

## Heppner Elementary students write letters

To the Editor:

The school's cafeteria made up a lunch time rule called quiet time. That is where you have to be quiet for five minutes. If you do talk in that time, you get five minutes on the wall at recess.

Lunch time should be a social time where you can eat and talk with your friends. If there are a few kids who get out of hand, they should be dealt with individually. We shouldn't be punished for other kids' misbehavior.

(s) Daniel Basile

To the Editor:

I'm a fifth grader at Heppner Elementary School and my name is Robert Worden. I'm complaining about Kinzua closing. I think it should open back up so people can get their jobs back. Then they can get paid more money to buy what they need. Then the people who bring logs on their logging trucks will not have to go as far anymore. A lot of people are moving because of Kinzua closing. So please help the people.

(s) Robert Worden

To the Editor:

I don't like the way people come to a game and they don't even watch it.

They're too busy playing under the bleachers buying junk food. They can eat at home if that hungry. People are too annoying when they play under the bleachers.

(s) Amanda Williams

To the Editor:

I appreciate the coaches of Colt Basketball for teaching kids how to play basketball, but some kids don't even try. Some kids that play aren't very athletic, but they at least try. Parents should encourage their kids to play for at least one year and if they don't like basketball they can quit and keep playing if they do like it. I feel it's important to at least give it a try.

(s) Sloan Keithley

To the Editor:

The new school does not have lockers; it has "cubbies." The cubbies are 11" by 14", just big enough for some papers and a book. You cannot even fit a binder in them. Therefore, we have to carry our stuff for all our classes at one time instead of switching it after every class.

I understand they put cubbies instead of lockers because of fire safety. However, smoke and flames won't fill the school in five seconds. Besides there are doors on the side of each classroom (or one right near the classroom.). So I ask why we do

### We can't afford to squander tax dollars

To the Editor:

You may have heard about the prison siting arguments that are going on around the state but you haven't paid much attention because you think it has nothing to do with you. I suggest you take a closer look.

Our governor is about ready to squander over \$100 million dollars on prison construction. The state of Oregon already has a prison construction budget that far surpasses most other states. A recent report found that the Department of Corrections is spending far more than it should to construct prison beds. And our governor not only sanctions this overspending, he encourages it. He has sited a prison in Wilsonville (a city that neither wants nor needs it) that the legislative fiscal office says will cost at least \$93 million less if it is built in Umatilla. This doesn't include the lost of the value of the land on which this prison will be built. . . estimated between \$20-35 million.

Oh yes . . . and Umatilla wants this prison for economic

### Ione Legion Aux. meets

The Ione Legion Auxiliary met at Beecher's Restaurant on March 2.

The Legion birthday dinner was rescheduled for Monday, March 22 due to conflicts on Monday, March 15.

All members are requested to prepare their individual report of volunteer hours and donations, and bring the report to the Tuesday, April 6 meeting.

Eight members were present.

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not have lockers? It's my guess the school is just being cheap.

(s) Roy Proctor

To the Editor:

I am a little disappointed that the varsity girls and boys get more attention than the C-team girls and boys do. At varsity games the snack shacks are open but at C-team games you have to bring your own food. This is what really disappoints me, there are only about 20-30 people at C-team games, there are too many people to count at varsity games. I guess what I'm saying is that varsity players aren't the only players in the school.

(s) Joshua Gutierrez

To the Editor:

Hello, my name is J.C. Sherritt. I'm in the fifth grade at Heppner Elementary. I am curious why we don't have wrestling for our elementary school.

Our high school could learn how to do wrestling. Mr. Anthony was a wrestling coach. We could take a bus to Riverside, Pendleton, La Grande and even Enterprise if we need to.

You never know, one of Heppner's wrestlers could become a state champion.

I know a lot of people in our Heppner Elementary School, and probably a lot in high school, who would like to wrestle for Heppner High School.

So please, Heppner, let us have wrestling for our Heppner High School and our Heppner Elementary.

(s) J.C. Sherritt

### Greenfield Grange plans flea market

Greenfield Grange GWA's will hold a flea market April 16-17 and also plan to sell sandwiches, soup and desserts.

Tables can be rented for \$10 a day or \$15 for two days. To reserve a table call Edna Melby, 481-6191, or Bobbi Peck, 481-7359.

The ladies will host a GWA conference March 12. All Grange women are invited to attend.

## 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.

### Support I-82 through Eastern Oregon

To the Editor:

I am writing to ask your readers to support the proposed extension of Interstate Highway 82 from Umatilla to Klamath Falls (House Bill 2692). This dramatic vision benefits our entire state. This highway would relieve the very congested 1-5 corridor and western Oregon. East Oregonians should gladly take some of that burden.

There are many considerations, of course. I believe the legislature can find the needed revenue to support it. Many people in this area will argue that it will cause uncontrolled growth and change our small-town way of life. I do not believe this will happen. Ranching and farming will go on as it always has. Our small Eastern Oregon towns will

benefit from any added employment opportunities. So many jobs are slipping away from us now as our mills close and turn our small towns into ghost-towns. We cannot afford to pass up opportunities that strengthen our economies. Many towns continue to remain small and exist next to major highways and freeways without a big change in lifestyle.

In the end, we will find that the benefits of this highway far outweigh the negatives. Any obstacles can be overcome if we keep in mind that all of Oregon will benefit from this. Please let your state representative know that you support House Bill 2629. It will make Oregon a better place for the citizens on both sides of the mountains.

(s) Lori E. Straley Heppner

### 'Just hanging out' might have serious implications

To the Editor:

The rites of spring for some OLCC inspectors include a trip to Seaside and maybe a visit to a party at a local home, a riverside gathering spot or a secluded location.

Their trip to Seaside won't include salt water taffy or rides on the bumper cars. The parties they attend won't be mentioned in the latest happenings of society columns.

But each occasion will mark OLCC's efforts to curtail what some term as rites of passage for young Oregonians - drinking beer or maybe hard liquor or wine and partying. Our inspectors will cite minors for possessing, drinking and

attempting to buy alcohol. They may confiscate fake identification, the beer and other alcohol.

You can help make our work easier by being aware of or asking about the spring break and springtime activities that your teenage sons and daughters are planning. We're counting on you to be aware that "just hanging out" may have serious implications on the welfare and safety of your sons and daughters if alcohol is involved.

Help us ensure that all Oregonians can enjoy the tender budding and blooming rites of spring.

(s) Linda Ignowski, OLCC Regulatory Program Director

## Cardinal Booster Club discusses volleyball board

Cardinal Booster Club met Monday, March 1, at the Ione High School library.

Members were shown the new state volleyball board. They agreed a light stain would be best for the new district board being made. The lettering for the 1979-80 district championship board will cost the club \$120.

Cindy Burright is working on a sample state championship track flag. A committee was formed to recommend future gym improvements. The members are Monica Swanson, Laurel Cannon and Jeri McElligott. Community members are encouraged to make suggestions or join the committee.

The Little League dugouts will not be moved to the other end of the field, but will be rebuilt where they are now.

The club received a thank you note for the state board from the 1998 volleyball team. Club members agreed to send thank you notes to Shop-n-Kart for the shopping cart of groceries and to Loa Henderson for the quilt. Both were raffled at basketball games.

Dave Radie has offered to look up the team members for trophies in the trophy case. Jim Swanson, Cannon and McElligott will make a list of trophies needing identification.

McElligott suggested attending the Ione Site Council meeting to inform members of the combination of Cardinal Club with the booster club. She

encourages the teachers to come to the Cardinal Booster Club if funding is needed for special projects. Members discussed the funding policy. It was agreed to fund only school-related requests, deciding case by case and encourage the use of the regular budget process first. It was emphasized the members attending booster club meetings need continued community support.

Radie asked club members if they were interested in creating more videos of school events to sell. It was agreed that with the cooperation of the community in donating pictures and videos, a video of the 1999-2000 year could be made.

Terri Bennetto asked for help in collecting pictures and articles to make her children new scrapbooks. Everything they had was destroyed in a fire.

Club members voted to pay \$367.50 for 35 pairs of shorts for the middle school track team. Cardinal Club will sponsor a donkey basketball game Wednesday, March 17.

Middle school students will sell tickets in advance. It was suggested they hold a contest for nicknames for riders. The Ione faculty will square off against the high school basketball teams.

Bennetto and Debbie Morgan will be in charge of promotion and Morgan will organize concessions.

The next meeting of the Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, April 5, at 7 p.m. at the high school library.

### March 11th - Thursday

Old Timers, PER, and Ladies Night: "Jean Ann's" Barbecue Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Salad, Rolls, and Angel Food Cake, being prepared by Kim Cutsforth and Crew. Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

### March 12th - Friday

Buffet Dinner starting at 6 p.m.

### March 13th - Saturday

Ladies Brunch from 11:15 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner: Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner starting at 6 p.m. Live music (2 bands!) starting at 9 p.m. Upstairs-High Five, Downstairs-Tone Masters.

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