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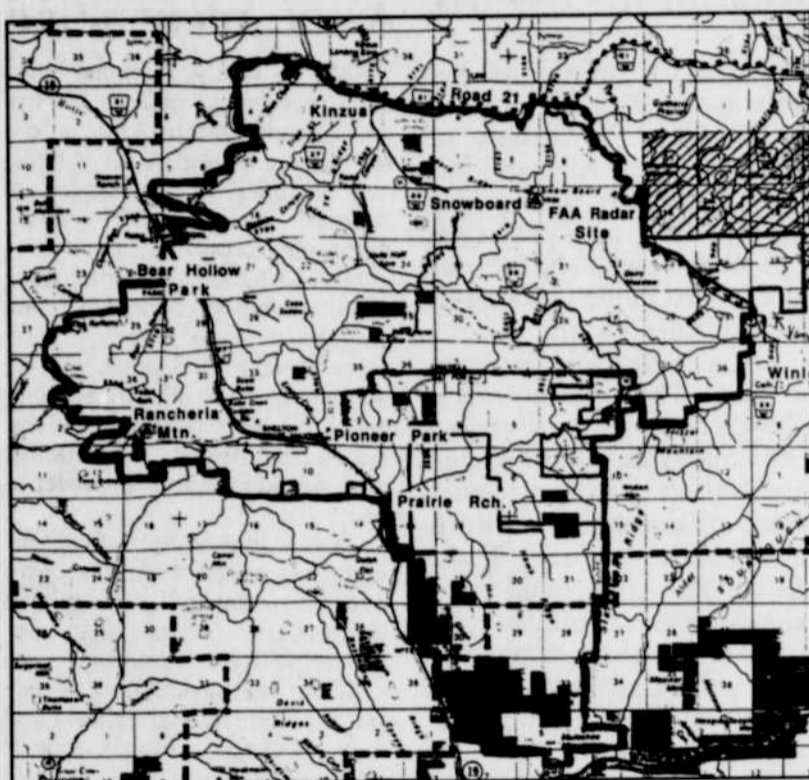
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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

Heppner, Ukiah hunting units still open



To the Editor:
I am attempting to get word out to the hunting public about a significant change in available land open to public hunters in the Fossil Unit in Wheeler County beginning this summer.

Pioneer Resources, L.L.C., a timber company based in Heppner, has closed a large portion of their land in the Fossil area to public access. This land has historically been open to the public.

Beginning June 1, 1997 all the Pioneer Resource land in the vicinity of the Kinzua Mill townsite is closed to public access. This area is all the Pioneer land which comprises approximately 40,000 acres lying from the #21 Road (old haul road) through Kinzua east to the Umatilla National Forest and FAA radar site, south to Winlock Lane and from Winlock west including the land behind Bear Hollow Park and Shelton Wayside park (see map). Hunting and recreation rights on this land have been leased to Bryce & Peg Logan of The Prairie Ranch, Fossil. An additional block of land lying north of the #21 Road in the vicinity of Oxhead Ridge is also closed and is being leased to a California hunt club. The result is approximately 60,000 acres of formerly open land is now closed. There is now only a much smaller block of open hunting land available in the Fossil Unit.

Due to this very significant change in the land/hunter

management of the Fossil Unit, the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife is allowing hunters who might be affected by this change the option of redoing their draw applications for deer and elk hunting. Applications for the Fossil Unit ought to be made only if a hunter has arranged for access to the mostly private land in the unit. It should be noted there is a small block of National Forest Land in the Fossil Unit. It also worth noting that Pioneer Resources owns in excess of 120,000 acres which are open for public hunting. Those acres lie mostly in the Heppner, Ukiah, and Desolation hunt units. Hunters who desire to change their draw applications may call ODFW Controlled Hunts' office at 1-800-708-1782 or (503) 229-5463 for instructions. For information about hunting in the Kinzua / Sarvice Prairie area call Bryce Logan at (541) 468-2185.

We want to make every effort to let all hunters know of the changes occurring here. We hope to avoid as much confusion and confrontation as possible as the transition is made from public to private access. I encourage anyone having questions or concerns to contact me. Any help you can provide to inform the public at-large is greatly appreciated. We hope to avoid at all costs having any hunters come here mistakenly planning to hunt on this formerly open land. Please let me know if you need more information or have questions.

Thanks for the help,
(s) Bryce Logan

Come Share With Us At

Willow Creek Baptist Church

Worship Service at 3 p.m.

Meeting in the 7th-day Adventist Church

560 North Minor

Kindergarten Visitation

Kindergarten visitation will be held at Heppner Elementary on Friday, May 9, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Visitation is for any child who will be attending kindergarten this fall. Children must be five by Sept. 1. Please bring birth certificate and immunization record. Call Heppner Elementary, 676-9128, to schedule a time.

Receives quick response

To the Editor:
Thank you so much for printing my letter asking your readers to identify the home of my great-granduncle Justus L. Simpson from the photograph I sent you.

Two of your readers, Kathryn E. Robinson of 290 W. Church St., and Bob Ployhar of Ployhar Insurance, have already sent me letters and one photograph identifying the house as the one at 280 W. Church Street. It has been remodeled over the years, which is why I had trouble identifying it on our visit.

As I mentioned in my last letter, Justus Simpson was buried on the Fourth of July, 1917, in the Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Cemetery Hill, after making Heppner his home for ten years. He had lived the previous two years in Milton-Freewater near his sister, Mary Jane.

Mary Jane Simpson married Theodore James Beardsley in Unadilla, NY and traveled west by covered wagon in 1878. Theodore died shortly after they arrived in Walla Walla and she

was left alone to raise a newborn son and two teenage daughters. One of her daughters, Frances, married William Hardee Frazier, a very successful farmer, and they had three children: Lela, Earl, and Mary. Lela died in 1983 at age 96 and, having no heirs, left the farm to the people of Milton-Freewater. It is known today as Frazier Farmstead Museum.

According to material from the museum, Justus had three daughters and one son. One daughter (unnamed) married W.W. (J.) Bechdolt in Hardman, Oregon (now a semi-ghost town).

In case you are interested, the Heppner Herald has written about Justus at least twice: once on May 21, 1915: "J.L. Simpson honored on his 78th birthday" (the article with the photo I sent you); and his obituary, which was printed on July 6, 1917.

Once again, thank you so much for your time and consideration.

(s)Patrick Simpson

Obituaries

Delpha L. Nelson

Delpha L. Nelson, 79, of Heppner, died Monday, April 28, 1997, at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 3, 1997 at the First Christian Church in Heppner.

Mrs. Nelson was born July 11, 1917, in Helix, to George and Lorene Matlock Piper.

She graduated from Griswald Union High School in Helix in 1935 and graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing as a registered nurse in 1938.

On June 11, 1939, she married Delwin O. Nelson at Walla Walla. The couple moved to Lexington in 1947 and farmed there until the 1970s. They moved to Heppner in 1971.

Mrs. Nelson became a resident of Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in 1977. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home board of directors, the Pine City Home Extension, Order of the Eastern Star and the First Christian Church of Heppner.

Survivors are daughter Phyllis Hyder of Portland, sister Lois Ebbert of Des Moines, OR., and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR. 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Bowling League

Thursday Nite Mixers week of April 17

	W	L
Lancer Lanes	34	22
Skaggs Auto Clinic	32	24
Wright's Century Ranch	23	33
R&W Drive In	23	33
High games: John Breidenbach 215, Dianna Hoeft 178.		

High series: John Breidenbach 602, Dianna Hoeft 490.

Splits converted: Rob Skaggs 5-9-7, Rene Devin 5-10, Fran Barnett 3-10.

Blue Mountain week of April 16

	W	L
Young Guns	36	20
Who Knows	32	24
Beecher's	28	28
Willow Lanes	24	32
Misfits	21	35
High games: John Breidenbach 225, Randy Sample 200.		

High series: John Breidenbach 576, Bob Hubbard 546.

Dime A Dozen week of April 13

	W	L
Pin Dodgers	33	23
Penland House	32	24
D-Dons	28	28
Bunn Horseshoeing	27	25
BMs	25.5	30.5
Our Gang	22.5	33.5
High games: Randy Sample 220, Sandi Hanna 191.		

High series: Randy Sample 560, Sandi Hanna 496.

Splits converted: John Breidenbach 4-9, 3-10, Dianna Hoeft 5-7, Rodney Ehrmantraut 5-6-10, Shannon Lancaster 3-10.

Mrs. C
We've celebrated many bowling games and birthdays together. Now 'GET LUCKY'!

Best Wishes from your older friend,
Mrs. B

May 8th & 9th, 1997

Pomona Grange meets in Spray

By Delpha Jones

Wheatland Pomona Grange #29 met at the Spray Grange Hall on Saturday, April 27, with Master Mike Medlock presiding. Following the opening, the meeting was conducted in the fourth degree.

The reports from the granges were given. Spray Grange has built an addition to the kitchen area of their hall and held their regular auction in addition to their regular meetings.

Willows Grange has held all their regular meetings and their GWA club is very active, meeting one a month. They plan dinners and outside activities.

Lexington Grange has started the GWA club in their grange again, with Zelma McDaniels elected as chairman. Plans are being made for the Morrow County Wheat Growers spring meeting scheduled for the Lexington Grange Hall on Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. Pic and coffee will be served following the meeting.

The Lexington Grange recently initiated the following people in the fourth degree-Missy and Jeff Cutsforth, Bob Ployhar, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg.

It was announced the sign up for the CRP is over and things have settled down for the farmer. A youth report was given. It was reported that the youth have been making gifts for the Haven House in Fossil. They also had a poster contest and the group voted to see who was to receive the third place award. They are practicing the hula, which they will perform at the state session. The skirts were

made from wrapping paper. The people in that area are working on a rural fire district which will be one of the community service projects in that area. The project will be strictly volunteer and will not concern taxation.

A report was heard about a proposed project to build a juniper mill and samples were available for people to see. If this project can go through, it would employ about 100 workers per shift. The master explained the process of getting this project underway.

Sunstones, which are found in Harney County, were on display. The stones are different colors, from clear crystal to reds and yellows. These ran from around \$100 to \$4000 and are "lovely stones." The master and wife Aloha gave a history of the stones and what they look like before they are broken. The secretary was escorted to the master chair, where she received a sunstone as a gift from the Medlocks and Spray granges.

A resolution was passed, thanking Spray for their hospitality and dinner. The second resolution was on grange flood control from outside waters, and the third was to revise the official grange obligation ceremony. These will be sent to the state session to be acted on.

The cake walk was enjoyed, as was the program put on by the youth in their hula outfits. The meeting for July will be the Memorial at Anson Wright Park and potluck dinner.

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Playground equipment wonderful

To the Editor:
How wonderful to have the new playground equipment at the grade school. Last Saturday I took four children to play there and we all had a good time.

(s) Cam Wishart Heppner

Rock and gem show slated

The Hat Rock rock and gem show will be held this weekend at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston. The show will be open on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will feature gems, rocks, minerals and fossils.

Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded.

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