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Concert behavior rude, distracting

To the Editor:

I wish to inform your readers that the Oregon East Symphony and Chorale performance on Saturday was wonderful. The Symphony and Chorale did a great job. The acoustical shell built for the junior high gym made it sound like we were in a real concert hall. The Morrow County Arts Council is to be commended for their work.

It is not often that we receive such a professional performance in Heppner. I do hope it becomes habit. As delightful as Saturday's performance was, there was one sad problem. Because we do not often attend such events, many people do not know how to behave properly. In the balcony, where I sat with my children, there were several children allowed to run up and down the stairs and seating area. It was quite distracting and rude. We all can tolerate the "fidgets" of small children (mine were no exceptions). However, the older children (ages 9-11 or older) are intolerable. This behavior is common at school concerts where many children are allowed to run around all over ruining the enjoyment of the concert. Even at this level, it is rude. The saddest of all were the adults flitting about and talking.

When we attend a performance, be it the school program or the symphony, we expect to sit and enjoy the performance, not be distracted by the rude behavior of loud adults and children. I commend the parents with the sense to remove their misbehaving children until they calm down. I also apologize if my "squirmy" child distracted anybody. People will stop attending performances here in Heppner if they are constantly subjected to the rude behavior of others. In the future, when attending a performance of any kind, behave in a manner that does not ruin the performance for

Will activities be reserved for wealthy?

To the Editor:

As an outdoors man traveling around the local countryside, I find that every year there are more places that I once enjoyed but no longer have access to. This is a disturbing trend. Another road closure, another fee hunting area or another threatening sign nailed to a post all make me wonder what the future of hunting, fishing and trapping will hold.

Will we find ourselves in a society where these activities are reserved for the extremely wealthy? If so, the loss of these recreational activities would be felt the most by local families, but wealthy outsiders would never know the difference. This would have a strong negative impact on our country way of life and I hope I never see it.

On the positive side however, there are many local land owners, farmers and ranchers that have posted their land welcome to hunt or have given me permission to hunt, fish or trap. (They provided) hours of enjoyment for myself and family. It is greatly appreciated. You are preserving our heritage, our rural lifestyle and providing a glimmer of hope that future generations may also have these privileges.

(s) Joe Basile
Heppner

your fellow audience members.

Another problem arose during intermission when refreshments were served. I waited in line while several ill-mannered children were allowed to run up to the table, push others aside and grab a handful of cookies and candy. Where were the parents and why were they not making sure their children were minding their manners? It may be acceptable to push others out of the way to grab at food in their homes, but not at a concert hall refreshment table.

I have attended concerts in Pendleton, Hermiston, Portland and other cities and never observed such poor manners. It is appropriate to wait in line for your turn, take only one or two and supervise your children. Observing proper manners (even in Heppner) is what makes for an enjoyable and memorable evening for all.

We hope you all look forward to attending the combined OES Chorale and South Morrow County Choir performance of "The Messiah" on Dec. 19. It will be a performance to remember.

(s) Lori Straley
Heppner

Births

Kateri Lynn Marie Mercedes Leader-Bowles-a daughter Kateri Lynn Marie Mercedes was born to Janette Leader and Stephen Bowles of Umatilla on November 21, 1997 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz.

Cristina Leanne Rivera-a daughter Cristina Leanne was born to Kathryn Bowline and Alex Rivera of Boardman on November 22, 1997 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz.

Basketball season underway for Cards

By Brad Burrigh and Adam Neiffer

The lone Cardinals are excited about the 1997-98 basketball season and will play their first game at home against Pilot Rock on Friday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. This is just one of 22 games, including three tournaments, which will be played. The Cards will have a tough pre-season as their first few games will be played against 2A schools.

Practice for the varsity and JV squads commenced on Nov. 24 and will continue through their last game, which is dependent on

whether or not they advance to the post-season. Varsity coach this year is Dennis Stefani, who is making his basketball coaching debut. The junior varsity coach, Scott Burrigh, is also new to lone basketball.

The lone High School team has changed from being dominated by seniors last year to only three this year. Team leaders will be seniors Jake McElligott, Marc Orem and Nathan Rietmann. They, as well as several others, will be part of the varsity team. In all, lone has 17 players, mostly freshmen or sophomores.

IMS girls basketball season starts

By Salli McElligott, Amellia Peck and Rhonda Wilhelm

Lone Middle School (IMS) girls basketball started Monday, Nov. 24, with their first practice. The Cards' first game will be Saturday, Dec. 13, against Echo in lone at 10 a.m.

The IMS girls' team consists of 13 players this year. They lost nine players from the eighth grade last year, but have gained seven new players.

The Cardinals will play in 10

games and one tournament. They will play all of the teams they played in volleyball, with the exception of Helix.

The team has three eighth graders this year, two of which played for the team before; four returning seventh graders and one new player. The new additions to the team consist of five sixth-graders.

Coach Steve Schaber commented, "We have a very young team this year, with the exception of a few seasoned veterans."

R&W reading program in 11th year

The annual reading incentive program at Heppner Elementary School, which is sponsored by the R & W Drive In, has begun its 11th year, according to Linda Shaw, HES reading specialist. Beginning at the start of the second quarter, students are reading to fulfill requirements established by their reading teachers in order to earn certificates for ice cream treats at the R & W Drive In. The owners and operators of the R & W, Patty and Alex Rystedt and Carol and Scott Hollis, are continuing the program started several years ago by Helen and Tom Riehl.

At Heppner Elementary School, teachers Sharon Morris, Karen Clough, Cherry Webber, Lea Calvert, Joy Krein, Sherry Matteson, Cara Osmin, Karen Dubuque, Mary Haguewood, Pat Hentges, Jannie Allen, and Linda Shaw establish goals for students

in their reading classes based on the child's age and reading ability. Most teachers also ask parents to be involved in the process by listening to students read at home or encouraging a time for reading each evening.

The R & W Reading Program for the 1997 - 1998 school year will last until early April. As of November 21 five students had earned certificates: in Mrs. Krein's room-Megan Orr, Joe Pranger, Kelsie Fox, and Tayler Hodges, and in Mrs. Hentges' room-Brandon Johnson. All students from kindergarten through sixth grade are encouraged to participate.

"The school appreciates the community spirit of the R & W Drive In and the willingness of the owners to continue this program which encourages the development of reading skills," said Shaw.

Helen Crawford honored at OSU

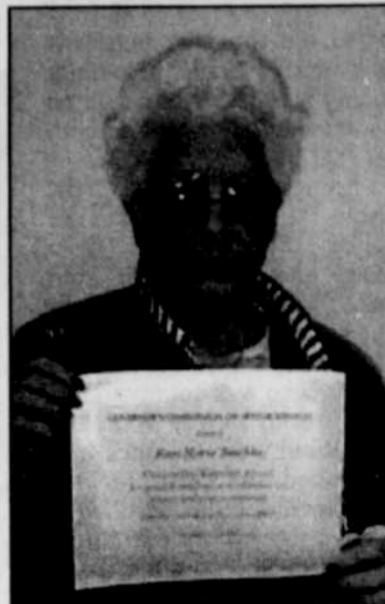
Morrow County native Helen Crawford of lone, was honored as a 1997 Diamond Pioneer in ceremonies at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Crawford was one of 40 men and women added to the Diamond Pioneer Registry of the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences for their contributions to agriculture and related industries. The registry, started in 1983 when the college observed its 75th anniversary, honors those 75 and older. Crawford has been involved in

agriculture most of her life as a farmer's wife and as a life member of the Oregon Wheat League, participating in the Women's Heart Group, promoting the use of wheat in baking. She organized luncheons and coffee hours for Wheat League meetings in the lone area for many years.

The former school teacher organized the first kindergarten at lone and was its first teacher. She drove a school bus and was head cook in the lone school lunch program.

Rose Marie Buschke honored



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Local senior volunteer Rose Marie Buschke, Heppner, was honored by the Governor's Commission on Senior Services in a ceremony on Nov. 14.

Buschke, "79 years young", was nominated by the District 12 Area Agency on Aging. In praising her works, a presenter said, "This truly remarkable lady is a lot like the Duraacel bunny, she just goes and goes...The old cliché, if you want something done, ask a busy person very much applies to Rose Marie. You can always count on her to help when a need arises. Rose Marie's contribution to her community and the elderly are commendable."

Buschke has served on the Area Agency on Aging Council

for the past two years; is the meal site coordinator for the St. Patrick Senior Center; is treasurer for the St. Patrick Senior Center Board of Directors; provides income tax assistance; is in charge of setting up shelters for the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program; is a human resource coordinator for Emergency Management; keeps books for the St. Patrick and St. William Catholic churches; is involved in cancer, Red Cross and tuberculosis fund raising drives; volunteers for fund raising activities and provides transportation and other care to neighbors and other seniors in need.

Buschke was born in Elgin where her dad was a depot agent. She married Herman Stroeber in 1936 and they came to Heppner in 1960. He passed away in 1968. In 1969 she married Claude Buschke, who passed away in 1990.

Buschke's son and daughter-in-law, Don and Jan Stroeber, accompanied her to the award presentation. Buschke has three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with another expected in July.

Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists the following monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

Thursday, Dec. 4-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, Dec. 9-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, Dec. 11-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, Dec. 16-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, Dec. 18-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, Dec. 23-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Tuesday, Dec. 30-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

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