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Letters to the Editor

Heppner will always be home

To the Editor:

Dear people of Heppner,
Today I received the wonderful card that over 50 people signed and sent to me at Dad's here in Baker City. As I read the names of everyone who signed and sent messages of encouragement, it confirmed what I've known my whole life-you can't find any better people anywhere in the world. My recuperation is going very well and I will be moving to Bend in a few days. Upon returning to Bend, I will once

again be involved with the neurosurgical group as a patient consultant at St. Charles Medical Center.

If I had my choice, I would return to Heppner, but my neurosurgeon and family feel it would be best to be in Bend. I'm afraid I have to agree with them.

Heppner will always be home and I will visit frequently.

With great appreciation,
(s) Scott Groshens
Bend

Don't give up

Letter to the Editor:

(For Amy Jo Kowalski)
Your apology was a very honorable thing to do. Your heart is in the right place to start anew. Don't look back in the past, but learn from it. Live in the present and rejoice in it. Look toward the future know-

ing what can be. For where there's a will, there's a way. Don't give up. Keep going on for your daughter, Mickey Anne, and for yourself, family and friends.

Remember, Amy Jo, God heals the broken heart.

(s) Teresa Gaines
Heppner

Watch action on public lands

To the Editor:

During the last week of April, I sent letters to editors of all Oregon newspapers outside Coos County to the effect that the advisory vote here was, in effect, on behalf of all citizen's public lands.

Senator Hatfield continues his efforts to accommodate the Coquille Tribe (650-675 members) with some sort of revenue sharing arrangement involving the Bureau of Land Management. If his effort is successful, you may be sure that present

and future reinstated tribes will line up for a cut of federal public lands revenues also.

Senator Hatfield has left space in S. 1662, his "Oregon Resources Conservation Act of 1996" for insertion of Title IV for the Tribe's benefit, and this needs to be carefully watched as the original forest plan and land transfer proposal. Titles I, II and III deal with Opal Creek, Upper Klamath Basin and the Mt. Hood Corridor.

Sincerely,
(s) Jean McNamar
North Bend

HHS golf teams compete at district

The Heppner High School golf season ended at the District 7 tournament at Eagle Crest in Redmond. The boys finished in fourth place behind Enterprise and Ontario. Enterprise ended up winning the state title the next week, with Ontario finishing fourth.

Adam Doherty lead the boys' competition with a 81-80 = 161; Brent Gunderson had 82-83 = 165; Chris Jones, 94-92 = 186; Jeff Watkins, 93-94 = 187; Rob Schultz, 116, and Travis Winters, 100.

The Heppner girls' team finished second, with Lori Moeller qualifying for the state

tournament with a second place finish. Moeller's two-day total was a 100-114 = 214. She competed the following week at Eagle Ridge with 83 other girls from 3A, 2A and 1A schools. Her two-day total was 106-111 = 217. Toni Kemp scored 112-131 = 243; Brandi Marshall, 123-119 = 242; Jaci Hughes, 128-139 = 267; Jill Barber, 141, and Josie Proctor, 126.

MCCCF to meet

The monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families will be held on Tuesday, June 11, at Riverside High School in Boardman from 7-9 p.m.

The main topic of discussion will be the approval of community development grants. The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions. For more information, call 676-9675.

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DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office reports handling the following business during the last several weeks:

-May 31: Joshua Michael Spence, Hermiston, was convicted of Burglary I, stemming from a series of burglaries at cabins located above Cutsforth Park in Morrow County on Dec. 21, 1995. Spence was ordered to serve 30 days in the county jail and pay \$716 restitution to one of the owners of the cabins;

-In related case, Robert D. Cate, Jr., Irrigon, was convicted of Burglary I, in connection with the burglary of three cabins in the same location. Cate will be sentenced June 6.

According to Morrow County DA Earl Woods, Jr., Roger Douglas Tomlinson, Irrigon-Umatilla area, also charged with the same burglaries, was being held in the Mercer County Jail in Missouri, awaiting extradition, when he was able to saw through the bars of his cell and escape from that jail.

According to Woods, Joshua W. Yeigh and Roxanne Turner, both also of the Irrigon-Umatilla area, assisted Tomlinson in the escape. Both Yeigh and Turner have warrants out for their arrest in connection with the same burglaries, says Woods.

-Richard Frederick Hinz, 24, Irrigon, was convicted of driving while suspended and ordered to serve two years probation and pay fines and assessments of \$1,060.

-Jason Alan Bathurst, 19 was convicted of conspiracy to commit Theft II, ordered to serve one year in the county jail and pay \$1,000, all suspended on the condition that he pay an assessment of \$64 and serve 18 months' probation crime free;

-May 17: Toby Dale Rodrigues, Irrigon, was convicted of two counts of Felony Driving While Suspended and ordered to spend 45 days in the county jail and pay \$320 in assessments;

-May 29-Larri Lee Ellinger, 39, Pendleton, was convicted of Theft III and ordered to pay restitution, assessments and fines totaling \$197;

-Rodrico Perches-Chavira, 22, Boardman, was convicted of Attempted Manslaughter I and Attempted Assault I, stemming from an incident which occurred Jan. 27. According to Woods, Perches-Chavira was involved in an alleged gang-related dispute in Boardman. Perches-Chavira was accused of brandishing a firearm and firing the weapon approximately nine times in the direction of other alleged gang members, one of whom was hit in the arm. Woods will be asking for consecutive sentences to the Oregon State Penitentiary, together with minimum of five years as prescribed by Oregon's "Denny Smith Law"

Justice Court Report

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

Grace Elizabeth Drake, 75, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$67 fine;

Cindy I. Hart, 21, Irrigon-Driving While License Suspended, Driving While Uninsured, \$454 fine;

Gerald S. Johnston, 37, Heppner-Unlawful U-turn, \$67 fine.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Summer has arrived; at least the past few days indicate it is close at hand. When the Emerald Velo Cycling Club and participants in the Columbia Plateau Stage Race arrive in Heppner this weekend, they may wish spring was still in the air. The group of 50-75 energetic cycle racers have been racing in the lone area, but this year selected Heppner as the site for the prologue, stage one and stage four.

Briefly, this means that on Friday, June 7, racers will be departing from the corner of First Interstate to the high school for the prologue, followed by a snack in the city park and free time around Heppner. Race departures will begin at 2 p.m. from the park. These hearty souls will be racing out Highway 74, some over Franklin Hill and others down Little Buttercreek to Lone.

This is yet another opportunity for Heppner to "strut our stuff"-welcome visitors to Heppner and give them a hearty send off on Friday, then be on Main Street to cheer them back into Heppner from Fossil on Sunday, from early afternoon to around 3 p.m. Cyclists will be eating meals in Heppner and learning more about our community as they prepare for this race, which awards \$3,000 in cash prizes.

These are the opportunities that encourage people to return for camping at the lake, community events, and who knows, maybe even a desire to start a business in Heppner. We are all hometown ambassadors, so tell them about the museum, the lake, camping, the Volkswalk, where to eat or have an espresso, and most of all, greet them with a smile and a "Heppner Hello."

Thought for the week: "The things of greatest value in life are those things that multiply when divided."

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How to best care for your strawberries throughout summer

Strawberries will be ripe, red and luscious soon. With a little extra care right away, home gardeners can keep their plants vigorous and able to bear great fruit in the future, said Bernadine Strik, Oregon State University Extension berry crop specialist.

Strawberries come in three types: June-bearers, everbearers and day-neutrals. June-bearers produce one crop per year, usually in June. Everbearers have two crops of berries per year, one in early summer and another in the fall. Day-neutrals bear fruit continuously until frost in the fall.

During hot days, pick ripe fruit often, recommended Strik. Strawberries harvested in the morning usually last longer. Avoid washing fruit until just before using, to prevent softening and decay.

"Pick all ripe berries," said Strik. "Fruit left on the plant becomes overripe, which promotes disease and insect problems."

After strawberry plants finish bearing fruit, Strik recommended the following steps to keep them in good health for next season:

- Keep strawberries free of weeds.
- Fertilize after harvest in July in June-bearers to promote fall growth. "After harvest, apply two to three pounds of 10-10-10 or equivalent well-balanced fertilizer per 100 square feet of row while the leaves are dry," recommended Strik. "Then water the plants to carry the fertilizer down to the roots."
- Fertilize everbearers and day-neutrals in the late summer.
- Water strawberry plants all through the growing season, about an inch a week. "After the plants' first growing season, there are two critical times when good soil moisture is especially important," she said. "The first is from bloom through harvest, to ensure the berries swell to maximum possible size. The other is from late August through early fall, when plant growth resumes and flower buds for the following season's crop are formed."
- Renovate your strawberry patch for higher yields next year. To stimulate next year's growth in June-bearers, remove the old leaves with a hedge clipper or mower after fruiting, being careful not to damage the crown. Do not remove old leaves on day-neutrals or everbearers.

Most strawberry plants remain productive for only three or four fruiting years, said Strik. Thin out old and weak plants, leaving about five to six of the most vigorous plants per square foot of row. Train runners to the row. After Sept. 1, remove all runners, as they don't have time to take root before winter's onset.

"If you want to make new plantings, plant in another location to minimize insect and disease problems," said Strik.

For more information about growing strawberries, order the OSU Extension Service publication, EC 1307, "Growing Strawberries in Your Home Garden," available for \$1 each. Send your request and payment to: Publications Orders, Extension and Experiment Station Communications, OSU, 422 Administrative Services, Corvallis, OR 97331-2119.

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