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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.

Device may prevent deer collisions

To the Editor:

I am responding to the letter in last week's paper by Terry McWhinney and other letters to the editor I have seen lately regarding deer on our highways. Deer cause accidents, deaths and higher insurance rates for us all. In 1993, the U.S. Dept. of Transportation released these statistics: deaths from collisions with animals-95; injuries-13,000; individuals reporting property damage-225,000. Keep in mind that these statistics only account for accidents actually reported to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. Only people living in a rural area, like us, know that these figures could pertain to Morrow County alone.

There should be a safe and affordable solution.

I have obtained a U.S. Patent (#5627518) for a device called the "Deer Dodger." This device rests on your dashboard and will alert the driver by an audible signal or beep and also a visual LED alarm of animals on or near the road ahead. For further information, call or write: Jim Wishart, P.O. Box 323, Heppner, OR. 97836; phone (541) 676-9167 (work), (541) 676-5571 (home).

(s) James F. Wishart
Heppner

Traffic flow change creates bottlenecks

To The Editor:

I try to keep an open mind about changes and new ideas, but I am having trouble understanding the changes made in the traffic flow in and around Heppner High School. So are many others and that is why I am writing this letter asking Mr. Ron Anthony, principal at HHS, if he would explain to the public why he made those traffic flow changes.

One of the possible reasons I heard was that seventh and/or eighth graders would run out of the doors that open onto the back parking lot on their way to the basketball hoops on the upper back parking lot without looking.

If that is so, couldn't there be a simpler way to stop traffic?

Why not try a removable stop sign and crosswalks like Heppner Elementary uses on the public street through its buildings?

With the now current system, there are definite bottleneck problems at HHS with service trucks and large vehicles backing up in a very tight area where those same seventh/eighth graders still cross.

If anyone has an opinion or idea or suggestion, please call HHS at 676-9138. Someone already has expressed their opinion by stealing the chain that closed off the parking lot.

(s) Kay Proctor
Heppner

Society plans annual meeting

By Delpha Jones

Plans are underway for the annual meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society, which will be held at the Lexington Grange Hall. There will be a turkey potluck with turkey, dressing, potatoes and hot rolls furnished. Salad and dessert will be potluck. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m., with the program at 1:30 p.m. John Fiedor, with the National Park Service at the Sheep

Rock Unit, will present the program. The Sheep Rock Unit features fossils and a museum. The units take in 14,000 acres. The presentation will include a movie and fossils to view.

Morrow County Chronicles for this year will be available and dues can be paid at this time. The evening will feature door prizes and a chance to visit with friends and neighbors.

The public is invited to attend.

Ione welcomes two new exchange students

By Mickie Winnet



Hannas Schulz

Ione High School welcomes two new exchange students this year, Hannas Schulz from Rostock, Germany, and David Mansfield from Usti nad Labem in the Czech Republic.

Hannas is making his home for the next year with Dennis and Janet Stefani of Ione.

Hannas, who is 6'8" and 240 pounds, is the son of Cerhand and Martina Schulz. Hannas has one sister, Rika, 16 years old.

His father is a mathematician and heads up a computer department at an energy provider in Rostock and his mother is an advertising economist.

The population of Rostock, Germany, an old city with lots of history, is 210,000.

Hannas enjoys basketball, swimming (and has swam in the Baltic Sea), going to the cinema and especially enjoys net surfing and stamp collecting.

Hannas, who turned out for football, says, "Football is good but sprints are hard."

His favorite music is rock n roll but he also likes country. He says his favorite subjects in school are biology and "computernomics" but adds that he dislikes math "very much."

While in the USA, Hannas would very much like to visit Orlando, Florida, and tour the NASA Headquarters there.

"Ione is very small and the weather is very hot," says Hannas. "In Germany this time of year it's 20 degrees Celsius (around 68-69 degrees Fahrenheit)."

Ten other exchange students from Rostock are also visiting the U.S.

AWAWA club starts new year

It's time for another year of fun at AWANA, a nondenominational Bible club sponsored by several churches in the area. The first club meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 8.

AWANA meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evenings at Lexington Baptist Church. Club activities include relay games around the AWANA circle, Bible stories and handbook activities in which clubbers may earn awards to be displayed on their uniforms.

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Loren Unruh at 676-9873 or Lexington Baptist Church at 989-8555.



David Mansfield

David Mansfield, 17, was born and raised in Usti nad Labem, which is one of the biggest cities in the Czech Republic with a population of about 100,000.

David, who is 6'2" and weighs 140 pounds, is the son of Miroslav and Ladeslava

Mansfeldova. His mother is a teacher who teaches English and Czech; his father is a director of Barm Continental which deals with tires. He also has a 19-year-old brother, Vit, who was an exchange student in Sacramento, CA.

David's favorite subjects are computer and PE. His favorite sport is basketball, but says he likes all ball games, although "football is not my favorite sport."

David has attended music school and played the flute and clarinet in the orchestra in Usti nad Labem.

David says he is glad to be in a small town and comments, "The people here are nice."

David says only two students from Usti nad Labem came to the U.S. as exchange students.

David's host family is Scott and Cindy Burrigh, who say they are enjoying David. "David is quite friendly," says Cindy Scott has taught David, who has never eaten a sandwich before, the fine art of making the "Scott Burrigh Special." "It's good, very good," claims David.

Catechetical classes scheduled

St. Patrick's Parish will resume catechetical classes for grade school students on Sunday, Sept. 19. The classes will be held in the Parish Hall from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Classes will be held for kindergarten through eighth grade children each Sunday.

Teachers will be Kathy Cutsforth Fullmer, Bill Kuhn, Nova Sweeney, Mike Armato, Joyce Graff and Mary Ann Elguezabal.

Classes for the Young Patrician high school study group will begin with a kick-off dinner on Sunday, Sept. 19. The study classes will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

The adult study group will resume having the "Come As You Are" program. Those studying part-two of this program will resume Monday, Sept. 20, at the parish hall.

Those wishing to begin the first year study of this program may register with Fr. Gerry Condon.

The beginning date will be announced later.

For those wishing to review the teachings of the Catholic Church or to become members of the Catholic Church, an initial meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 20, at the parish office. Those who interested should contact Fr. Condon at 676-9462.

Everyone is welcome to participate in St. Patrick's programs.

Program brings youth together for outdoor adventure

Youth from the entire county were invited to the third annual Outdoor Adventure Program held August 6-8 at Anson Wright Park, southeast of Heppner.

Of the 28 youth who attended the program, which was sponsored by Morrow County Behavioral Health, seven came from the south end and 17 from the north end of the county. The youth ranged in age from eight to 21 years old.

Each year this program continues to bring youth and adults together for a weekend

drug free alternative activities. Many activities focused on team building and support of individual members.

"It is important for these youth to interact with adults who could provide positive feedback to their creative challenges," said Marilyn Bader-Nesse. "There are very few noncompetitive activities that bring the youth of our county together, hopefully this event will continue to do just that."

Free time included hiking about the park, fishing and evenings around the fireplace with plenty of "s'mores".

Rebekahs discuss district meeting

By Delpha Jones

Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday evening for the first meeting of the fall, with Marlene Grey, Noble Grand, presiding. Plans were discussed further for the McNary District meeting, which will be held at Holly Lodge on Saturday, Sept. 11. Geri Martin, chairman for the district, received her program and the committees appointed for this day.

The card party, which is the first of series held every fall and win-

ter was discussed. Card parties are scheduled for the first Saturday of each month starting in October; however, the first one is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 9 due to hunting season.

Refreshments were served by the host committee.

Road Construction Status Report

Notice to the citizens who utilize and enjoy the Willow Creek (Coal Mine Grade) area:

The U.S. Dept. of Transportation lists its planned construction activities on Willow Creek Road for the week of Monday, Sept. 7:

Tidewater completed placing the emulsified aggregate base on Sept. 3, and continued shaping the grade on Sept. 4. The guard rail subcontractor began driving the posts for the rail on Sept. 2 and planned to be finished on Sept. 7.

The paving was scheduled to start Sept. 7. As stated last week, they will start with a 300 meter control strip, which is utilized to set the rolling pattern for compaction and density. While they are determining the roller pattern and the compaction factors for the asphalt, they will pave the turnouts and the approaches at the Penlake Lake access area, then set back and finish the lower lift of asphalt. The schedule shows that they will be finished with the paving on Saturday, Sept. 11.

The week of Sept. 13 will be utilized to hang the guard rail and place the paint strips on the road, along with finishing out a punch list of items that require being completed prior to acceptance of the project.

The only truck traffic that should be on the FS 53 road and the Shaw Grade (the detour route) will be logging and chip trucks. Emergency access through the project will be maintained throughout the construction season.

Willow Creek Road will remain open to local traffic only, as far as Cutsforth Park. The park will remain open through the normal season. The detour route through Shaw Creek Road to the four corners, to Penland Lake and Ukiah, is and will remain open to all traffic.

During the 1999 construction season, Willow Creek Road (Coal Mine Grade) (FS 53 Road) will remain closed to all through traffic, from Cutsforth Park to the intersection of FS Roads 5321 (Penland Lake Road). There will be some logging truck traffic from the FS 21 road (Penland Lake Road) and chip truck traffic from the FS 5350 road (Texas Pit Road).

Watch for log and chip trucks, travelers, campers and wood cutters, observe the warning signs, including the speed limit, on the Shaw Creek Road detour route, and observe the barricades at both ends of the construction zone. Have a safe summer and remember that the barricaded road closures are for the traveling public's safety.

Federal Highways asks the traveling public for their patience, consideration and cooperation, and appreciates input from the public.

Contact Robert G. Toops, project engineer, at (541) 676-5904 in Heppner for additional information.

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