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**Letters to the Editor**

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**A memory of a friend**

To The Editor:  
A memory of a friend. I read the East Oregonian the other night and grieved over my friend Julie Wilde. As I read the article of what was worded as "Julie being a loner and no roots in the community," I cried many tears. In the small community I grew up in, in Heppner, I met Julie as a freshman in high school and I, a senior. She was in choir with me and we both sang alto. When I first heard her sing I thought, what a beautiful voice this girl has. Although slightly quiet, which she outgrew, she was pretty, intelligent and loyal to her friends. It didn't take her long to grow a friendship with me. Anytime I saw her, she'd holler at me or do that giggle thing she did so well. When I hung out at school or after-school functions with friends, she'd show up.

Pretty soon she was spending her days at my house. She'd knock on the door and I'd think, "God, there's that obnoxious girl again." But...you know what? I'd do anything to hear that obnoxious girl again. We shared a friendship of miles or years between seeing one another, and yet it was if we had seen each other every day. So...for her family and friends I write to the community, that Julie Wilde had an existence and home in Heppner. We all make our own adult decisions. We choose right or wrong. And though her path may have taken a wrong turn, she was still loved and will be missed by her friends, I being one of them. She was no different then me. Rest Julie, and Peace be with you.

(s)Merry Brannon  
Heppner

**Dangerous action could have caused accident**

To the Editor:  
Elsewhere in this paper we have placed a notice of a reward regarding the irresponsible act of opening one of our cattle pen gates so that the cattle would get out and onto the road. While this may be a nuisance to our crew to have to gather and put them back in the pen, we contend with "nuisances" of one kind or another in our everyday work. Our main concern is for the safety of motorists traveling on the road, and we try very hard to ensure that our fences and gates are properly and safely maintained.

This was a most dangerous act which could have caused a fatal accident to anyone travelling the road after dark. Luckily, one of our own crew discovered the cattle on the road and they were safely returned to the pen before a possible accident could occur. We hope that whoever did this will think of the serious consequences of such a life threatening act and the penalties imposed by law.

(s)Dick and Virginia  
Wilkinson  
Heppner

**Local students make honor roll**

Oregon State University has announced its scholastic honor roll for fall term. Local students on the honor roll include:  
Heppner-3.5 or better, Phillip Spicerkuhn, junior, science;  
Boardman-3.5 or better, Robert A. Bates, post baccalaureate, pre-engineering program; Lara Fritz, sophomore, pharmacy; Kristi Mason, sophomore, agricultural sciences; Glen Moultrie, junior, pre-engineering program; Alejandra L. Torres-Pacheco, senior business.

**Lexington News**

By Delpha Jones

-- Coral Baker recently underwent heart surgery at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland. Jo Irvin of Irrigon, a former Lexingtonite, also had surgery at St. Vincent's.

-- Kathy Tellechea and son Philip spent Christmas in the valley with son Jim.

-- Bob and Luella Taylor recently met family members in Pendleton for an early Christmas get-together.

-- Bob Bowen of Portland and sister Katie Bowen, were callers in Lexington on Sunday.

-- Gae and Ray Papineau are home from Portland for a few days.

-- Clark and Cammie Jones and family were callers Christmas Day at the Ken Jones' home. Also visiting was Clay Papineau. All are from Kennewick, WA.

-- The family of Joe Yocom enjoyed Christmas Day and dinner at the Yocom home. All traveled around town in the buggy wishing friends a "Merry Christmas."

-- Charlene Whitney of Portland visited her parents, Cecil and Delpha Jones, over the holidays.

-- Lee Wagenblast and sister, Helen Krieger of Hermiston, spent Christmas Day at the Steve Wagenblast home in Lone. Others visiting over the holidays were grandsons, Alex and Seth from Tempe, AZ.; Charlie and his wife from Cheney, WA.; Max from Cheney, WA. and his friend from Finland. They are the sons of John Wagenblast.

-- Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jones were Boise, ID. callers on Wednesday and Thursday to attend the graduation of their son Chris from lineman's school.

**JV boys rally past Eagles**

By Rick Paullus  
Brian Rust hit five three-pointers and finished with 25 points to help the Heppner Mustang JV boys rally past the visiting Joseph Eagles, 54-49, on Thursday, Dec. 23.

The Eagles flew out to a 21-12 lead after one but the Mustangs got two three-pointers and eight points from Rust to trail 28-24 at halftime.

Rust hit three more three-pointers in the third as the Mustangs tied the game at 39-39 after three.

David Piper hit all four of his

**'C' team boys hang on to defeat Blue Devils**

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang C-Team boys built a big halftime lead and hung on to beat the host Condon Blue Devils, 52-48, on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The Mustangs got eight points from Kelly Paullus in the second quarter to build a 31-21 lead at halftime.

The Blue Devils fought back in the third and pulled to within one in the fourth, but the Mustangs got a free throw from Paullus with 26 seconds left to make it a three-point game and another free throw from Donald Adams with six seconds left to clinch it.

Paullus hit two three-pointers and led the Mustangs with 20 points. Connor Kilkenny hit a three-pointer in the fourth and finished with 13 points. Adam Bergstrom had a good game on the boards and finished with six points. Robert Whalen came off the bench to pull down some big rebounds for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs improved their record to 3-2 and won't take to the floor again until a home game against the Riverside Pirates on Thursday, Jan. 6, with the girls' game starting at 5:30 p.m.

Heppner-9 22 9 12-52  
Condon-6 15 15 12-48  
Heppner- Kelly Paullus 7 4-10 20,  
Connor Kilkenny 4 4-5 13, Adam Bergstrom 3 0-0 6, Donald Adams 2 1-4 5, Josh Winters 1 2-2 4, Doug Orwick 0 2-6 2, Robert Whalen 1 0-0 2, Jerry Shank 0 0-2 0, Leland Rill, Jon Bennett, Trevor Rhea. 18 13-29 52.  
Spt.- Paullus 2, Kilkenny.

free throws and Kevin Drake hit 3-4 in the fourth as the Mustangs got the lead and held off the Eagles to improve their record to 5-3.

After Rust's 25, Piper added 16 points and Brad Adams, eight.

As a team, the Mustangs hit on 10 of 11 free throws for the game. Joseph-21 7 13 16-49  
Heppner-12 12 15 15-54  
Heppner-Brian Rust 9 2-2 25, David Piper 5 5-5 16, Brad Adams 4 0-0 8, Kevin Drake 1 3-4 5, Sam VanLiew, Justin Wood, Brandon Young, Brad Bowman. 19 10-11 54.  
Spt.-Rust 5, Piper.

**Obituaries**

**Deanna Ruth Iverson**

Deanna Ruth Iverson, 25, of Portland died Sunday, December 26, 1999 in Heppner as the result of a motor vehicle accident.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, December 30, 1999 at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Hermiston. Burial will follow at Hermiston Cemetery.

Mrs. Iverson was born October 13, 1974, to parents David C. and Mary Lee Ashcraft Dodge. She was raised in Hermiston and graduated from Hermiston High School in 1992. She was very active in high school FFA and was really involved with the animals.

She then attended EOSC and BMCC for a time before going to the Western Culinary Institute in Portland, where she graduated in June of 1999.

She was united in marriage to Terry Iverson on August 24, 1996 in Hermiston.

Mrs. Iverson was working in Beaverton at the Olive Garden Restaurant as a line chef and living in Portland.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Hermiston and enjoyed cooking, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include her husband, Terry Iverson of Portland; parents David C. Dodge and Mary Lee Dodge, both of Hermiston; grandmother, Norma Lee Ashcraft of Hermiston; sisters, Dana Lee Dodge of Springfield and Debra Ellen Dodge of Hermiston; nephew Jacob Allen Dodge; and many other relatives.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association at 380 S.E. Spokane Street, Suite 110, Portland, Oregon 97202.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

**Julie Ann Wilde**

Julie Ann Wilde, 28, of Stanfield, died Monday, December 13, 1999, as the result of a shooting at Hermiston.

Graveside service was held on Monday, December 20, 1999, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner.

Ms. Wilde was born June 22, 1971, at Long Beach, California to Paul and Linda Maker Wilde. In 1978, she moved to Oregon. She attended grade schools at Heppner and at Hermiston. She returned to California for a time before returning to Heppner where she attended Heppner High School. She had lived at Pendleton, Boardman, Hermiston and most recently, Stanfield. She enjoyed singing and re-

ceived recognition for her voice. She raced motorcycles when she was younger and also did volunteer work for the March of Dimes.

Survivors include her father, Paul E. Wilde, of Redlands, California; her mother, Linda J. Harshman, of Hardman; son, Steven Johnson, and daughters, Katie and Cameria Layton, all of Portland; sister, Paula Dunn in Southern California; half-sister, Melissa Harshman of Ukiah; paternal grandmother, Pauline Wilde of Redlands, California; and maternal grandmother, Mary Nobles of Umatilla.

Memorial contributions may be made to the March of Dimes, 1220 SW Morrison, Portland, Oregon 97205.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

**Faith Ann Mathis**

Faith Ann Mathis, 64, of Irrigon, died Friday, December 24, 1999 at her home after a four year battle with cancer.

Funeral service for Mrs. Morris was held Wednesday, December 29, 1999 in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Following the service, a memorial service was held at her church, Columbia View Community Church in Irrigon. Disposition will be by cremation.

She was born August 26, 1935, at Hood River.

On November 22, 1952, she married Willard J. Mathis. They traveled throughout the United States, settling at Irrigon.

Mrs. Mathis was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, hairdresser and homemaker. She loved the outdoors and camping, enjoyed Brazilian embroidery, crocheting, and knitting. She loved to help others, especially children. Even in her pain, she found time to knit sweaters for the children of Rwanda, which were distributed through the International Relief Organization. One of her favorite songs was "Jesus Loves the Little Children."

She enjoyed the fellowship of the congregation at Columbia View Community Church in Irrigon.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Willard J. Mathis of Irrigon; her children, Randy J. Mathis of Vancouver, Washington, and Bonnie Lloyd of Orangevale, California; her mother, Hazel Wineland of Irrigon; her brother, Ronald Wineland of Hermiston; her sister, Linda Wineland of Irrigon; two grandchildren, one great-grandson; and many other family members.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

**Klamath First Federal presents buckle to fair and rodeo princess**



Sharon Harrison, manager of Klamath First Federal-Heppner Branch, presents a belt buckle to Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Princess Salli McElligott of Lone.

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LT245/75R16 E	\$88.00
LT265/78R16 C	\$85.00
7.50R16LT D	\$89.00
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