

## Heppner Elementary students write letters to the editor

To the Editor:

The Elks Hoop Shoot was very successful and the trophies were great. I'm glad the first and second place trophies were better this year because it takes a lot of work to win and the kids deserve them. There have been a lot of good compliments about the basketballs for third place. All of us involved in the Hoop Shoot appreciate this Elks program.

(s)Linsey Mitchell

To the Editor:

My name is Kyle Arbogast and I am a fifth grader at Heppner Elementary School. I am writing about lockers. We should have lockers so nobody can steal your stuff. And there is more room.

(s)Kyle Arbogast

To the Editor:

I think we should organize a soccer team in Heppner. I like soccer because it's very active and takes a lot of skills. It's the only sport I like to play. If there are any people that like soccer, please contact me at Heppner Elementary School, P.O. Box 367.

(s)Shawn Ayers

To the Editor:

I am writing about dogs. I think there needs to be a leash law because dogs run out in front of cars and make them swerve off the road. They could bite people walking on the sidewalk. They could chase people's pets and hurt them.

The leash law needs to be in Lexington, Heppner and Lone. If you have a dog, take care of it.

(s)Shane Freeman

To the Editor:

I think that the sixth graders in Heppner Elementary School should be able to chew gum during school. Just because they

put in new carpet doesn't mean we can't chew gum because the carpet is going to get dirty. If some kids spit out their gum on the carpet then you can just suspend them and let the other kids chew gum.

(s)Chelsea Britt

To the Editor:

I am writing to the Heppner High School about the speed bumps. I think somebody needs to paint the speed bumps a different color. The speed bumps need to be painted white or bright yellow.

A lot of people don't see the speed bumps and go really fast because they're black or some people don't even know about it. Even at night people can't see the speed bumps when people are going through.

(s)Katie Maureen Britt

To the Editor:

My name is Jennifer Whalen and I am a sixth grader at Heppner Elementary School.

I am writing about poor sportsmanship at the basketball games. I think the audience should keep their feelings to themselves because it hurts other people's feelings. They should stop booing and yelling at the players because the players know what they did and it already hurts them enough.

(s)Jennifer Whalen

To the Editor:

My name is Josey Grant and I am a sixth grader at Heppner Elementary School. I am writing about a shelter for all the stray dogs and cats and other animals. I think you should make a spot in Heppner for an animal shelter. I think this is a good idea because after that they would be taken care of. They would be fed and have a place to live.

(s)Josey Grant

To the Editor:

To the Parents' Club-we appreciate you for donating the money for the fifth and sixth grade reading program. I read 100 minutes. I didn't get to pick out a prize but appreciate your donation.

(s)Chris Rayburn.

To the Editor:

I really hate it when kids run around at the basketball games. It really bugs me.

I also hate it when they go get snacks over and over again. They sometimes leave their garbage on the floor. Someone might slip on it.

I'm just saying that if any of you kids out there who run around at basketball games at Heppner High and leave your garbage on the floor, stay home if you're going to do that.

(s)Samantha Burkenbine

To the Editor:

My name is Peter Geer and I am a fifth grader at Heppner Elementary School.

I am writing about gum. I think fifth and sixth graders should be able to chew gum at school.

I know about the carpet but we should have a chance. If there were wrappers or gum on the floor the gum should be taken away.

(s)Peter Geer

## Gun Club holds weekly shoot

The Morrow County Gun Club (MCGC) held their weekly shoot on Saturday, Feb. 27 and not even the strong wind kept the shooters home, said a club representative. The wind did, however, make it very hard for the shooters to hit the clay pigeons, lowering the usual high scores, said the representative.

Results of the 16 yard event are as follows: first, Bob Krein, 22 of 25; second, Jeff Cutsforth, 21 of 25; third a tie between Curt Day and Roger Mortimore, 19 of 25.

Twenty yard handicap results: first a tie between Curt Day and Harvey Childers, 20 of 25; second, Mike Adams, 19 of 25; and third, Jeff Cutsforth, 18 of 25.

Three Oakleys were held, with Curt Day winning two and Harvey Childers winning one and one of the golf round.

MCGC will sponsor a meat shoot at their next weekly shoot on Saturday, March 6 at 9 a.m. Prizes will include hamburger, bacon and ham provided by Court St. Market, and additional prizes sponsored by Devin Oil, Coast to Coast, MCGG and Les Schwab Tires. Categories will include 15 and under, ladies' shoot, straight trap, Jack and Jills, buddy shoots, Annie Oakleys and golf rounds. Concessions will also be available.

## MS Walk and Roll planned April 10

This year's annual 5 and 10K MS Walk and Roll Rain or Shine will be held on April 10 at 9 a.m., beginning at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner.

This annual community walk raises funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in an effort to end the devastating effects of MS. In addition, 11 other area walks across Oregon and Clark County, Washington, will be held on Saturday April 10. Portland and Tillamook walks will be held on Sunday April 11, and a walk in Medford

will be held on April 17. In 1998, this statewide event raised over \$275,000 dollars.

Funds raised go to support services for the approximately 5,200 people in Oregon and Clark County, Wash., and for national research to find a cause of and a cure for multiple sclerosis. Nationally, the 1998 MS Walk brought in over \$9 million dollars that went towards helping those who live daily with the devastating effects of MS.

Although the Heppner walk is only two years old, walk coordinator Merilee McDowell is optimistic. "Our first year was such a success and there was so much support from the community. We raised about \$6,000 dollars."

For their second year, Heppner walkers are setting their sights high. McDowell added, "One of the biggest goals is to get information (about MS) out to Hermiston, Pendleton, Boardman, Pilot Rock and Condon. That is what this (walk) is all about." Also, McDowell says that they are

looking to increase, possibly even double, the amount raised last year. "Given the short yet vibrant history of the Heppner walk, there is no doubt that this year's event will be a hit," said an MS news release.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Oregon Chapter offers a number of services for local residents. These services include self-help groups, grants for area programs, a monthly chapter newsletter, a quarterly children's newsletter, video teleconferences, a chapter website, newly diagnosed services and a 24-hour toll-free information and referral hotline.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease that randomly attacks the nervous system. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be predicted; symptoms may range from numbness to paralysis and blindness. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40.

For more information about MS or the Oregon Chapter, call 1-800-FIGHT MS (344-4867).

## 4-H News

### Critters with Attitude

By James Van Liew, Reporter

Members began the meeting on February 21 with a call to order by President Sam Van Liew. The next thing on the agenda was a demonstration on how to make oatmeal cookies by Jessica Wainwright and Kyle Disque. Then club members ate them. They were very good.

The next thing they did was discuss lesson 1 in the book, "The Normal Animal."

A field trip was planned to the Tag Ashbeck place on Feb. 27.

Plans for the next meeting include working on communication skills.

### Oregon Trail Livestock Club

By Kyle Huddleston

The Oregon Trail Livestock club held a meeting February 14. After going over old business, leader Ken Bailey reminded everyone to be at the beef weigh-in on March 6 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Members decided to have a 50/50 raffle St. Patrick's weekend to raise money for the new club. They then studied the parts of sheep and cattle. They took home work sheets to help them remember them all.

Shelley Rietmann gave a report on how the Internet is changing and improving farming and ranching.

The next meeting will be held in April.

## High school rodeo season begins

The spring season of the Oregon High School Rodeo Association will kick off with a rodeo in McMinnville March 26-28.

All area high school students who are interested in participating in OHSRA-sanctioned rodeos are invited to join the Columbia Basin High School Rodeo Club, which is affiliated with the OHSRA.

The CBHSRC currently has members from throughout the Columbia Basin area, including Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties. Anyone interested in joining the club may contact Lynn or Marne Wilkins at 541-384-3699 to request membership packets.

## 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.

### Houk is who we need

To the Editor:

I am writing to clearly demonstrate my support for Phillip W. Houk as he runs for re-election to the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Directors.

Mr. Houk has been involved at the ground level in so many areas throughout Morrow and Umatilla counties. He knows the people and their concerns.

### Consider Houk

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Phillip Houk who is running for the Blue Mountain Community College board of directors, position number seven.

I have known Phillip Houk for many years during which time I have seen him work hard with fairness and skill in several private and community efforts.

He provides the necessary balance to bring groups together so that decisions can be made in the best interest of the students. Mr. Houk's education, training and experience is what we need as BMCC moves forward.

Please support Phillip W. Houk for a better Blue Mountain Community College.

(s) Kraig Cutsforth  
Hermiston

His private business involves working with people throughout Morrow and Umatilla county and makes Phillip knowledgeable of the problems of both counties as they relate to BMCC.

I am voting for Phillip Houk and hope that each voter will consider him while casting their vote.

(s) Robert J. Boss, M.D.  
Boardman

### Hill is the best choice

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Daniel J. Hill for BMCC Director. Dan's experience in public service is broad and his educational training and work background a huge plus for the Morrow and Umatilla County communities.

As an attorney, former municipal judge, former chair of the Umatilla County Planning Commission, former president of the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation

and member of the Oregon State Bar "Local Professional Responsibility Committee," which is responsible for local Ethics investigations, Dan's background will work for us on the board of directors.

As a BMCC graduate and lifelong Umatilla County native, Dan is the choice for the position.

Please vote for Daniel A. Hill in the current BMCC special district election.

(s) Roe Gardner  
Hermiston

**Dr. Donald J. Carlson**  
**Foot Specialist**

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