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Letters to the Editor

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Snider, Houk for BMCC Board

To the Editor:
Phillip Houk has served the people of Morrow County well as a member of the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Directors. His master's degree in business administration and in public administration well qualifies him for this position. He is knowledgeable, effective and fair.
Phillip has served on the

BMCC Board of Directors for 13 years and is at present their vice-chairman, serving in position #7. Another board member serving in position #1 is Nancy Snider of Ione. Both of these board members have a proven record for serving the people of Morrow County in a positive and effective manner.
Please join me in reelecting Phillip Houk and Nancy Snider.
(s) Bob Jepsen, Mayor
Heppner

Everything is better?

To the Editor:
We are told by our most trusted politicians and by the news media that the economy is better today than in the last 40 years.
I agree. I was there. I remember.
Back then it was all that a man could do to shelter and feed his family. By working eight, 10 or more hours per day, he could just afford the house, the car, the clothing, and the food.
This may have been caused by the old fashioned idea of time, that the woman should home and raise the kids. She did nothing to help earn the money

that was so desperately needed. And the kids, all that they did were to eat, wear out shoes, and go to school for the three R's.
Now, things are much better. Where before only one worked to create the income, now it is accepted practice to have the woman go out into the workplace too. So now, working as a team, they, by each working eight, 10 or more hours per day, can afford the house, the car, the clothing, and the food.
Now, even the kids are doing their part, by raising themselves.
(s) F. Green White
Heppner

A vote for Houk is a vote for leadership

To the Editor:
Please join us in supporting Phil Houk in his re-election bid for the Blue Mountain Community College board, Position 7. For 13 years he has devoted time and energy to supporting higher education in Morrow and Umatilla counties. Showing a strong work ethic on the board, Phil has vowed to continue this through another term.
Phil began his college education at BMCC. He knows how important quality programs

are in rural areas, especially with today's uncertain future in the agriculture and timber industries. He has been instrumental in promoting educational and training opportunities for the older population as well as recent high school graduates.
Your vote for, Phil Houk, BMCC board, Position 7, is a vote for leadership, experience and progressive education.
(s) Monte and Becky Evans
Heppner

Nancy Snider energetic, effective on BMCC Board

To the Editor:
We heartily support the election of Nancy Snider to serve on the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Directors.
Mrs. Snider has served on the BMCC board energetically and effectively. Her past record of service is deserving of re-election to the BMCC board.
She brings to the board a strong background of long-time residency in the college district and a business perspective from her professional employment as

an independent insurance agent. Also, she has detailed knowledge of the college operation through having previously been employed as the BMCC adult community education coordinator for Morrow County.
We encourage all voters in Morrow and Umatilla counties to vote for Nancy Snider for the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Directors.
(s) John and Patricia Edmundson
Heppner

President given permission to be immoral, lie, perjure

To the Editor:
The Constitution has been served.
The vote has been taken, the verdict pronounced and the tribunal dissolved. The president of the United States of America has been found not guilty.
It is noteworthy that throughout this tumult, only one small ripple has been caused in the common law.
It can be observed that the leader of the fourth most powerful group in the land, presiding over a forum of the

second most powerful group in the land, who, over the mild protests of the third most powerful group in the land, rendered a judgement on the most powerful person in the land.
Because of that power and because of the importance of that most powerful person in the land, this fraternity of powerful groups has given to that most powerful person in the land, exclusive permission to be grossly immoral, to lie, to perjure and to obstruct justice.
(s) F. Green White
Heppner

SWCD Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District/Weed Advisory Board will be held Monday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Building in Heppner.
Agenda items include:

Strategic plan with NRCS and Morrow SWCD, Environmental Quality Incentive Program, manager's report, weed report, agency reports and other business.
The meeting is open to the public.

St. Patrick's Parish students hold faith fair

Students of St. Patrick's Parish held their annual Faith Fair on Sunday, Feb. 28.
The students presented thoughts and visuals concerning the subjects they have been studying this year.
Kindergarten and first grade students told how they had studied about how "Jesus loves us and how we talk with him;

how he fed 5000 people with a few loaves and fishes, and about his baptism in the Jordan." They also learned about several saints, and that the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made from burnt palms.
The second graders had a display which highlighted the next sacrament they will receive. Their display consisted of wheat

stalks, wheat grain and a patten filled with paper eucharistic hosts. They had an inscription: "from the earth and work of human hands" and "the bread of life." They also made a presentation of what they know about the sacraments.
The third and fourth grades had selected a project of naming and mapping the parishes and missions of the Baker Diocese. Lights indicated the locations of the parishes and missions. Their purpose was to help them understand the Catholic Church in Oregon.
Fifth and sixth graders had

learned about the ark of the covenant and so they had made a model of it; they had also learned how Solomon had built the temple and made a model of that; and, as they had learned about the ten commandments, they made a poster indicating how they must respond.
The junior high students presented the project that they had been learning during the past month. So they reviewed the church calendar, the colors of vestments that are used and the reasons for holy days.
Members of the Parish enjoyed the presentations which were given during a coffee hour.

Spray rodeo queen tryouts

Tryouts for the 199 Spray Rodeo, scheduled for May 29-30, will be Saturday, March 20, at 4 p.m. at the Spray rodeo grounds.
Contestants do not have to be local or Wheeler County residents, but they must be at least 15 years old and never have been married.
The queen will be announced that evening and crowned by 1998 Queen Billie Garcia at the

Rodeo Kick-off dance at the Spray School gym beginning at 9 p.m.
Music will be by Rhonda Hart, winner of the 1998 "Jimmy Dean Showdown" and recipient of a 1997 Grammy nomination for co-writing the "Country Song of the Year" number one smash hit, "Did I Shave My Legs for this?" with Deana Carter.
For more information and applications call (541)468-2442.

Cardinals lose to Cougars

The Ione Cardinals traveled to Echo on Friday, February 12, to take on the Echo Cougars. Echo's nearly flawless performance was too much for the Cardinals to overcome, and the Cardinals lost to the Cougars, 30-69.
Ione had several shot attempts, but had a hard time getting the ball to fall in the basket during the first quarter.
Mark McElligott was the only team member to sink a bucket in the first quarter. With the assistance of Brad Burright who made one point on a free throw, the Cardinals ended the first quarter at 3-11.
The second quarter seemed to be better for the Cardinal men as they were able to add another 12 points to the scoreboard.

Patrick Davidson rang up six points and, at the end of the first half, the Cougars led 33-15. Mark McElligott made a valiant attempt to spark his team when he landed a three-point bucket in the third quarter. Patrick Davidson led the Ione squad with eight points and two steals.
Freshman Brad Burright was the lead man for rebounds while Ryan Bennetto followed with seven rebounds and canned a three-point shot in the fourth quarter.
Echo had a strong team both offensively and defensively. They executed their passes flawlessly and had no trouble getting their players inside to the basket.
Echo's Cody Seager and Nathan James led the Cougars with 20 points each.

Cougars defeat Cardinals

The Lady Cardinal Varsity team couldn't quite pull out the win against the Cougars on Friday.
The Lady Cougars sealed their trip to the district playoffs, defeating the Cardinals, 44-43.
Echo had a great first quarter, scoring 14 points and allowing Ione to score only six points. Ione counter-attacked, scoring 10 points to Echo's seven and ending the score with Echo in the lead 21-16 at the end of the first half.
Echo poured on the heat in the third quarter, scoring another 14 points and keeping Ione in the single digits-eight points-to widen the lead at the end of the third quarter.

Ione came out in the fourth quarter ready to challenge the Cougars, scoring 19 points and keeping Echo down to only nine points. Even though the Lady Cardinals had a great fourth quarter, they were unable to get the final bucket that could have put them over the Cougars.
Nikki McElligott hit three buckets from the three-point line in the fourth quarter. She led the Lady Cardinals in scoring with 33 points, making 14 free throws at the line for the lone squad. McElligott led the team in rebounds, nabbing 24 rebounds and also had four blocked shots and had five steals. Freshman, Amellia Peck also stole five balls from the Cougars.

Mustangs come up short against Tigers

By Rick Paulius
The Heppner Mustangs battled the third-ranked and undefeated Stanfield Tigers for three quarters but couldn't come up with the upset as the host Tigers won, 79-61, on Saturday, Feb. 20. The Tigers hit 15 of 19 free throws in the fourth quarter to hold off the Mustangs. Stanfield hit 30 of 42 free throws for the game to Heppner's 13 of 20.
The loss drops the Mustangs' Columbia Basin Conference record to 7-5 and third place. The Mustangs will take on the Culver Bulldogs at the district tournament on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 8:30 p.m.
The Mustangs battled the Tigers to a 17-17 tie at the end of one as Shane Matheny and Jared Eckman each scored six points.
Despite a three-pointer by Ryan Matteson in the second quarter, the Tigers took a 42-34 lead at halftime.
The Mustangs came back to cut the lead to 55-49 after three, but the Tigers hit their free throws

to pull away at the end to win 79-61.
Matheny ended up with a team-high 22 points, dished out four assists and had two steals. Eckman ended up with 11 points, seven rebounds and two steals. Matteson also was in double figures with 11 points. Casey Evans had a good all-around game with nine points, seven rebounds, two blocked shots and two steals. Craig Scott came off the bench to grab six rebounds and Derek Gunderson had two steals.
Statistics:
Heppner: 17-17-15-12 61
Stanfield: 17-25-13-24 79
Heppner: Shane Matheny 8 6-6 22, Jared Eckman 5 1-2 11, Ryan Matteson 3 4-5 11, Casey Evans 4 0-0 9, Tim Dickenson 1 2-3 4, Craig Scott 2 0-0 4, Joe Papineau 0 0-2 0, Blake Knowles 0 0-2 0, Derek Gunderson, Blas Eiguezabal. Three-pointers: Evans, Matteson.
Stanfield: Sherman 6 11-16 27, Alarcon 5 8-13 19, Wa. Graham 5 4-5 14, Pearson 3 0-0 6, Forel 2 0-0 4, Baros 0 3-4 3, Blankenship 1 0-0 2, Weatherman 0 2-2 2, Greene 0 2-2 2, W. Graham, Moser, Abercrombie. 22 30-42 79. Three-pointers: Sherman (4), Alarcon.

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