \$325 fine.

Merritt H. Gray, 520 W. Morgan St., Heppner - failure to dim lights, \$8 fine.

John William Smallmon, 895 S.W. 7th, Hermiston - exceeding the maximum speed limit (68 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$28 fine.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Heppner Elementary School

Thursday, Feb. 11 - fish sticks with sauce, salad, baked potatoes, fruit, rolls and milk.

Friday, Feb. 12 - Lincoln's birthday dinner.

Monday, Feb. 15 - Valentine's lunch, lover's casserole, cupid salad, arrow bread, Valentine dessert and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 16 - chili beans, cornbread and honey, salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 17 - potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit, rolls and milk.

Heppner High School

Monday, Feb. 15 - President's Day Dinner.

Tuesday, Feb. 16 - spaghetti, garlic bread, lettuce salad, pear halves, milk or salad bar.

Wednesday, Feb. 17 - fried chicken, cheese potato bake, vegetable salad, cinnamon roll and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 18 - wiener wraps, pork and beans, salad, no bake cookie and milk.

Friday, Feb. 19 - cook's choice.

Ione Schools

Thursday, February 11 - turkey chop suey, fluffy rice, pear-cheese salad, gelatin and milk.

Friday, February 12 - vegetable beef soup, bologna-peanut butter sandwiches, dessert and milk.

Monday, February 15 - spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, February 16 - lacos, lettuce and cheese, buttered corn, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, February 17 - chicken pot pie, celery sticks, pineapple-cheese salad and milk.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Thursday, February 11 - Part of Morrow Commission, Part Office, Nelson Square, Boardman, 1 p.m.; Lexington Fire Department, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 15 - Morrow County School Board, Sam Boardman Elementary School, Boardman, 7:30 p.m.; Ione Planning Commission City Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.

Monday, February 22 - Morrow County Planning Commission, Courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24 - Morrow County Court, County Building, Irrigon, 9 a.m.; Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, Hospital, Heppner, 9:30 a.m.; Heppner Public Library Board, Heppner Library, 8 p.m.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients admitted and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner during the past week include:

Amanda Duvall, Heppner - admitted February 1, released, Feb. 4; and

Karry Root, Condon - admitted February 2, released February 4.

Patients still receiving care at the hospital as of Monday, Feb. 8 included:

Jessie Furlong, Heppner - admitted February 4; and

Amanda Duvall, Heppner - admitted February 4.

In Idaho, it's illegal for a man to give his sweetheart a box of candy weighing less than fifty pounds.

## DR. E.K. SCHAFFITZ OPTOMETRIST

OFFICE CLOSED

Feb. 4 to March 1

## WOMEN AND GIRLS

Take the opportunity to participate in a rape awareness class developed and presented by Oregon State Police. It is a free lecture and individual self-defense training and discussion.

## IONE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

THURSDAY, FEB. 18, 6:30 p.m.

All females are urged to attend.

Minors must have written parental permission or be accompanied by their mother or guardian.

For more information, call

422-7564 or 422-7239

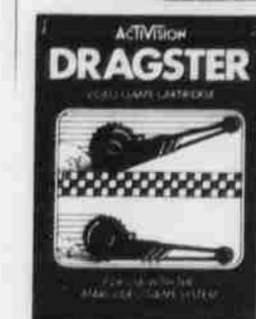
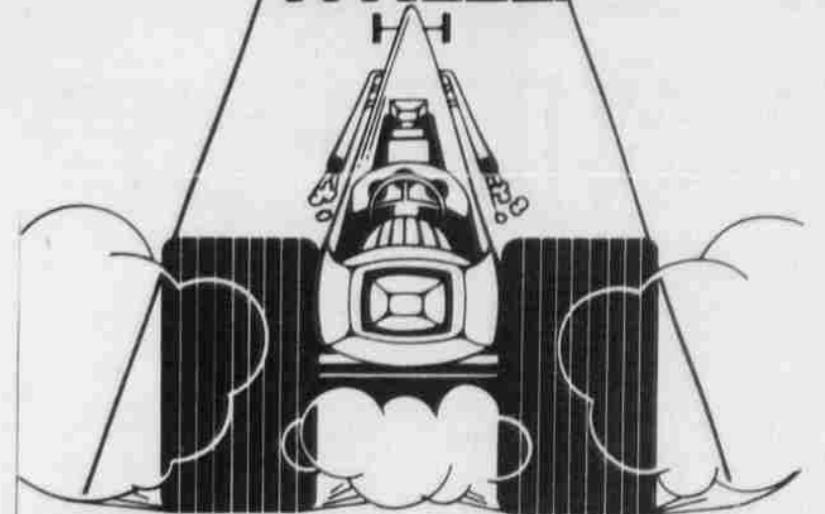
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