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Heppner High School fire in heater

A smoldering heater in a classroom triggered a fire alarm at Heppner High School around 6:56 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4.

According to head custodian Stub Lewis, another custodian was vacuuming around 6:30 p.m. that day and got something caught in his vacuum, which started smoking. Believing that was the cause of the smoke, Lewis went home, only to receive a

call around 15 minutes later. Lewis said that there was soot on the desks and smoke, but no flames. He said that the fire was believed to have been caused by a short in the heater. The heater is a large one, around six feet long, three feet high and two feet wide.

Lewis said alarms at the high school go into a Portland security system and are then dispatched to local authorities.

CAPECO to hold meeting Nov. 15

The Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) will hold a Board of Directors meeting on Friday, Nov. 15, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

in the conference room of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, 171 W. Linden Way, Heppner. There is no charge to attend.

In the Service

Army National Guard Pvt. Clayton Finley has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO.

During the training, Finley received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Finley is the son of John and Evelene Finley of Boardman. He is a 1996 graduate of Riverside High School.

Pick up HHS/HJH report cards

Parents of Heppner Junior High and High School students may pick up their child's report card at the school this Thursday, October 7, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday, October 8, from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Heppner Junior/Senior High School Principal Ron Anthony says that parents will also be able to conference with teachers during those times, and pick up their child's achievement test results and state-wide assessment tests.

Anthony said that no appointments are necessary for conferences.

Heppner Colts have rough season

By Lonnie Hill

The Heppner Colts had a rough season this year. Although they had three defeats in three games, co-coach Kelly Fox says that they gained more out of the season than three losses. When asked what was the most exciting moment of the year Fox said, "The most exciting part of the year for me was watching the kids improve dramatically. They really matured through the year and learned a lot. But for the fans the most exciting moment was watching the kids play in an overtime game, when they lost 14-12."

Co-coach was John McCabe, assistants were Hal Bergstrom, Chad Doherty, and Craig Angel.

Veteran's Memorial to be dedicated



Roger Ehrmantraut (left), city crew, and Heppner city manager, Gary Marks, supervise placing of the Veteran's Memorial

The dedication of the new veteran's memorial will be held on Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Memorial Mini-Park, located on highway

74 (Linden Way) between Hinton and Willow creeks. Everyone is invited to attend the dedication "in remembrance of those brave

Morrow County residents who gave their lives in military service to the United States of America", said a city of Heppner news release.

Vietnam veterans remembered

Bill Monahan was the first young man from Heppner to be sent to Vietnam. Before it was over, 44 others would follow over a span of 15 years.

Bill's older brother, Mike, also went, but he attended college first, so Bill went over before Mike. They were not the only brothers from Heppner that served in Vietnam. Besides the Monahans, Lawrence and Tom Green, Gary and Jay Ball, Richard and David Clark and

David and Harold Gray were all brothers serving in the war.

With Heppner being a community of less than 1,500 people, 45 Vietnam veterans is a high number in comparison to total numbers of men sent from all across the United States. And these are not all the veterans from Heppner during this time. Many young men from Heppner were in the armed forces and did not go to Vietnam, but served their country throughout the world and

at home. When the war was heightened in the mid-60s, a fourth to nearly a half of Heppner's graduating classes of men ended up in the war. They served in every branch of the armed forces and in many different job assignments, from battleships and aircraft carriers to running the inland river boats and jungle infantry.

The honor plaque reads "Heppner High School Alumni Vietnam Veterans. We served for the love of our families and our country. We fought for the rights of ALL Americans so they may continue to have freedom." The plaque will be on display at Peterson's Jewelry store window for the next two weeks in honor of Veteran's Day and will then be moved to a permanent place at the Morrow County Museum in the military display.

Along with it is the David Clark Memorial Plaque, which will be returned to Heppner High School, where it hangs on the gymnasium wall. Clark, a 1966 Heppner graduate and letter athlete, was killed in action while serving in Vietnam.

Following are the 45 Heppner alumni whose names are included on the honor plaque and their graduating year:

- 1956-Bill Monahan.
- 1958-Mike Monahan.
- 1960-Sam Green.
- 1962-Ken Daggett; Lawrence Green; Ed Howard; Robert D. Irby.

- 1963-LeRoy Gardner II; Harold Gray; Don VanWinkle; Gene Wallace; Larry Monagle.

- 1964-Richard Clark; John Cole; Kenneth Robert Kindle; Larry Muessig; Ken Smith; Bill Weatherford; Steven Kenneth Peck.

- 1965-Dale Adlard; Jay Ball; Chris Brown; Tom Green; Sherill McDonald; Greg Pierce; Frank Robinson; Mike Sweek.

- 1966-David Clark; David Gray; Dan McBride; Simon Winters; Mike Burcham.

- 1967-Mike Alsop; Jim Doherty; Roger Leanning.

- 1968-Cary Davis; Doug Drake; Randy L. Stillman; Earl Struckmeier.

- 1969-Bill Baker; Gary Ball; Rich Witherrite.

- 1970-Phil Ayres; Hal Bergstrom; Bruce Marquardt.

- Each man, or his family, has received a commemorative clock in honor of his service to their country.

- Besides Heppner alumni, 16 other residents of the Heppner area had their names submitted as having had a tour of duty in Vietnam and they too were honored with a plaque-clock. They are:

- Earl R. Woods, Jr.; George Norris; David Sykes; Carl Martin; Paul Sumner; Robert Schultz; Bill Ewing; William Maddern; Michael Bengel; Randy Sample; Ken Jones; Dennis Swanson; Tim Gray; Jim Cooper; Tom Wicklund; and Al But.

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