

# Memories of the past.....1992

News on the national level this past year saw the election of Bill Clinton as president of the U.S., the Los Angeles riots, continued problems with drugs and AIDS, the U.S. military responding to help starving people in Somalia and the government begin to feel the effects of Ballot Measure 5.

Following are a few of the stories that made local headlines in 1992. Best wishes for a wonderful new year from all of us at the Heppner Gazette-Times.

**January** - Four local people were arrested in an early morning drug bust; Burglars strike three Heppner businesses, Central Market, Napa Auto Parts and Millers Mini Mart; Heppner girl, Kelly Rafferty, remains in critical condition following a severe reaction to medication; Chamber of Commerce installs officers, LoRayne Bowman-president, Rollie Marshall-first vice president, Steve Dickenson-second vice president, Hank Dennis-treasurer; Plans were revealed for \$1 million Willow Creek campground; Betty Reitmann was named citizen educator of the year; Jim Farley and Birdine Tullis were named first citizens; Kinzua Corp. received the business of the year; Elks Hoop Shoot winners were announced-Lindsey Ward, Shad Hisler, Jared Eckman, Jill Barber, Jossie Evans and Steve Allen; City pool operation doubtful this year; Jim Kindle was named to the East Shrine football team; Robin Baker appointed Ione city mayor; Kevin Erich was named Pioneer Memorial Hospital administrator.

**February** - St. Williams youth group helped the homeless in Portland; Plans were aired for Main Street renovation; Motel tax to be drafted; Ione girls and boys teams head to Big Sky District tournament; Jill Barber wins North-East Elks Hoop Shoot; Ione Cardinal boys advance to state playoffs.

**March** - Three vie for school board position, Bill Doherty, Edward Hiemstra and Don Russell; Heppner High School Dance Team wins first place halftime entertainment trophy at District 2A basketball tournament; Ilene Kilkenny Laughlin reigns over St. Patrick's weekend festivities; Heppner city council may seek fire protection capital bond levy; Sarah Clark and Kristine Bedortha win Soroptimist scholarships; \$400 thousand city capital bond issue to come before voters in June; Cardinals bring home fourth place trophy at state basketball playoffs; Frances Carlson dies in automobile accident; St. Patrick's weekend festival planned March 13-15; Pat Shanahan wins dog trials for second year; St Pat's pageant performs to sellout crowd; Delanne Ferguson named Heppner Ranger; Lilly Sasser celebrates 102nd birthday; Police officer cut from Heppner '92-93 budget; Ione Rural Fire District to drop levy at \$90 thousand savings; \$3,358,245 Morrow County operating levy passes; \$506,344 health care operating levy passes; Bill Doherty wins school board director's position.

**April** - Laurel Webber Gray and Kim Johnston win scholarship awards; Anti-motel tax petition circulated in Heppner; Forest Service building completed; Council approves motel tax, opponents begin legal proceedings; Jane Rawlins receives Soroptimist distinguished woman award; Steve Myren was honored for DARE anti-drug project; Elks scholarship winners were announced-Nancy Morter, Eric Orem, Amy Pointer, Brent Sheirbon, Nina Tucker and Mike Garrett; Heppner-Centennial schools student exchange underway; Easter bunny visits at annual Easter egg hunt; Chuck and Lisa Nelson farm wins conservation farm of the year.

**May** - EMTs, hospital personnel conduct mock disaster; Kari Morgan and Mike Garrett were named to 1A-2A East All Star Basketball team; Ione High School boys win Big Sky, CBC track meet; Heppner Ranger District holds open house; Ione High School's Nancy Morter advances to state tennis tournament; Osmin family receives century farm plaque; Winners of local and county elections were as

follows: Ed Glenn, Republican county commissioner's position; Ann Spicer, Democratic Morrow County Judge position; Denny Edwards, county surveyor; Charlotte Gray, Justice of the Peace; city enacts dangerous animal ordinance; Cloudburst turns streets into rivers in period of eight minutes; Heppner Elementary third graders start swimming pool fund; Christy Corwin awarded Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarship; Super efforts qualify HHS athletes for state-John Qualls, T.R. Riehl, Kim Umbarger, Len Brittner, Alissa Brownfield, Kelsie Evans, Jenny Krein and Char Coe.

**June** - Royal Robinson and Scot McDaniel earn Boy Scout Arrow of Light awards; Pipe for natural gas pipeline unloaded in Ione; Del and Linda LaRue named grand marshals of Ione 4th celebration; Grass fire burns 800 acres near Kinzua; Record crowd enjoys Ione United Church of Christ auction; Kim Johnston named to Oregon Scholar; Exchange students Juho Ali-Raatikainen of Finland and Asbjorn Sigurdarson of Iceland enjoy year at Ione; Physician's assistant Marc Goodboy hired at Pioneer Memorial Clinic; State requirement snags library district funding. The Rev. Lea Mathieu was installed as Ione United Church of Christ minister; Summer activities planned for area kids gets underway.

**July** - Wayne Evans elected Oregon Beef Council chairman; Heppner voters approve 10-year \$390,000 fire and police bond levy; \$6,000 in tires stolen from Morrow County Grain Growers; Lightning storms cause over 15 fires; Large crowd enjoys Ione's Fourth of July celebration; Wheat harvest down, prices up; Plans underway to correct \$350,000 hospital revenue shortfall; Pirates capture Willow Creek Little League title; South Morrow County Babe Ruth team takes first; Jossie Evans takes champion senior horse performance at Morrow County Horse Show, Char Coe is junior champion; Oregon Air Tour of vintage and antique airplanes visits Lexington airport; Bacon family wins expense-paid trip to Universal Studios at Orlando; State representative candidates Michael Payne and Steve Uffelman visit Heppner; Helen Riehl honored for support of military; Ken Nairns and Floss Watkins retire from Post Office; Vintage motorcycle group visits Heppner; United Methodist minister Rev. Bob Dowrey and wife Cathy arrive in town; Heppner man arrested for attempted murder of son.

**August** - School board hires business manager, Shirley Landauer; Noel Harshman pleads guilty to drug charges; School district, teachers arrive at impasse; Jaclynn Hughes is beginner all-around winner at 4-H horse show, Angela Munkers junior Kelsie Evans, intermediate and Karen McKendry, senior, Brenda Holtz is high point and Kelsie Evans is overall showmanship winner; R.N. Marj Keny was honored for nursing excellence by Oregon Long Term Care Nurses Association; Hot meal express new for community; New awnings go up at Murray's Drug and Country Rose as part of a downtown renovation project; Japanese exchange students enjoy U.S.; Nationally recognized cowboys Clint Corey, Mel Coleman, Charlie Sampson and barrel racer Marlene Eddleman to compete at Oregon Trail Rodeo; Juvenile hospitalized following shooting; Mike Mahoney wins Kinzua saddle; New Mexico cowboy Marty Jones, captures all-around title; Morrow County Fair features bungee jumping.

**September** - Fairgrounds master plan, including new football field lights, underway; Courthouse gets new facelift; Heppner boy Craig Scott injured in accident; Mike McGuire to serve as interim postmaster; Kari Morgan of Ione competes at Miss Teen of Oregon pageant; Mustangs start string with win over Grant County; Cards whip Wasco County, 46-6; Musical play, "Herstory" presented at St. Patrick's Parish Hall; Mustangs keep perfect record with 21-8 win over Riverside; Loan program improves Heppner downtown storefronts; Heppner voters retain motel tax; Douglas Orwick presented recycling award; Cards down Wallowa; CBC season preview puts Mustangs as league champions; Progress continues on fairgrounds project; Mustangs stomp Huskies.

**October** - Mustangs keep perfect record with win over Stanfield Tigers 41-6; Candidates forum well attended; Lights installed at football field; Longtime 4-H leaders Maryann McElligott and Lois Richards have over 50 years combined service; Mustangs ground Eagles 34-0; Fillies beat Pilot Rock Rockets; Dance school opens in Lexington; Jo and Bob Hall hired as new managers at Northwestern Motel; Carley Drake wins adult division in the Make It With Wool contest; Mustangs down Pilot Rock 51-0; School district hires Roger Helmer as assistant superintendent; Heppner city administrator Gary Marks to speak at League of Oregon Cities convention; Engineers confirm assessment of swimming pool; Ione kids help Burnside residents; School board accepts Riverside High School Booster Club bus; Mustangs take on Wahtonka 40-0; Work begins on third lane near Kinzua; Elizabeth Doherty selected 1993 Fair and Rodeo queen.

**November** - Morrow County general election results posted: Louis Carlson defeated Ann Spicer for county judge position; Don McElligott defeats Ed Glenn in county commissioner race; Jeff Wallace defeats Peter Fels for district court judge; Martha Doherty defeats Joyce Breeding for city council position; Susan Baker defeated Susan Lankford for city of Lexington recorder; Mustangs tame TigerScots 20-7; Fillies win CBC match against Eagles; Hallelujah Kids visit Morrow County; DEQ leaves city in the air over sewer system; Mary McElligott family featured in USA Today; Farewell party set for Father Gerry Condon; Mustangs win CBC championship with 27-0 shutout of host Umatilla Vikings; Ione volleyball team wins playoff match; Heppner stop on Oregon Trail tour; City sewer project proceeding; Local phone service disrupted by workers widening road near Kinzua; Ione Cardinals volleyball team advances to

district playoffs; Mustangs to host 2-A state football playoff game; Regional volleyball playoffs set for Fillies at LaGrande; Local students win state recycling contest; Local woman Betty Bailey, wins trip around the world; Morrow County Fair wins gold medallion rating; Morrow County School superintendent Ralph Reed resigns; Grant for Main Street renovation project falls through; Carl Lauritsen hired as Morrow County emergency services coordinator; Excavation to begin in preparation for Pioneer Memorial Clinic addition; Mustangs shut out Warrenton 21-0; Big Sky League all stars Jason Proudfoot, Deacon Heideman, David Wagenblast, Mac Lovett, Aaron Heideman, Crystal Minster, April Taylor and Melissa McElligott announced; Construction begins on Ione Fire Hall; Howard and Jo Pettyjohn, killed in automobile accident.

**December** - Mustangs nip Cougars 14-13; Pioneer Memorial Clinic construction hinges on parking and street improvements; Heppner challenges Vale for Class 2-A state title; Teacher contract negotiations stall; Mustangs to play in Parker Stadium; Heppner whips Vale to claim state crown; Fire hall burned in preparation for new one; Chuck and Lisa Nelson named Oregon Wheat Growers League conservation farmers of the year; Work begins on PMH Clinic; Mr. and Mrs. Claus visit with children at Soroptimist Artfactory; Local churches hold Christmas programs, services; Lexington dance recital draws 34 girls; Lunch with Santa held at Elks Club; Lutheran church presents live manger scene; Skye Krebs elected Oregon Sheep Growers Association first vice president; Fillies beat Lady Cards 55-48; Cardinals fall to Heppner 83-46; Lady Cards take first in tournament; Ione takes Christmas tournament; Fillies open season with 47-35 win; Czechoslovakian couple purchase The Office Cafe in Ione; County Court changes deputy DA position to county counsel; Gary and Barbara Watkins win first place in Heppner Chamber outdoor lighting contest; Joyce Hughes wins first place indoor display; Penland Bed and Breakfast takes first in business category; Technicalities hold up teacher contract; Fillies beat Pioneers 55-35; School district zones mandated by state; Blood drive response excellent.

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