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Letters to the Editor

Fillies say thanks

To the Editor:
There are so many people that we would like to personally thank for their confidence and support in making this basketball season so special.

First of all to our coach, Mr. Royer, who with his knowledge, guided us to third best in the state. To Mr. Payne for his helping hand as assistant coach.

To our parents who stayed behind us through all our frustrations, hurts and joys and who by their example gave us the foundation for winning the first place sportsmanship trophy at district and again at state.

To the Heppner Booster Club for their signs and very enthusiastic support. We especially enjoyed all the signs on the way to Pendleton. To our many fans who followed all our games and who cheered for us in our losses as well as our wins. And a special thanks to those who supported us at District, Regional and State tournaments.

To our Student Body and Rally squad for the pep assemblies and hard work throughout the year. To our dance team for their great performances at every home game and at the district, regional and state tournaments. To our manager Monique Allen, stats person Janelle McElhany, and to Jean Strange.

To Mr. Christensen and the band

members for their enthusiastic music who played for us at all home games, district, regional and state tournaments.

To the Lone Student Body for the lovely rose corsages and the send off they gave us as we headed to state.

To Judge McElligott and the Morrow County Court and to Mayor Cara Costa and the City of Heppner for the proclamations that gave us our own special Fillies days March 1 and March 7, 1985.

To Scott Jones, East Oregonian sports editor for his excellent coverage of our games and his special moral support. To the editors of Heppner Gazette-Times and KUMA for their fine coverage.

"We are proud to be from Heppner!"

From the three of us who graduate we want to say thanks again. From the rest of us we will see you again next year on the basketball court.

Thanks again - you are a great bunch of people and we love you all.

- (s) The Heppner Fillies
Jodi Padberg,
Stephi Payne,
Ellen Arbogast,
Lana Reid,
Dana Reid,
Penny Connor,
Missy Turner,
Andrea Ball,
Missy Eubanks

Another filly fan

To those great and awesome Fillies:
As sheriff of Filli-land, I, Ema Fillifan, I hereby proclaim my pride in serving and supporting Steph, Jodi, Ellen, Missy T., Lana, Dana, Penny, Andi, and Missy E. Your pride in yourselves and hard work paid off when you showed 'em your stuff at the state tournament.

You not only showed this state your skills as a team, but you also displayed great character in bringing home the sportsmanship trophy.

To the seniors... thanks, it's been an honor. To the returning Fillies... even better luck next year.

(s) Jean Strange
I. Ema Fillifan

Repair existing roads

To the Editor:
Nearly every road in the Boardman area is in need of maintenance and repair - some being very bad needing to be resurfaced and others needing less work. Ask the County Court or the Road Department and the answer is that there are no funds available to spend on the roads now. Many of these roads are used by a lot of people every day.

The Morrow County Court now plans to construct a new road between Wilson Road and the Port of Morrow interchange and Highway 184 at a cost which they either don't know or aren't telling. The Freeway and Wilson Road are now connected

by roads 3/4 miles apart but it seems we need another one to save a few people a couple of miles travel on some occasions although a great need for the proposed road is questionable, it would just be handy.

Possibly this old farmer is the only one that feels this way but I believe the community would benefit more if the existing roads were repaired for the use of many than our scarce tax dollars were spent to build a new road to save a mile or two travel for a few people.

(s) Arnold Braat
Route 1, Box 46A
boardman, Oregon

HHS grad listed on Whitman honor roll

Whitman College students who have earned a 3.5 grade point average or better throughout their college careers were honored for academic excellence at the college's 23rd annual Academic Recognition Banquet.

Area students honored include: Patrick Struthers, a freshman, son of Marie and Edwin Struthers, Heppner.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling or dispatching the following business during the past week:

On March 4, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Mary E. Wilson, 26, Kennewick, Washington, on a charge of Driving While Suspended. She was released on her own recognizance.

Also on March 4, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to a one-vehicle rollover accident in Irrigon. Edna M. Thomas, 32, Hermiston was cited for Driving Under the Influence and released on her own recognizance.

On March 5, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and a Boardman ambulance responded to a one-vehicle rollover at the Port of Morrow exit on I84 Linda A. McCorkle, 23, Hermiston, was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

Also on March 5, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office received calls from people in the county who had been contacted by phone advising them that they had won a prize. In order to collect the prize, the caller required them to give their credit card number. The Sheriff's department repeats its advice to not give credit card numbers to anyone over the telephone in this kind of situation.

On March 6, the Boardman Police Department assisted the Morrow County Sheriff's Office in the investigation of a pickup belonging to Jim Peterson of Boardman which was allegedly stolen from the U & I parking lot. The Vehicle has not been recovered and investigation is continuing.

On March 7, a Boardman ambulance transported a male subject with a dislocated knee to Good Shepherd hospital from U & I in Boardman.

On March 8, a Heppner ambulance transported a male subject with an

Editorial

Something Special

It sounds an awfully lot like a cliché, but this team is really something special. Yes, I'm talking about the Heppner Fillies, the team that for a brief period of time unified an entire community.

By now, you all know the story. Heppner High School's girls' basketball team did it all. They won the league. They won the District. They won the Regional. They finished third in the State. With a tiny line-up that saw itself described as everything from "scrappy" to "gritty" to "sparky" to "spunky," the Fillies grabbed the headlines of the newspapers and the hearts of the fans.

Now that the season is over and the cheering starts to die down, it's time for the obligatory editorial telling the team what they really meant to the community. Only this time, it really comes from the heart. It's true.

The Fillies brought a sense of togetherness to this community that is hard to describe in words. Seeing the people of Heppner in the stands in Pendleton, then LaGrande, then Pendleton again, fans got a sense of communion with the ball club - a spirit of oneness that may be once in a lifetime. It wasn't just that our community had a ballclub at the State Tournament; it wasn't just the fact that it was a first-ever appearance; or that it was the first time (it appears) that Heppner has won a State Tournament game in basketball in nearly 30 years. No, it was something about the character and personality of this team that really was special.

The Fillies, with their all-out hustling style and determination were a true inspiration. The nine young ladies of coaches Mike Royer and Les Payne never ever stopped trying. Saturday's game against Corbett was a prime example. In what had to be a disappointing spot to be in - the Third Place game - the Fillies put on one of their best shows of the season.

Saturday night's award ceremony was the confirmation of what we all knew to be the case. Despite being a tremendously aggressive team, the Heppner girls (just as they had been at the District) were awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy.

Maybe it is a cliché - but they made us all look good. Thanks Fillies. M.O.

Aerobathon to aid CF

An Aerobathon to benefit those who suffer from cystic fibrosis will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. next Monday, March 18 at the Heppner Grade School Multi-Purpose Room.

Volunteers may dance for one or two hours to raise funds for cystic fibrosis, an inherited disease which kills more children than polio, diabetes and rheumatic fever combined. Money raised will benefit research projects that may eventually lead to answers about the lung and digestive disease which requires large amounts of medication and nutritional control.

"Anyone can participate by picking up a sponsor form at Farmer's Insurance in Heppner and signing up pledges," says Heppner aerobathon chairperson Joyce Hughes.

For more information, call Hughes at 989-8412 or 676-5818.

What's Your Opinion?



Question: "What are you planning for this St. Patrick's Day?"
"I'm going to wear a green T-shirt from an Irish bar in St. Louis," said Susan West of Heppner, "and I'll be sitting at the A.A.U.W. booth selling cakes and, of course, watching the parade. I guess I'll just be hanging out and having a good time."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation to Bid
Morrow County Public Works Department is requesting sealed bids for rock in the north end of the county in amounts of 11,700 yards of oil rock; 1,500 yards of top course; and 3,000 yards of base course or 4,000 yards pit run base. Bidding options will be accepted in accordance with the specifications. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 25, 1985, at the Public Works Office in Lexington, Oregon. Specifications are available at the Public Works Office 676-9061 ext 17.

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Justice Court Report

Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Matt Gwin Murray, Ione - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (74 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$30 fine.

Ralph Tony Marlatt, Heppner - Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, \$457 fine, 2 days in jail, 3 year driver's license suspension.

Phillip John Carlson, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (38 mph in a 25 mph zone), \$36 fine.

Neil Dwight Frederick, Jr., Lexington - No Headlight When Required - Motorcycle, \$15 fine.

Brok Paul Tucker, Hermiston - Violation of the Basic Rule (49 mph in a 35 mph zone) \$36 fine.

Duane Leroy Dyer, Hermiston - Violation of the Basic Rule (38 mph in a 25 mph zone) \$36 fine.

D.A.'s Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Paul J. Focht, 23, Irrigon, indicted by Grand Jury on a charge of Theft I.

Roger Davidson, 19, Irrigon, indicted by Grand Jury on a charge of Theft I.

Joseph P. Focht, 23, Irrigon, indicted by Grand Jury on a charge of Theft I.

Edna Thomas, 32, Hermiston, indicted by Grand Jury on charges of Driving While Revoked and Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

Christopher Bennett, 20, Umatilla, indicted by Grand Jury on charges of Theft I and two counts of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

Roger Davidson, 19, Irrigon, indicted by Grand Jury on a charge of Theft I.

Patrick Erickson, 18, Irrigon, indicted by Grand Jury on two counts of Theft I, Theft II, and two counts of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

Pioneer employees observe medical records week

Governor Vic Atiyeh has proclaimed March 17 - 23 Medical Records Week in Oregon.

In commemoration of the week, Eastern Oregon Regional group of the Oregon Medical Record Association met in Pendleton, March 8. Attending from Heppner were Joan McDonald, Associate Record Technician and Eastern Oregon Consultant and Rita Worden, Medical Records Director for Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Church slates clothing drive

The annual Ione United Church of Christ clothing drive will be held March 21 at 9:30 a.m. Those wishing to donate items are asked to bring them to the United Church of Christ basement before March 21.

Death Notice

Funeral services for longtime Ione resident Joseph (Joe) Henry Gaarsland will be held Friday, March 15, 2 p.m. at Langrell-Monroe Mortuary in Baker. He died Tuesday morning, March 12.

A complete obituary will run in next week's Gazette-Times.

Hospital Notes

The following patient was admitted and discharged from Pioneer Memorial Hospital during the past week:

Juanita Carmichael, Heppner - admitted March 5 discharged March 8.

Two patients admitted March 9 were still receiving care at the hospital at press time Monday:

Helen Dyer, Heppner; and Leonard Cummerland, Heppner.

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Radio Shack outlet now in Heppner

Pettyjohn's Farm & Builder's Supply in Heppner is now an authorized Radio Shack dealer, Larry Pettyjohn announced this week.

"We will be carrying home and car stereo systems, telephones and accessories, CBs and security systems," he said.

Pettyjohn invites everyone to stop by the store, look over the merchandise, and pick up their free Radio Shack catalog (\$1 value, free with coupon in this week's paper).