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**Letter to the Editor**

**Quotes incomplete**

To the Editor:

In your December 21 article, "Solutions Hunted for Sports Funding Problems", you stated that an all volunteer coaching system was rejected because of teacher-district contracts. You also quoted me as saying, "I would not want to be part of any all volunteer program" and "I don't just want to be varsity". I am compelled to explain.

The first statement regarding rejection of an all volunteer staff is erroneous. Teacher contract issues were discussed as an obstacle but were not the sole reason for eliminating that as an option. The two quotes are accurate but incomplete and lacking the context in which I intended. I do not want to be part of a system of volunteer coaches only in our schools.

In no way, do I not appreciate the contribution made by volunteer coaches. In no way do I think any paid coach is superior in ability to a volunteer coach. I am evaluating the system not individuals. In a system of paid coaches you have a binding contract with mechanisms to address problems and bring about solutions.

It is my sincere hope that everyone understands how much I appreciate the efforts of the hundreds of volunteers our county is blessed with. Without these volunteer efforts, your

children would be without the benefit of activities that teach them valuable skills and lessons. I was lucky enough to have a volunteer coach on my staff this past football season and he did a wonderful job of adding to our program. This is where we need volunteers, as supplemental to our existing coaching staffs.

In regards to the statement, "I don't just want to be varsity", this was part of my philosophy that these activities are for maximum participation.

I have been a coach for 13 years, in Heppner for five, and I have always worked diligently outside my job description. I only mention this so that if you don't know me, and you read my quotes, you might think I am only interested in getting paid. What I and all our districts coaches are interested in, is the tremendous educational bargain that the co-curricular activities provide. I attended the meeting to find ways to continue to provide this valuable education for all our children and as a group of people we are close to accomplishing this most worthy goal. I hope I offended no one and clarified the issue for all. I welcome your comments and questions.

(s) Greg Grant  
Heppner High School  
Teacher and Coach

**7-12 configuration to create problems**

To the Editor:

Dear Mr. Starr, Supt. M.C. School District  
I am writing to express my concern for the 7-12 configuration proposed at Heppner High School for the '95-96 school year. In my opinion, this would create several potential problem areas:

1. Putting younger (immature) students with more mature teens could lead to fighting, chance of increased teen pregnancy, increased rebellion in the younger age group as they try to "grow up

2. Lack of facilities to keep students separated during class times, especially lunch and P.E.
3. Fewer teachers and increased class sizes.
4. Trying to save money by pushing students into longer class periods and a shorter school week.

Please try to keep the 7-8 graders in their own environment. They are too young for this type of configuration.

Sincerely,  
(s) Robin Jones

**Plumbing**

**Coast to Coast**

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**Obituary**

**Herman Blettell**

Recitation of the Rosary for Herman Blettell was held Tuesday at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday at the church with concluding service and burial at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Blettell, 84, of Heppner, died Friday, Jan. 6, 1995, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

He was born July 24, 1910 at Beautneau, N.D., to Louis and Annie Schubitz Blettell. He lived in Canada for a time before moving to Portland where he attended Benson High School. He came to Morrow County in 1932, and worked on local ranches and for several years he worked at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. On June 9, 1959, he married Mary Cunningham Brannon at Condon.

He farmed in the Heppner and Ione areas.

Mr. Blettell was a member of the Oregon Wheat League, the Farm Bureau, the Cattleman Association, Willows Grange, the 42nd Rainbow Division, American Legion Post 95, St. Patrick Catholic Church and was a 60 year member of Heppner BPOE 358.

Survivors include brothers, Al and Bud, both of Portland; sisters, Anna Parker of San Diego, Calif., and Julie Bugg of Atlanta, GA.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. His wife, Mary, died in 1989 and a stepson William Brannon died in 1990.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner BPOE 358 Foundation, PO Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836 or Pioneer Memorial Home Health, PO Box 9, Heppner, 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

**Death Notice**

**Rev. David William**

The Rev. David William Blackaller, 81, White Rock, British Columbia, and formerly of Heppner, died Dec. 23, 1994.

The Rev. Blackaller was born July 31, 1913. He served as a rector at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner during the 1970s.

The Rev. Blackaller is survived by his wife, Mary, 1531 Everall St. no. 315, White Rock, B.C., Canada V4B 3T2.

**Births**

**Mario Garcilazo**-a son Mario was born to Martina Hernandez Garcilazo

of Irrigon on December 12, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz.

**Ricardo Gonzalez**-a son Ricardo was born to Maria and Isidro Gonzalez of Boardman on December 10, 1994 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz.

**Alex Ambrose Martin**-a son Alex Ambrose was born to Debbie and Sgt. John Martin of San Diego, CA on January 9, 1995 in San Diego. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. He joins twins Brian and Lisa, 1 1/2 years at home.

Grandparents are Carl and Geri Martin, Heppner and Don and Dwala Cebelak, San Diego.

**Justice Court Report**

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

William Ray Gardner, 26, Walla Walla, WA. -Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$95 fine;

Harrison M. Raymond, 72, Heppner-Failure to Wear Seat Belt, \$51 fine;

Beverly Ann Sherman, 59, Heppner-Failure to Wear Seat Belt, \$40 fine.

**DA's Report**

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

James Baucum and Billie Warnock were arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance following a search warrant issued at their Boardman residence in September. Baucum was subsequently convicted of possession of a controlled substance and Warnock convicted of frequenting a place where controlled substances were used;

David H. Brood, Hermiston, was arrested and convicted of Rape III, which allegedly occurred in Heppner Oct. 4. Brood is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 26;

Arlie Buddy Tompkins, Irrigon, was convicted at a trial Aug. 11 of three counts of Criminal Mischief I. The charges stem from an incident that occurred in July 1994. Tompkins was accused of severely beating this three children. He was sentenced Dec. 29 to serve 45 days in the county jail, in addition to undergoing anger management counseling and other special conditions of probation;

Gerald Clark McCoy, Boardman, was convicted at a trial Dec. 14 of Criminal Mischief and Criminal Trespass stemming from an incident occurring in June. McCoy allegedly ran cattle and fenced off an area belonging to Eastern Oregon Farms in the Boardman area. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail in addition to other conditions of probation. McCoy's probation was violated from an earlier criminal trespass case which occurred in 1993, where he reportedly occupied property owned by the county without their permission;

Malichi R. Vernon, Irrigon, was arrested Dec. 2 on charges of Rape I, Sodomy I, Contributing to the Sexual Delinquency of a Minor and two counts of Sexual Abuse III. In an unrelated case, Vernon has been charged with two counts of Sodomy I. Victims were two females, 10 and 14. Vernon remains in custody awaiting trial;

Arnilio Garcia, Boardman, was arrested Jan. 9 and was charged Jan. 10 for Rape III and custodial interference in connection with an incident that occurred in Boardman Jan. 8. The victim is alleged to be 15 years old;

Mathew Kurt Lemmon, Hermiston, was convicted of Sex Abuse I and sentenced to 60 days in jail, ordered to undergo evaluation and treatment for sexual disorders, and was ordered to register as a sex offender;

Gregory W. Vandervort, Boardman, was convicted Jan. 6 of Forgery I and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail;

Travis Copenhaver, Boardman, was convicted Nov. 16 of disorderly conduct arising from an incident at Kiverside High School on April 7. The incident stemmed from an altercation between Copenhaver and former Riverside High School Principal Dave Youngbluth at the high school commons.

**Pool League**

**8-Ball**

Cal's Lounge	41	W L
Bucknum's Tavern	41	
Elk's Club	32	
Gun Club	23	
Millers	23	
Bud's Pub	05	

Schedule for Jan. 17: Cal's vs. Miller's at Cal's Lounge; Bucknum's vs Elk's club at Bucknum's Tavern; Gun Club vs. Bud's Pub at the gun club.

**Marriage Licenses**

The clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

January 6: Michael Harold Leopold, Sr., 51, Hermiston; and

Sandra May Lawrence, 57, Irrigon.

**Vietnam veterans**

Two more area alumni veterans have been discovered. Dennis Swanson, who served 8 1/2 years with an air commander group, also served in Vietnam. According to his mother, Irene Swanson, he ran into fellow Vietnam veteran Mike Bengie in Saigon.

Steven Kenneth Peck, HHS 1964 alum, served in Vietnam in the Navy.

**Class of '65 plans reunion**

The Heppner High School class of 1965 will hold a planning meeting for their 30th year reunion on Thursday, Jan. 12 at the home of Karen Dubuque. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Classmates are encouraged to attend and help in the planning. For more information call Dubuque at 676-5523 or Judy Wright, 676-5832.

**St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board**



Ninety-eight meals were served at the Senior Center Wednesday, Jan. 4, including six home deliveries. Members of the Lutheran Church served. Eva Griffith won the meal ticket. The mealsite committee meeting was postponed. Blood pressures were taken and hearing aid assistance given before the meal.

The menu for Wednesday, Jan. 18 will be meat pie with potatoes, vegetable tray, peaches, whole wheat bread and a date bar. Members of the Mormon church will serve. Blood pressures will be taken before lunch.

The garden club met in the recreation room Monday evening, Jan. 2 and again Thursday afternoon Jan. 5.

There weren't any card players Friday afternoon. All seniors are welcome to come play cards, other games or to work on the jigsaw puzzle.

Dates to remember: Tuesday and Thursday, exercise, 10 a.m.; Wednesday senior meal, noon, quilting 1 p.m.; Friday cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday movie, 7 p.m. Nine people watched the movie "Iron Will" Sunday, Jan. 8.

Sue Vinson reports that Darrell is recovering well at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and hopes to come home next week.

**Pioneer Memorial Clinic will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observation of Martin Luther King's Birthday**

**Heppner Chamber of Commerce wishes to express a sincere Thank You**

to the following people for making our "Lunch with Santa" in December such a success.

Jenny Krein, Ethan Burnside, Char Coe Patti Anderson, Jodi Johnston, Kim Johnston Mile Mills, Marlene Gray, Joyce Hughes Heppner Elks Lodge

**Court Street Market**

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Prices good Jan. 11th - 17th



Broccoli	69¢ lb	Western Family 8 oz. Yogurt	3 for 99¢
Granny Smith or Fuji Apples	59¢ lb	Rosarita Spicy 16 oz. Refried Beans	89¢
Green Onions	3 for 99¢	Bar S Jumbo 16 oz. Franks	99¢
Dole Coleslaw mix 1 lb pkg	69¢	Hills Sliced Bacon	\$2.09 lb
Western Family 32 oz. Grape Jelly	\$1.09	Hills Smoked Ham Hocks	\$1.49 lb
Western Family 2 lb. Sandwich Cookies	\$1.49	Jennie-O Turkey Ham	\$1.49 lb
Western Family 4 pk. Pudding	\$1.09	Lean Ground 81% lean Beef 3 lb. chubs	\$4.50 ea