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Roads. They have swept Laurel Lane, part of Kunze and the intersections of Wilson Road. They have sanded Blake Ranch Road. The chipper is working on some brush trimming on Upper Willow Creek, the north fork of Blake Ranch Road and Sunflower Flat Road.

O'Brien suggested to the court that, in light of the levy defeat, they and the Road Committee re-examine the list of roadwork projects. He also suggested to the court, and they agreed, that the county cannot keep Coalmine Hill Road open to the top this winter.

Other actions of the Court

follow:

- approval of the maintenance agreement with Powerware Global Services for the CSEPP uninterruptible power supply;

- review of a request for renewal of the annual membership dues to the Eastern Oregon Visitors Association, denying the request because the payment is not budgeted;
- approval of Rita Woolsey to the Mental Health Advisory Board;

- approval of the resolution for Beef Northwest Feeders in the matter of issuance of industrial development revenue bonds by the State of Oregon.

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. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters.

Jump traps abominable

To the Editor:

Why haven't people of the cloth spoken up against the insidious, abominable jump traps that cause so much distress, misery, injury and death to any bird or creature that may step into them.

Traps are non-selective and do despicable damage to flesh and bone. We would have kinder and better world to live in if they were abolished.

(s)Turiko Gessell
19424-Filbert Rd.
Bothell, WA 98012.

Amity athletic director comments

To the Editor:

The following letter was received at Heppner High School this week from Amity High School:

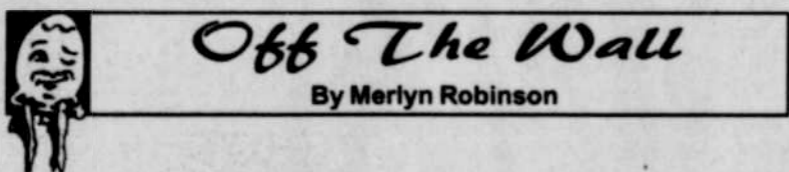
Dear Dale (Conklin, HHS athletic director),

Just a quick note to comment on your hospitality when we came for the football game.

Your team, coaches, fans and especially you were very

hospitable toward us as visitors to your community and school. Many of our fans commented to me about the hospitality room and the Heppner fans. The coaches and players commented how well your team played and (for) being good sports. Also there were good comments in the East Oregonian about our team.

-Steve Morris, Athletic Director
Amity High School



Off The Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

Ah, the turkey aroma is receding, if not our waistslines-- due to gorging ourselves at Thanksgiving and eating our way through Christmas binges. However, unlike Floridians, we aren't faced with distasteful chad stuffing--Oregonians have better sense. Taking the joy out of all this self-indulgence are numerous advertisements and commercials on how not to gain weight during the holidays.

As the year rapidly rushes to conclusion, it just wouldn't be normal if food wasn't the centerpiece for the gathering of families and friends. The holiday season is a time to share as we celebrate this special season with both old and new traditions.

Our local community extends their generosity to others less fortunate by providing food baskets and gifts. While shopping, it's an excellent time to drop off items or cash at Heppner's Neighborhood Center to help with this project. Most of us are fortunate to be surrounded by an abundance of food, warm clothing and ample housing. In fact, if we stripped our closets to what we consider the bare necessities, we'd probably still have more possessions than some people in this country.

As the sights and sounds of Christmas unfold around us, the Heppner Garden Club spends a week making wreaths from evergreens that scent the air with that heavenly smell. Along with all the other elves, Wilbur Jackson is the one of go-getters of those Christmas greens. Creative souls can make their own wreaths from the greens and other materials that are provided during the one-day workshop. Thus many doorways in Heppner are festooned with these delightful arrangements that herald the season.

Thanks to industrious people who decorate their houses and businesses with all the holiday decorations, it just wouldn't seem like Christmas without all that extra effort. Our small community has a largeness of heart at this time of year. Another example of enhancing those Christmas experiences is being made possible by Joe Yocum, Lexington. He is playing Santa's helper by taking his team and wagon to the Umatilla Fairgrounds for weekend rides through their Christmas light show. That display is another way to enjoy the Christmas season in our area.

As we deck the halls, it is important to remember the true meaning of Christmas. It's also a time to count our blessings and be grateful for our caring community, family and friends. Don't let the Grinch steal your holiday spirit. May it last all year. Happy Holidays.

School Calendar Heppner Elementary School

Friday, December 1: No School.

Monday, December 4: Site Council, 6:30 p.m.; Parent/Teacher Club, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6: Heppner Advisory Committee, HES, 7 p.m..

Friday, December 15: No school. Parent Teacher Club gift wrapping, HES, 1-4 p.m.

Monday, December 11: School board meeting, Columbia Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12: Student Body Assembly, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14: HES Holiday music program, 7 p.m.; Doors unlock at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 15: No school.

Sunday, December 17: Parent Teacher Club gift wrapping, HES, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, December 18- Tuesday, January 2-Holiday vacation.

Wednesday, January 3: School resumes.

Heppner High School
Friday and Saturday, December 1-2: Basketball tournament at Colton.

Wednesday, December 6: Mid-terms; Jostens' visitation, library, noon, for return orders; Jostens' parents' meeting, library, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 11: School Board meeting, Columbia Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12: HHS concert, 7 p.m.; Public Broadcasting: Financial Aid for College, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13: Site Council, 7 p.m.; Financial aid workshop, junior and senior parents, 5-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 14: Heppner Elementary School concert, HES.

Friday and Saturday, December 15-16: South Morrow County Tournament; Benefit for Dennis and Mona Hardman, 4:30 p.m., cafeteria.

Monday, December 18- Tuesday, January 2-Winter break.

Wednesday, January 3 School resumes.

Funeral Notice

Thomas D. Springer

Thomas D. Springer, 67, Heppner, died Monday, November 27, 2000, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Graveside service will be held on Friday, December 1, 2000, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

Susan J. Norton

Susan J. Norton, 53, Gresham, formerly of Heppner, died Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at her home.

Funeral service will be Saturday, December 2, at 2 p.m. at the Lexington Baptist Church.

A complete obituary will follow in next week's Gazette-Times.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

SWCD, Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 4:30 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner.

Agenda items include: manager report, partnership reports: NRCS (EQIP, CRP), FSA, ODFW, County Court, Extension and Weed report. The public is invited to attend.

Reid to hold reins as Mustang head coach

By Molly Rhea

Dana Reid will be holding the reins on the Mustangs this season as she takes over the varsity girls' basketball coaching responsibilities.

Reid has 11 years experience coaching junior varsity.

"I'm excited about this year's basketball season. We have 25 dedicated girls with great attitudes, ready to play ball. We've had three solid weeks of practice and will be prepared to play our first games this week."

Assisting Reid are Ron Brisbois, coaching the junior varsity, Kathy Britt, coaching "C" team, and Lana Orr who is volunteering.

The varsity boasts eight returning lettermen, however, only four saw much action last season. Co-captain Shelley Rietmann will be starting at the post position again this year and will be a key player. As one of the best post players in the league, other teams will be keying on stopping her.

Marissa McCabe is transitioning to a forward this year. McCabe will be a factor in rebounding. Jodie Carlson is a smart, versatile player who will very capably fill in for Rietmann and McCabe.

Co-captain San Juanita Elguezabal's quickness and aggressive play will be on display again at both guard and forward positions this season. Jenni Patton and Meghan Bailey add depth and quickness to the team playing in the guard position.

Lacey Matteson and Brett Barber will be running the offense. These two are savvy players and will play important roles on the defensive end as well. Rounding out the varsity roster are Tylynn Smith and Jesse Kempas, both with some JV experience last year.

The varsity season kicks off this weekend, Dec. 1-2, with a tournament at Colton. The Heppner girls start off tournament action, matching up Catlin Gabel at 3 p.m. Gilchrist and Colton are the other teams participating.

Next Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Mustang varsity teams will tangle with the Cardinals in Ione, with the girls starting at 6 p.m. The Mustangs will host the South Morrow County Tournament on Dec. 15 and 16, and are scheduled for the Oregon Trail Tournament in Pendleton, Dec. 29 and 30, as well as games scheduled with Ione, Condon and Joseph.

"Preseason will give the girls a chance to learn to play together again and it will give all of us an opportunity to find out where each player will be most effective," said Coach Reid.

This year's junior varsity team will be coached by Ron Brisbois. Brisbois previously coached the

boys' and girls' junior high teams. Mustangs suiting down for JV include junior Kelsey Greenup, sophomores Jesse Kempas, Marcy Miller, Tylynn Smith, LaRena Penturf, Nicole Sisk and freshmen Stefanie Hanson, Brooke Rust and Danielle Loosley. The JV girls and boys teams will host the Ukiah varsity on Thursday, Nov. 30, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Kathy Britt will be coaching the girls' "C" team. Britt, new to the Mustang coaching staff, has coached several AAU teams. "C" teammates include sophomores Stephanie Dyer and Tiffany Matheny, freshmen Blake Allstott, Lindsey Clough, Chantea Macaulay, Tiffany Piper, Sheena Shank and Jessie Woodward. According to the current schedule, the girls' "C" team takes to the hardwood on

Thursday, Dec. 14 at Boardman. "I expect a lot out of the girls," concluded Reid. "And they

understand to be successful, they will have to give a lot, and are prepared to do just that."

Experienced Mustangs look forward to basketball

By Rick Paullus

Getting their annual late start at basketball because of a successful football season, the Heppner Mustang boys are getting the kinks out and working on shooting a round ball instead of running with it.

Head coach Chuck Matteson is back for his third year and has a much more experienced team to work with this year, having lost just one senior, Clint Bellamy, from last year's team.

Columbia Basin Conference first team all-star Ryan Matteson returns for his senior season, as does honorable mention pick Blake Knowles. Other seniors include Joe Papineau, Craig Scott and Chip Piper.

Junior Michael McCabe was also an honorable mention all-star and is joined by junior Stefan Matheny. Juniors Brian Rust and Sam Van Liew and sophomore Brad Adams will also

see some time on the varsity.

The Mustangs finished 7-5 in the CBC last year and won two games at the district tournament to qualify for the State 2A championship as the second seed. After losing two close games at the state tournament, the Mustangs finished 16-12 overall.

"Our goal this year is to get back to the state tournament and bring home a trophy," said Coach Matteson. "We'd like to build on our experience we gained last year, win some games and see what happens."

The Mustangs have no time to slack off as they face Catlin Gabel on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Colton Tournament. The Mustangs' first home game is Dec. 15-16 in the South Morrow Tournament.

The Mustangs open CBC play at Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 5, and return home on Saturday, Jan. 6, to play Sherman County.

Grange meets for potluck

Lexington Grange met Nov. 20 for a potluck and the regular meeting. Plans were discussed about starting the Adopt-a-Road section of two miles of State Highway under the supervision of ODOT. More information will be gathered so that we can be ready to start in the spring.

National Grange will be held in Portland in 2002. Each grange in the state will contribute towards this big project. Raffle tickets of \$2 each will be sold to help finance this. Grangers and others are eligible to purchase these. First and second prize will be drawn in the middle of 2001. These will consist of trips to Alaska or the Hawaiian Islands.

Installation of officers will be held at Greenfield Grange at Boardman on Saturday, Dec. 9, starting with dinner at 1 p.m.

Sad news came to the members that Kenneth Smouse had passed away Sunday night at his home. His funeral was held at the Ione United Church of Christ on Nov. 27. Kenneth was 89 years old and had been a member of Lexington Grange for 70 years. The grange helped with the dinner at the Willows Grange following the funeral.

The December meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 18. Instead of exchanging presents the members will bring canned good and non-perishable foods for the Neighborhood Center.

Cotillion to raise funds for research

Morrow and Umatilla county residents will once again have the opportunity to trip the "lights fantastic" while donating to the fight to defeat cancer at this year's American Cancer Society Christmas Cotillion, "A Starry Millennium Night."

The annual event is slated for the Pendleton Convention Center, Saturday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Along with live music provided by "Design," a Portland-based band making its third consecutive appearance, those in attendance will be treated to a buffet, and both a silent and oral auction. Many of the handcrafted auction items have been made at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution.

According to co-chair Jennifer Hackett, this year's auction items will include a playhouse, complete with a porch and carpeting, a child's bedroom set, and numerous handmade quilts

...just to name a few.

"This year we have many different auction items," says Hackett. "We will definitely have something for everyone."

Hackett is co-chairing the event with Sue Varshal.

To make the evening even more special, the Oxford Suites is offering a room package to all Cotillion attendees.

Rebekahs plan card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will hold their December card party this Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Oddfellow Hall in Lexington. Cost is \$3 per person which includes an evening of visiting new and old friends, fun and refreshments. Cards start at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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Tables are available for working on your projects! CERAMIC HOBBYISTS: please stop by and let us know glazes, paints and stains you prefer to guide our ordering of supplies

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Robert Baker
and Robin Baker-Krebs
announce the marriage
of their daughter
Rosanne Baker
to
Steven Crum
on Saturday, December 16th.

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the Ione Legion Hall
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