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**Letters to the Editor**

**Not in the business of "shafting students"**

To the Editor:  
Due to inaccurate and misleading statements contained in Mr. and Mrs. Norene's letter printed in the March 27 issue, I feel I must write this letter in response.

They ask, "Where has the compassion to mold, train and graduate a well rounded student from our county systems gone?" I assure you that compassion is here amongst both the board and administration. The loss of music and art options at Heppner High School has been the result of a combination of lack of student interest and pressures to use available staffing allocations for areas with greater demand. We fully intend for art and music to have the opportunity to grow with student interest and need.

They say that "...the County Administration just happen to come up with \$186,200 and their proposal is to raise the administrative salaries at all levels in our district." Well first of all, we didn't just happen to come up with the \$186,200. Four years of cost savings changes coupled with a strong lobby of the 1995 Legislature resulted in our financial picture being greatly improved for 1996-97. We will receive \$900,000 more in State School Fund money in 1996-97 than we have this year. Secondly, they are dead wrong about the use of the \$816,200. Every cent is proposed for adding staff, not increasing salaries and benefits for administrators. Of the 32 posi-

tions being proposed, only three of them are administrators. The other 29 are teachers and support staff for improving learning and maintaining the taxpayer's investment in buildings and equipment.

For your information, not only is none of the \$186,200 going to raise my salary and/or improve my retirement, but I and all of the administrators and "confidential" (district office) employees of this district voluntarily took a salary freeze this year to be sure we would not hurt student learning, and to be sure that our financial picture for the future would be more positive.

If anyone is interested in knowing the facts related to these concerns or any other concerns about the school district, I encourage you to do the following:

1. Ask me to come and talk with you, or any group and answer your questions. I would be happy to do so.
  2. Come to our Board and Budget Committee meetings. We welcome your participation and input. The next Board meeting is Monday, April 8, at the Lone High School cafeteria, at 7:30 p.m. The next Budget Committee meeting is Monday, April 15, at Riverside High School, Boardman, at 7:30 p.m.
- If you have any questions at any time, call me. I'm not in the business of "shafting students".

Sincerely,  
(s) Chuck Starr  
Superintendent, Morrow  
County School District

**Chamber Chatter**  
By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

"Everything's Coming Up Roses," Wednesday, April 10. If you have not placed your order, you still have time by leaving a message at the Heppner Chamber office, 676-5536, and sending \$16 to P.O. Box 1232, Heppner. Be sure to indicate where they should be delivered, or pick them up at The Red Apple after 10 a.m. This is Chamber's annual non-dues income project which helps meet budget needs without raising member dues.

Members are encouraged to mark Tuesday, April 23, on their calendars as the day to bring "their secretary" to Chamber. Spouses, not necessarily on the payroll, are welcome too. Where would we be without those messages and reminders? Special lunch, entertainment and surprises will be on the agenda.

Thought for the week: "It is good to have an end to journey towards, but it is the journey that matters in the end."  
Ursula K. LeGuin

April has been designated by the Chamber as new member month. Teams of two will be contacting prospective members to encourage them to invest in the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and to share with them Chamber's role in their community. It's important that everyone have a voice in decisions that work toward the vitality and growth of their town.

The Heppner Chamber welcomes new business member TKO, Bob Krein and Brian Thompson. Stop by the Chamber office for brochures describing their hunting/bed and breakfast business. They may just be persuaded to host a Chamber Business After Hours soon to familiarize local people with yet another example of farm/ranch recreation.

**Ducks Unlimited auction April 5 Lexington Grange holds meeting**



Steve Rhea displays a print which will be featured at the annual Ducks Unlimited banquet and auction.

The Ducks Unlimited banquet and auction is planned for this Friday, April 5, beginning at 6 p.m. with a social hour. Dinner will be held at 7 p.m., with the auction to follow at 8 p.m.

Tickets at \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under are available from Steve Rhea,

Russ Morgan, Craig Gutierrez and Bob Krein.

The dinner will feature \$3-4,000 of prizes to be given away and the auction will provide an opportunity to bid on artwork, prints and decoys.

Proceeds will help support wetlands habitat management.

By Delpha Jones  
Lexington Grange held the regular meeting on Monday with the master, Clarence Buchanan, in the chair. The ballot was favorable for Natalie and Karl Reimers.

The legislative report was a discussion of the Home Rule ballot; and the ag report concerned damage to wheat and grains by a new fungus that is active in the lower states and should be watched carefully to prevent spreading to other areas.

The GWA report concerned the dinner served at the installation held Sunday, March 24, for the candidates for Wheatland District. The district includes Spray, Greenfield, Willows and Lexington granges.

The newly elected members must have the obligation or initiation degree within one year or lose the membership. The degree work is available at different granges in the area for

these members. Wheatland District and Umatilla County both give the degree work or the obligation, so it is available to new members. There are different rules concerning those who have insurance as to the degree work.

A report was given concerning the roof. One part of the building has been roofed with a blue metal roofing. Donations are needed to complete the job.

The charter was draped for deceased member Don McEwen, with the chaplain Zelma McDaniels, Ceres and the AS and LAS taking parts. Violin music was furnished by Frances Smouse. The program was piano solos by Courtney Nelson and vocal solos by her father, Chuck Nelson.

A report and games concerning Ireland were enjoyed, and members learned about the weather, minerals, famines, fine authors and poets of Irish descent, and, of course, the Blarney stone.

**HHS prom set for Saturday, April 7**

The Heppner High School prom will be held this Saturday, April 7, from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Coronation of the prom king and queen will be held at 10:45 p.m.

Parents may view the proceedings from 10:30-11 p.m.

The HHS prom court includes Jessica Sumner, Jossie Evans, Renee Devin, Beth Cookston, Dan Burnside, Rod Zumwalt, Chris Sykes, and Shaun Hisler, all seniors.

**Winters named Operator of the Year**



Dave Winters (r) accepts award from Heppner City Manager Gary Marks

Dave Winters of the city of Heppner has been named "Operator of the Year" in the Eastern Oregon Region for his work on the operation of the Heppner sewage treatment plant

Winters is now in the running for State operator of the year, said City Manager Gary Marks.

"He does an excellent job for us," Marks said.

**Partnership aids women, children**

An innovative new partnership is underway which will enhance the health and well-being of many of Oregon's low-income women and children, according to Elinor Hall, administrator at the Oregon Health Division.

Thirty-one new VISTA volunteers are being sponsored to assist county health departments throughout Oregon in outreach work. The volunteers will augment efforts to improve immunization rates for children

under the age of two, increase access to nutrition education and resources, and inform families about the Oregon Health Plan.

Partners in this program include the Oregon Health Division, the Office of Oregon Medical Assistance Programs, the Oregon Preschool Immunization Consortium, county health departments and the Corporation for National Service/AmeriCorps VISA.

Statewide volunteer recruitment ended April 1.

**Ruth Locust Chapter plans meeting**

Ruth Locust Chapter #32, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Monday, April 8, at 8 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Hall. This is the chapter's "friendship night" and neighboring chapters have been invited.

Fifty-year members will be honored.

All members are encouraged to attend. After the meeting and planned entertainment, members will retire to the dining room for a social hour.

Now Playing  
Friday & Saturday Nights at  
**Bucknums Tavern**  
8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

**Buffalo Boys  
KARAOKE COMPANY**

Tom Lohuis Linda Lohuis  
Hermiston, Oregon

**Morrow County Transfer Station**

will be closed  
Sunday, April 7th, 1996

For Easter

It will be open  
Saturday, April 6th.

**DANIEL J. HILL**  
FOR  
**CIRCUIT JUDGE**  
Position 1, Umatilla and Morrow Counties

**EXPERIENCE - Present**

- MUNICIPAL JUDGE
- ATTORNEY
- MAJOR, OREGON NATIONAL GUARD
- US Army Judge Advocate
- General's Corps

**EXPERIENCE - Past**

- PROSECUTOR, US Army
- Special Assistant US Attorney
- LEGAL ASSISTANCE ATTORNEY
- US Army
- LAW CLERK, Oregon State Dept. of Justice
- LAW CLERK, Corey Byler, Rew, et al

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

- Betty Lou Norris
- Kent & Shannon Madison
- Ron Daniels
- Betty Alexander
- James & Doloris Hill
- Jacqueline Mack
- Mike Gaulke
- Bob & Rachelle Walchil
- Craig Lockwood
- Ken & Sandy Hearn
- Phyllis Shoveiski
- Kraig Cutsforth
- Nathan Crowther
- Carlisle Harrison
- Don Allen
- Sharon Lewis

**VOLUNTEERISM:**

- PRESENT MEMBER OF:
- Good Shepherd Community
- Health Foundation Board
- Umatilla County Jail
- Facility Committee
- Youth Development Committee
- Rotary International
- PAST MEMBER OF:
- Umatilla County Planning
- Commission (Chair)
- United Way of Umatilla County

**EDUCATION:**

- WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY
- College of Law
- OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
- BMCC
- US Army Judge Advocate Basic & Advanced and IZ Command and General Staff College

**BIOGRAPHICAL:**

- NATIVE, UMATILLA COUNTY
- Born in Pendleton
- Raised in Hermiston

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Oregon State Bar, OSB Military and Veterans Affairs (Past Chair)
- 6th Judicial District Bar Assoc. (Vice Pres.)
- Federal District Court for Oregon
- Court of Military Appeals
- Army Court of Military Review

**A VOTE FOR DAN**  
**IS A VOTE FOR BETTER JUSTICE!!!**  
Primary Election May 21, 1996  
Paid for and Authorized by the Committee to Elect Daniel J. Hill Circuit Judge  
Kris Cutsforth, Treasurer - P.O. Box 7044, Hermiston Oregon 97838

Join us at  
YAW'S  
Easter Sunday

Breakfast Specials  
Ham & Egg Croissants  
Strawberry Waffles

Easter Baked Ham Supper  
served from noon on.

includes Ham, Au gratin Potatoes  
vegetable, soup, salad, roll,  
and dessert. \$8.95  
Child portion. \$5.95